

# Musings from MATONGO

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## STEELES IN AFRICA

We are getting ever closer to the day we fly to Nairobi, Kenya.

Soon we will be in Tanzania for language school, where we will begin to learn the Swahili language.

Your continued prayers on our behalf are bringing this day ever closer.

Our house in California is now under contract!

Your continued support will allow us to serve our Lord in East Africa for many years to come!

We feel like we are living Advent now: As we prepare to go and make disciples in East Africa.



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## Stir up Your power, O Lord!



**“Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Rescue us from the threatening perils of our sins by Your might; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen”**

Three of the four collects for Advent begin with the words, “Stir up..., O Lord.” First we ask our Lord Jesus to stir up His power and come. The second week we pray, “Stir up our hearts, to make ready the way [of Christ]”. The third collect breaks the pattern and asks, “Lord, hear our prayers, and lighten the darkness of our hearts.” The fourth resumes the pattern, once again asking: “Stir up your power of Lord, and come, and help us by Your might.”

Hope is one of the themes of Advent. And hope often starts as hopeful wishing. We then consider our need to be prepared. But then, hope must endure the cross. It must patiently wait, if hope is to be true hope. So we find we have need for our Lord to hear our prayers and to lighten our darkened, hopeless hearts, as we wait.

He graciously hears our prayers. He enlightens our hearts as we cling to His Word, And so we again confidently await His answer and His reappearing.

## Some pictures from the past month with God's people



**Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Lake Havasu City AZ**



**Chapel Talk, Zion Lutheran School, Victorville CA**



**Mission BBQ, Grace Lutheran Church, Bishop CA**



**Grace Lutheran Church, Albuquerque NM**

We also enjoyed the hospitality of:

- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Valencia CA
- Zion Lutheran, Victorville Women's Bible Study
- Ascension Lutheran Church, Apple Valley CA
- Pancake Breakfast, Resurrection Quartz Hill CA

Thank you to all who welcome us with open arms.

## FUTURE VISITS:

- 12/1 Christ Lutheran Church, Albuquerque NM
- 12/9-12/4 Churches in Northern San Diego County
- 12/29 Faith Lutheran Church, Wylie TX
- 1/5 Faith Lutheran Church, Plano TX
- 1/8 Redeemer Lutheran School, Pensacola FL
- 1/8 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Pensacola FL
- 1/12 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fairhope AL
- And more...

*We deeply appreciate all our prayer partners for interceding for us before the throne of grace .*

*We pray that you and yours have a very blessed Advent Season.*

*As we patiently await the celebration of our Savior's birth, may you have many opportunities to share the Gospel of Christ with those you meet.*

As you look to your budget for 2020, we ask that you consider supporting International Mission, as the Lord leads you and allows. And, should the Lord place on your heart His work of teaching and training pastors for East Africa, please consider being one of our regular, recurring financial supporters.

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