

Musings from MATONGO

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—We are settled into our new home at Matongo.

—Restrictions due to COVID are slowly being lifted.

—The Word of God is not being silenced. Many opportunities to preach and to share Christ abound.

—We are so impressed with the openness of the people in our community to hear the Word of Christ.

—In Kenya, and in much of East Africa, you drive on the British side of the road. That only gets confusing coming out of parking lots!

—Read the article to the right for some **exciting news!**



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Keep on Preaching the Word!



Preaching Christ at Itierio Cathedral, Kisii, Kenya.

At the invitation of the bishop of the Southwest Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK), Walter preached for two Sunday divine services on September 27. Both the 7am and the 10am services were packed, with over 60 people having to sit outside for the second service! There is such a **hunger for the Word of Christ** here in Kenya.

What is so encouraging as well is the number of those that attend Sunday school. Well **over 450 children** attend classes each Sunday! Seven groups of women and four men's groups gather at various times each week for Bible study, prayer, singing, fellowship, and service to their neighbors. The Word of the Lord is indeed growing in East Africa.

We cannot overstate importance of the work here. At church, Robyn and Walter met a deaconess student and a pastoral student, who are eagerly awaiting the restart of classes at Matongo. And... here is **the good news**. The government is allowing colleges to reopen. So, Walter should be teaching classes in November. We will finish the courses that had to stop because of COVID, and we then begin anew in January with a full schedule.

Please pray that nothing gets in the way of this reopening and that all our students can return without issue. Many of them are Kenyans, but a significant number come from other countries in East Africa. Matongo Lutheran Theological College is the premier Confessional Lutheran seminary—**the only one authorized by the ELCK**. Your support of us here is vital and appreciated.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *Our students have no issues coming back to campus for resumption of classes.*
- *Walter has his work permit, now Robyn needs her official "dependent's pass." Please pray all goes smoothly with it.*
- *Pray for continued good health for both Robyn and Walter. We are doing fine and want to stay that way!*
- *Pray for the safe return of other missionaries to Africa, now that restrictions are being lifted.*
- *Give thanks to the Lord that, His word continues to go forth without hindrance here in much of East Africa.*
- *Pray for Walter as he continues to preach in the area churches.*

Words are not enough to express our thanks to you and to our Lord for the generous support of our team of donors and prayer partners.

We are not unmindful of your sacrifices for the sake of the Lord's Mission in East Africa.

The needs here are great. The work must continue. And you are, as we constantly say, vital to the work of Making the Word of God fully known in Africa!



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