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Dear Friends in Christ, Partners in Mission,

Graduation! Our labors together in Project Timothy – Kenya came to fruition and helped produce a rich harvest this spring as DT 6 completed their studies – the sixth lot of those to receive the Diploma in Theology from Matongo Lutheran Theological College in Kenya.



**21 graduates of MLTC march in front of the faculty, ascending the hill of Matongo to ceremonies marking the completion of their studies for the Diploma in Theology, May 16, 2009. The class includes two from the Sudan, one from Rwanda and one from Uganda.**

Your prayers and sustained support continue to make a difference in East Africa for Christ and His kingdom! I am currently in the United States, visiting congregations and raising funds so that this vital work in support of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya achieves its objectives in the five-year term. I am scheduled to return to Kenya August 17.



**Stephen Ochieng' Okongo receives a Concordia Study Bible, given by The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to each graduate, from Dr. Edward Kochung, President of the MLTC Board of Governors, his wife and Bishop Thomas Asiago in the background. Stephen achieved the highest academic mark of any graduate in MLTC's history.**



**Simon Gatuak Geng receives his diploma. Immediately following graduation, Simon returned to his native Sudan to teach at the Bible School of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sudan in Yambio.**



**Anticipating the big moment of graduation. Jerim Onanda and Isaiah Apiyo. On the steps leading to the lower level of the Administrative Building, May 16, 2009, about 8:15 am. Jerim served as Chairman of the entire student body this past year. Isaiah will be working this coming year with Capstone Ministries in Kisumu. Under the current constitution, all graduates who seek service in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya work in supervised ministry for a further year prior to their ordination.**



**“My Three Sons.” Students were reunited with their families at graduation. Simon Geng with his boys prior to the service.**

We are looking forward to the start of the next semester at summer's end, August 24, anticipating the arrival of four classes: the return of the Deaconess class, a new class of students studying for the Diploma in Theology (DT 9), the class of DT 8, and a new class of those already ordained, pursuing a baccalaureate degree in theology.

The quote of the month: "If all the heathen are to praise God, He must first have been made their God. If He is to be their God, they must know Him and believe on Him and let go of all idolatry. For man cannot praise God with idolatrous lips and an unbelieving heart. If they are to believe, they must first hear His Word and thus receive the Holy Spirit, who purifies and enlightens their heart by faith. For one cannot come to faith or receive the Holy Spirit before one has heard the Word, as Paul says (Romans 10:14): 'How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?' You have received the Spirit by the preaching of faith (Galatians 3:2). If they are to hear His Word, ***preachers who proclaim the Word of God to them must be sent to them*** [emphasis mine]." (Martin Luther [1483-1546], commenting on Psalm 117:1 in 1530)

Thank you for your help in training such preachers of the Word who will bring Christ to the peoples of east Africa!

From the Kisii highlands of southwestern Kenya,  
Your friend in Christ,  
Rev. Thomas V. Aadland

**Oh, praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!  
For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the LORD endures forever.  
Praise the LORD!  
– Psalm 117**

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#### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- God's travel mercies on my return to Kenya for the next academic year.
- Physical health and stamina for students, faculty, and myself.
- Continued civil peace and stability of government in Kenya.
- Openness to the Gospel of Christ and rejection of all false substitutes for it 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.
- Thanksgiving for those who are being prepared as future pastors and deaconesses in East Africa.
- Thanksgiving for those who are supporting the ministry of teaching at Matongo Lutheran Theological College.
- Thanksgiving for God's blessings on the work this past year of The Saint Timothy Society: Rev. Dr. Armand Boehme, Mr. Tom Watua, Rev. Dr. Michael Albrecht, Mr. Rob Severson.