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Dear Fellow Redeemed in Christ, Partners in Mission,

Last August 5, earth collapsed and 33 men were trapped underground in a gold and copper mine in the Atacama Desert of northern Chile. For two weeks, they were feared dead. On October 13, the world watched in jubilation as all were brought safely to the surface one by one through the heroic, expert use of technology on a 15-minute journey through 2,000 feet of rock in a missile-like steel capsule barely wider than a man's shoulders. One of the miners had commented, "We were waiting for death." After his rescue, the Chilean president said to another, "Welcome to life."

In another well-designed life capsule, built according to precise divine specification, the human race was rescued from planetary catastrophe. The waters of the deluge buoyed up the ark of Noah and eight persons in all, from whom the whole earth's population is descended, were saved from destruction. Holy Baptism is such a life capsule (I Peter 3:21). In it, as Martin Luther confesses in the Small Catechism, "God forgives sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe what He has promised." Baptized into Christ, we are carried through time into eternity with the Triune God, waiting not for death but for Life in all its fullness.



**Eight Kisii children are received into the Savior's kingdom through "the missionary sacrament" of Holy Baptism *in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*, at Riomego, about 8 miles south of Matongo, October 24, 2010. MLTC graduate Benard Okeri looks on.**



**God has blessed the land with abundant rains. The tea fields of western Kenya sing for joy unto the Lord.**



**A Masai herdsman watches over his cattle near Narok, along the road back to Matongo from Nairobi. The Masai believe that God created their own tribe first, and gave them all the cattle on earth. They are at least much wiser than the evolutionists, who deny the creation altogether!**

I often find that, as I teach, I myself am learning, perhaps even more than my students! Yesterday, as I was reviewing with a class the Greek text of the Gospel of John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter, I discovered something wonderful. Now, I have often objected to the common translation of the words of Jesus in verse 3, “unless a man be born again,” that the word “again” does not do justice to the Greek adverb *anôthen* (ἀνωθεν), which means “from above”. But in fact, the verb (*gennaô*) is also mistranslated merely as “born”. Our Savior tells Nicodemus of a radically new genetic identity and He speaks of our need not simply to be born anew, but “to be begotten” (γεννηθῆναι) from above, this time by God the Father through water and the Spirit – not just a new birth, but a whole new begetting and conception in the Triune God, which ties it in with the same verb in John 1:12-13.



**Massive satellite dishes south of Nairobi in the Great Rift Valley – the largest visible crack in the earth’s crust, extending from the Sea of Galilee down through Kenya into Mozambique – and through the once lush valley of Sodom and Gomorrah, now the southern end of the Dead Sea.**



**Dr. Joseph Ochola with staff and technicians at the site in my back yard for a new bore hole for the college, September 24, 2010. Using electrical probes to measure the conductivity of the soil and computer software, water was found 180 meters below the surface! That should supply us well.**

I've alluded above to the two greatest cataclysms ever to fall upon this planet – that during Noah's day (Genesis 6-8) and the fiery, seismic event during the day of Abraham and Lot (Genesis 19). As during those times, people today generally do not fear the judgment of God. But the final Judgment may be much closer than we think. Now is the Day of Grace. Through the means by which that grace is delivered, God's Word and sacraments, that bring us and keep us in Christ, we are being delivered from the wrath that is to come (I Thessalonians 1:10). But how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation (Hebrews 2:3)?

As the church year draws to its appointed close, we contemplate the gifts of the Triune God we have celebrated during the seasons of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, and mark with thanksgiving and joy how great a salvation we have received. You are among those who have shown compassion for the lost, have helped to share the love of Jesus with those in East Africa and have helped to train servants of the Word for this growing church. Thank you for your support! God grant continued blessings of His mercy to you!



**Henry Kabasa Okombo, MLTC's oldest student, was born 3 June 1961, into a family of 10 children, 2 sisters of which survive, and baptized in 1972, after 3 years of instruction in the ELCK. His father passed away in early 2009, at the age of 102, lucid and strong in Christian faith to the end of his days. Initially, Henry wanted to help treat people as a nurse, but lack of funds led him, with the encouragement of an older brother, eventually to the Evangelist Training Course at Matongo in 1986, after which he worked in Sudan among refugees for 3 years. After taking the Special Ordination Course, he was ordained into holy ministry 4 October 1992. While working in his home parish (Nyagowa), the congregations there increased from 17 to 21, so that the parish had to be divided into 3: Nyagowa, Mititi (where the 1<sup>st</sup> congregation**

**among the Luo was organized), and Oyugis. In 1996, he returned to southern Sudan and worked as an LCMS missionary among Sudanese and Somali refugees. After teaching them for 3 months, he baptized 216 in a single day. While in Sudan, he nearly lost his life twice, once bitten by a highly venomous snake, once nearly hitting a land mine with a scythe. Henry married his wife Nora in 1988, and they have four children of five surviving, 3 boys and 1 girl. We are thankful God has used and preserved Henry throughout all the struggles and sufferings of this present life, and brought him safely back a third time to Matongo to complete his final year of training for the Diploma in Theology. He is a thoughtful student with a kind and sensitive spirit.**



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The quote of the month: “Therefore I admonish you, especially those of you who are to become instructors of consciences, as well as each of you individually, that you exercise yourselves by study, by reading, by meditation, and by prayer, so that in temptation you will be able to instruct consciences, both your own and others, console them, and take them from the Law to grace, from active righteousness to passive righteousness, in short, from Moses to Christ.” (Martin Luther [1483-1546], *Lectures on Galatians* (1535), “The Argument of St. Paul’s Epistle to the Galatians”)

Your brother in Christ,  
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**And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses  
entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.**

– 2 Timothy 2:2

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- 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 providence and healing for our son Andrew during his critical illness.
- Thanksgiving for God’s blessings on the work this past year of The Saint Timothy Society: Rev. Dr. Armand Boehme, Rev. Dr. Michael Albrecht, Mr. Rob Severson, Dr. Chris Barnekov, Rev. Dr. Gordon Bynum, Mrs. Janet Preus, Mr. Tom Watua.
- Physical health & stamina for those at Matongo before threats of malaria, typhus and cholera.
- Continued civil peace and stability as Kenyans make the transition under their new Constitution.
- Openness to the Gospel of Christ and rejection of all false substitutes for it in Kenya.
- Sustained support among individual donors and congregations.
- Spiritual strength to withstand any attacks of the Enemy.
- Resources to expand the facilities at Matongo for a growing student population.
- Funds to support the doctoral program study of Rev. Moses Okoyo at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- A successful reception for the grant proposal for funds needed to expand the MLTC library.