



September Was Amazing!



OTHER EVENTS AND FUTURE PLANS

- Leaders of the Francophone Union (French-speaking churches in Africa) gathered for an important meeting at Matongo.
- The International Lutheran Council met at our college for a day. It was good to coordinate mission efforts with them.
- Walter will be working on curriculum development for a school of theology in Tanzania. More on that to follow in the coming months.



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My Students at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa

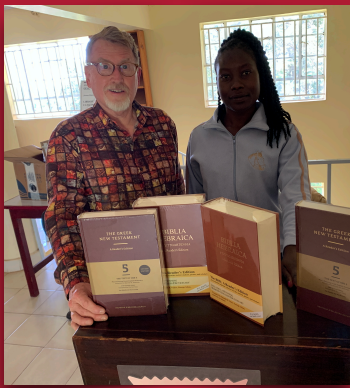
Sometimes, the work of a missionary is just like that of other ministers. We teach, we preach, we administer the sacraments. But other times, it is utterly different. September 2022 was such a month.

During the first two weeks of September, Robyn and I were in South Africa. I taught a course of the General Epistles (James through Jude), with special attention to 1 Peter. The photos on this page are about that experience. The students were hungry for solid Bible teaching. I preached twice in chapel and also spent time discussing pastoral work with many of the students.

Returning to Matongo, Kenya, I immediately began teaching five courses: Romans; Biblical Greek; Research Methods; Gospels; and the Lutheran Confessions.

It was also the time of the year, here in Kenya, for graduation. It was a joy to see so many of my students receive their diplomas and certificates. Their excitement about beginning a life of service to the Lord, his people, and the world is what makes all of the work we do here such a joy. Because of your support, this work goes on.





NECESSARY TOOLS FOR BIBLE STUDY:

The generous support of so many of you has enabled me to provide copies of the Greek New Testament and the Hebrew Old Testament. We also want to ensure that the Chemnitz Library is properly stocked. So, these copies of the books have been entered into the library collection. Once again, none of this is possible without your continued support.

Preaching the Word, in Season and out of Season.



Greeting the congregation at the conclusion of the service.

Later in the month, I was the guest preacher for a Spiritual Camp, at Rukongo Parish, close to Lake Victoria. It was attended by many pastors, hundreds of Lutheran Christians, and four choirs—one of which came all the way from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

What is a Spiritual Camp? It is an extended weekend of teaching, worship, and meetings, in which congregations within a geographic area get together to build each other up in the faith.

The Divine Service, at which I preached began at 9:30 am and did not finish until 2:30 in the afternoon! The singing of hymns, the chorale offerings by the choirs, as well as the Word and Holy Sacrament were true food for the soul. After the service, we were treated to fish, chicken, beef, greens, and ugali. It was a feast!

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