

Musings from Matongo

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Serving the Lord in East Africa



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Graduation Exercises And a New Academic Year



A FEW NOTES

We completed our Home Service in the middle of July, after three months of visiting our supporters and telling the good news of what the Lord is doing here in Africa.

We also participated in the LCMS Synod Convention, greeting old friends and making new ones.

We thank all the congregations that allowed us to come and describe the mission work that we love. We count it a privilege to be part of the work in Kenya and in the whole of East Africa.

Asante sana!



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Graduation: The Next Step towards Ordination

As strange as it might seem, at Neema Lutheran College, Matongo Kenya, we begin each academic year with graduation. The pastoral and deaconess students finish the second half of their internships, and I certify them for graduation at the end of the “long break” (summer).

There is much joy, with a bit of sadness, for us as we say “farewell” to these brothers and sisters whom we have come to know over the previous three years. We have journeyed with these fellow servants of Christ and have seen them be transformed, as they are formed into pastors and, for the ladies, deaconesses.

The men pictured above are some of the pastoral students who completed their studies and have now departed to their church bodies in over 12 different countries in East Africa, ready to do the work to which they have been called.

Our Lord has told us that the fields are ripe for harvest. Nowhere is this more true than in East Africa. We struggle to train enough workers for the fast-growing churches on this wonderful continent.

We also are looking for a few good men, who would step up to the challenge of becoming theological educators alongside us here. Please, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest, both African pastors and evangelists and LCMS missionaries. If you have ever even thought about such work, feel free to contact us by email. We look forward to telling you more.

In Christ's love,

Walter and Robyn Steele



Theological Books for Pastoral Candidates

As part of the mission of equipping pastors in East Africa, each man graduating from Matongo receives a copy of *The Lutheran Confessions: Reader's Edition*. This important resource will provide these men with the means to teach solid, confessional theology as they preach Jesus purely, clearly and devoutly.

Pictured above are three of the 15 men who received a copy of this book upon graduation on September 9th.

We are grateful to the individuals and congregations which have partnered with us in this aspect of the mission.



Worship is the Core of our Life Together! Construction of the New Chapel has begun.



The artist's concept of the new chapel at Matongo.



Remember, you can help us continue to teach future church workers here in Africa by your prayers and financial support at:

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