

Musings from Matongo

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Latest News

The new academic year is well underway at Matongo. We have our largest enrollment ever, with 86 students!

Walter continues to serve as the Academic Dean and teaches four courses and oversees two others.

Robyn teaches two courses and oversees LCMS assets at Matongo. She is also now a student herself. See the second page for details.

In our last newsletter, we mentioned protests, which made international news. Things are much quieter now. Thank you for your continued prayer.



Our Students from Zambia

This school year we want to highlight some of the countries that our students come from. This month we are featuring our four students from Zambia, two pastoral students and two deaconesses.

Zambia is a landlocked country in southern-central Africa, with a population of over 20-million. While Christianity is its official religion, in reality many people continue to practice African traditional religions, or they mix it with their “Christianity.” Solid teaching is needed.

Common challenges faced throughout Africa are the influence of Pentecostalism on the one hand and liberal church bodies and mission groups of the other hand, which twist the Gospel. While the LCMS is not in altar-pulpit fellowship with The Lutheran Evangelical Church in Africa, they want to be faithful, confessional Lutherans in their teaching and practice. So, LCMS is sponsoring pastoral and deaconess students at Matongo so that they might learn and teach the truth. I had the joy and privilege to visit with their leadership this summer when I traveled to Zambia to evaluate one of their deaconesses on her internship. It is always encouraging to meet with fellow Christians who want to know and cling to the truth of the Gospel. Please pray for our students and their church.

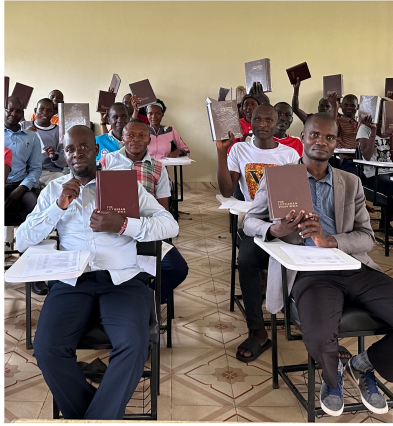
In Christ, *Walter*

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News from Robyn



Bibles for Africa

Each new academic year, a copy of The Lutheran Study Bible is presented to the newly enrolled students.

We also provide them training on how to use this great resource for their studies and their own life of Bible study and prayer.

These Bibles are funded by the generous donations of Christians like you. If you would like to be part of this work, you can send financial support through Mission Central, indicating "Bibles for Africa: AAA0004-61407".



You never know what the Lord has in store for you when you serve him. Last year I began teaching a course on nutrition and ecclesiastical embroidery, which I am teaching now as well. But then, as I worked with these future deaconesses, the Lord led me to consider being a deaconess myself. So...

I am now a deaconess student and intern in Concordia Theological Seminary's distance program. Currently I am studying diaconal work in the early Church, the Lutheran Confessions, and am also in a deaconess practicum. As part of this study, I was asked to teach a unit on the Biblical foundations of diaconal work. Teaching is the best way to learn! And I am learning so much and thank our Lord for the opportunity to serve in this way.

In Christ's care,

Robyn

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