

Musings from MATONGO

NEWS FROM REV. DR. WALTER & ROBYN STEELE



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—Classes are back in session and it looks like we will finish this semester as scheduled!

—Did you know that the student body at Matongo is made up of students from nearly a dozen African countries? Yes! It's true.

—Did you know that in Kenya alone there are about forty-two languages, although the national language is Kiswahili and the official language is English.

—Since all higher education in Kenya is in English, all of our students must pass an English proficiency exam. Just think of the quality of student that means that you support here at Matongo!



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The Joy of the Word of God!



Matongo Students Receive Greek New Testaments

Yes! Classes have been ongoing. In our last newsletter, we told you that the government had closed the schools because of an increase in infections. Well... School has been open for some time, which is why you haven't heard from us. We've been busy! And busy is good!

The students in the picture above successfully passed their final exams in Biblical Greek. As a result, and so that they can study the Scriptures deeply, they have earned a copy of the *Greek New Testament: Reader's Edition*. This is a project Walter administers, similar to the Hebrew Bible project we wrote about several months ago. These same men are now learning Hebrew with Walter. They will finish the first half of Biblical Hebrew in August and then begin the second half in September. If you would like to know how to support either project, please email Walter.

In addition to teaching seven courses, Walter has been working closely with the Principal as his Assistant Dean of Curriculum, planning the next semester and working on issues related to accreditation. Yes, it sounds like administration, but it is what keeps the school training pastors and deaconesses for the churches of Africa.

We cannot thank you enough for your support, as you pray for us, encourage us, and—as the Lord allows—provide the financial support that allows us to stay here on the field. Asante sana! (Thank you much!)

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For continued health and welfare of our students, faculty and staff.
- That we will be able to complete this semester with no shut-downs.
- For Walter as he prepares to teach some new course material next semester.
- For the ongoing work of curriculum review and improvement.
- Thanksgiving to God: Both Robyn and Walter had a bout with COVID at the beginning of the semester. The Lord in his grace and mercy saw us both through. We are doing well now.
- For ongoing financial support of our work here.
- For healthcare workers and for an increase in vaccine supply for Africa.

Greek New Testaments

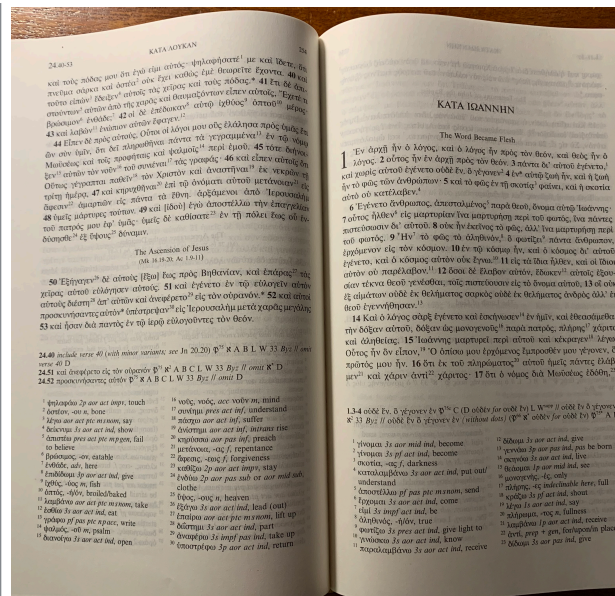
Our prayer partners and supporters are so wonderful and faithful. The joy the students have knowing that you care about them and want them to be well-equipped to share the Gospel and to teach their people is so encouraging to us as we serve so far from home.

This new project continues work that a previous missionary began. And it is so very important that these pastors and future pastors have the New Testament in the language in which it was written, just as your pastor does.

If the Lord is leading you to support this work, email Walter at Walter.Steele@lcms.org.



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The Greek New Testament: Reader's Edition

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