

# Musings from Matongo

## Rev. Dr. Walter & Robyn Steele

### Serving the Lord in East Africa



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## Why We Do What We Do

### Edification: Building Up the Body of Christ



#### Kindly Pray

– For Walter as he teaches Greek to our new first-year students.

–For Robyn as she continues her study of the food choices and nutritional needs of East Africa.

–For Walter as he plans next semester’s course load for the instructors. (He serves as Academic Dean at Matongo.)

–For the ongoing work of coordinating LCMS efforts in the development of the new seminary in Tanzania.

–For your pastor as he works to edify the body of Christ where you live.



#### Matongo Chapel Construction Continues

Why are we here? Why aren’t we back “home” in America? These are good questions. We were recently reminded of the “Why?” question when we recalled Simon Sinek’s book, *Start with Why*.

The Lord has called us to the mission field of Africa because there is an extreme shortage of well-trained, well-educated pastors in East and Central Africa. It is the Lord who has called us, through our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, to serve alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in both Kenya and Tanzania “to build up the Body of Christ.” And the best way to do that is to be involved in theological education.

The “pointy end of the spear,” as it is often called in the military, is the local church in Africa. They best know the cultures, the languages, and the true needs. We support this work by bringing the expertise and the excellent theology of our beloved Synod.

Building up the Body of Christ is the call of everyone who is baptized into Christ. See Eph. 4:15–16. But he calls men to the Office of the Ministry “for the equipping of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ,” his Church (Eph. 4:12).

Walter has the unique privilege to do that here, with Robyn at his side, teaching future generations of pastors who will go forth from here and edify the Church in Africa. And we thank you for partnering with us in this joyful work.

In Christ’s love,

*Walter and Robyn Steele*



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We never know what might meet us in the morning, or the afternoon, on campus at Matongo.

One day, as we were looking out our kitchen door, we saw one of the campus milk cows grazing on the grass on our lawn.

As of now, we have two milk cows and two calves at the school. They provide milk for the students' morning tea. And they remind us to desire the sincere milk of God's Word.

## Construction is also Underway for Shinyanga Seminary in Tanzania! Construction of the Student Dormitory



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