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Dear Friends in Christ,

We are in full swing with the new semester here at Matongo Lutheran Theological College. 13 new students have joined us in the new Deaconess Diploma program, for a total of 61 students at MLTC. I am currently teaching five courses – Dogmatics, History of Theology, Catechism, History of Israel and Confession/Absolution & Sacraments.



**The Saint Timothy Society Board of Directors meets January 2, 2009. From L to R: Mr. Rob Severson, Rev. Dr. Michael Albrecht, Rev. Dr. Armand Boehme, Mr. Tom Watua.**

God be thanked for time I was given to spend with friends and family over the Christmas break. I was able to visit with three congregations in the Twin Cities area and meet with The Saint Timothy Society Board of Directors pictured above. The number of those who contribute regularly to this mission continues to grow and we praise God for all the work that He is accomplishing through them here in East Africa.

The work at Matongo and environs just keeps getting better. I am able to travel to surrounding congregations to preach as my schedule affords, most recently at Mgwagwa and the Lake Diocese Cathedral Church in Kisumu.

During the past two weeks, I hosted Dr. Timothy C. J. Quill and Kantor Richard C. Resch from Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN, and Rev. James Douthwaite from the Washington, DC area. Together with Rev. Charles Froh from San Mateo, CA, and Deaconess student Sandra Rhein (CTS), they provided intensive and exciting instruction in Lutheran liturgy

and hymnody here at MLTC. Kantor Resch is the Executive Producer of the acoustically and visually stunning DVD *Singing the Faith – Living the Lutheran Musical Heritage*, a project of The Good Shepherd Institute of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Music for the Church. It instructs us not only in the history of our hymnody but also the divine blessing that is given as we sing. I wrote a review of this amazing work for *Lutheran Forum* I hope will be published soon.



**Guest Lecturers at Matongo Lutheran Theological College. From L to R: Dr. Timothy C. J. Quill, Rev. Charles Froh, and Rev. James Douthwaite. Liturgy, Catechesis, Exegesis.**



**Deaconess Sandra Rhein and Kantor Richard C. Resch of Concordia Theological Seminary, speaking on Christ-centered worship and the history of Lutheran hymnody.**

We also had great fun together, taking a day last week to visit Mara National Park with our cell-phone toting Maasai guide, Rev. Joseph Momposhi. The vistas and the wildlife here are simply awesome! I tried making a few friends in the Park, but they were rather standoffish.



From the Kisii highlands of southwestern Kenya,  
Your friend in Christ,

Rev. Thomas V. Aadland

Post-script: Project Timothy – Kenya is a commitment for a minimum of two years. But the work here will likely need five years to complete. In either case, I don't want to have to return home pre-maturely, before the task is finished. If you haven't already, may I implore you by the mercies of Christ to ask your missions committee in your own congregation to join in this effort with its support. God bless you!

Post-post script: Here's a shot of the undersigned travelling with Annette, an Ochola niece:



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**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- God's watchful care over my family and safety as I travel to congregations in western Kenya
- Physical health and stamina
- Continued civil peace and stability of government in Kenya
- Openness to the Gospel in Kenya
- Sustained support among donors, other congregations, and foundation grants
- Spiritual strength to withstand any attacks of the Enemy
- Resources to expand the facilities at Matongo for a growing student population
- Effective strategic planning for Neema Lutheran University of Kenya
- Thanksgiving that a safe and reliable vehicle has been purchased for MLTC Principal Dr. Ochola