News from Rev. Dr. Walter & Robyn Steele





Seminary Development: Tanzania



Discussing Curriculum with Bishop Nzelu and Staff

Over the past several months, Walter has been meeting with Bishop Yonana Nzelu, of the South East of Lake Victoria Diocese (SELVD), Lutheran Church of Tanzania about a new seminary. This seminary will be the first Confessional Lutheran seminary in the country of Tanzania.

Walter and Robyn traveled to Shinyanga to meet with the bishop and his staff as together they work to establish a solid program of instruction for pastors in the country. This is some of the most important work we are involved in.

There are great pressures put on churches in Africa to compromise their teaching and practices. Most of this pressure comes in the form of the promise of money if the church body accepts women's ordination, liberal theology, and even the normalisation of homosexuality. Furthermore, all the other Lutheran seminaries in the country are liberal.

The SELVD has chosen to remain faithful to the Word of God and to Christ our Lord. Therefore, it is essential that we support them, assist them in standing strong in the Word, and walk with them as they establish a school faithful to the Gospel. This is not a small thing! The salvation of the people of Tanzania depends on the truth of God's Word being guarded and proclaimed. Up till now, SELVD has sent students to Matongo, where we serve. But this is an expensive route, when so many new pastors are needed.

Please pray for us as we work together with the SELVD. Ask our Lord to continue to strengthen them in his Word and Spirit. And thank God for Bishop Nzelu, a faithful pastor and overseer of the flock of God.



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New Seminary Funding

A new seminary requires a solid curriculum, well-trained professors, and a proper infrastructure.

As a moderator of the Shinyanga Seminary Partners' Council, Walter meets monthly with people from SELVD and LCMS to work through all three areas

If you would like to support this work, you can send a gift to:

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NECESSARY BOOKS FOR NEW PASTORS



Solid pastors require solid teaching and the resources to preach the Gospel faithfully. Realizing that the cost of Greek and Hebrew Bibles and the Book of Concord are out of the reach of these men, we have established a fund to provide them as each man successfully completes his course work.

The picture above shows men, who have now finished basic instruction in Hebrew, at Matongo Kenya, receiving a copy of the Hebrew Bible: Reader's Edition—a wonderful resource which will serve them throughout their ministry. Upon graduation in September, each of these men will receive a copy of the Book of Concord.

If you want to support this work, kindly send your gift to the LCMS address in the side-bar, including AA0012/61414/ Steele in the memo line.

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