

Musings from Matongo

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Latest News

Walter will be in Tanzania for 6 weeks, June and July. Pray for him as he works to improve his Kiswahili.

Walter will be visiting students in Malawi and Zambia in August and then return to Kenya to teach another Greek intensive. Pray for safe travels.

Robyn's official work permit has been issued. Give thanks to our Lord and pray for her as she continues to teach the deaconesses.

Robyn has been accepted into the Distance Deaconess program at our Fort Wayne Seminary. Please pray for her as she balances teaching with being a student. The program runs two years.



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Walter Meets with Church Leaders for Serious Discussions

Working toward unity in our teaching between Lutheran church bodies is an important aspect of mission work. This work is enhanced when various agencies in our Synod work together, each bringing their area of expertise to the talks.

This “spring” Walter joined members of LCMS Church Relations for significant discussions with the leadership of the Southeast of Lake Victoria Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. This is the same diocese with which he is working as we coordinate resources for the first confessional Lutheran seminary in Tanzania. It was good to gather with them again for these discussions.

During these meetings Walter was able to highlight cultural perspectives not readily discernible to those unfamiliar with the culture. Having worked closely with these faithful Tanzanian pastors for the past several years, he was also able to point out differences in practices that are necessary in their context. Please pray for us as this work is ongoing.

In Christ,

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Walter teaching Greek

For the final two weeks of the “spring” semester, Walter taught 16 men their first installment of Biblical Greek.

Most of these men are school teachers who are also parish leaders in congregations without a pastor. They will be with us on campus three times a year for 2-week intensives, over a 4-year period, as they prepare to be ordained as pastors.

While full-time seminary studies are the best way to form pastors, this program will serve to meet the immediate need for trained pastors who can preach the Gospel faithfully.

Robyn Completes Her First Course



A Project Well-Completed

Robyn completed her first Home Economics course in May. Justine, her student from Uganda learned important nutrition information and completed an embroidered Baptismal Certificate.

While learning practical skills will benefit the women who take this class, the more important skill is to know how to create these symbols of our Christian Faith, which can beautify the churches and teach the Gospel, especially for those whose reading skills are limited.

The new semester begins in August. She will have a few more students this next semester and even more in the coming years.

In Christ's care,

Robyn

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