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Dear Fellow Redeemed in Christ, Partners in Mission,

The work here in Kenya keeps expanding into new programs for students. In addition to those preparing to be pastors in the Diploma and Bachelor in Theology programs, we have students in the Diploma/Certificate program in Community Development, 33 in all.



Students and faculty at Matongo, now Neema (Grace) Lutheran College, September 26, 2011.

Students from nations other than Kenya are here as well. I am teaching two from Congo, one from Uganda and one from Zambia. Our hope remains that all of this development will serve the eventual goal of establishing Neema Lutheran University of Kenya, with the theological faculty as

its foundation. Some general education is needed for the baccalaureate degree. Currently, I am teaching courses in New Testament Greek, Greek Review (for senior students), and three courses for new students in the Bachelor in Theology program: Advanced Reading, Appreciation of Literature, and Introduction to the Lutheran Faith (Catechism). This mixture has allowed for some fascinating discussion and integration. It is a sheer delight to watch these students grow in their intellectual grasp and a sheer joy to see them grow at the same time in Christ!



Mary and I visited with Pastor Joe and Mary Dapelo and family, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (AALC, formerly ELCA), Evansdale, IA, July 24, 2011, Joe's 31st birthday. I preached and/or presented in 14 congregations this summer, 7 of them new to Project Timothy – Kenya.



Baptism at Sare Congregation, Nyarombe Parish, ELCK, September 25, 2001. To date, I have baptized 13 children in Kenya. Three children were added this day to the Savior's kingdom through this sacred washing by water and the Word by Christ's command and provision.

In the Literature course, we read pieces such as C. S. Lewis' classic *The Screwtape Letters*, the short story "A Good Man Is Hard to Find" by Flannery O'Connor, essays by T. S. Eliot and J. R. R. Tolkien, Isak Dinesen's account of her sojourn *Out of Africa*, the best novel to come from the continent in Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* and poetry, including a sampling by Polish poet Czeslaw Milosz.



With Blessings, son of my colleague Rev. Hamilton Timothy Shihemi, at the all-school social event, September 30, 2011. Hamilton looks on. I baptized Blessings 2 years ago. Photo courtesy of Ari Lukkarinen.



Lunch with my colleague Ari under the guava tree after officiating with him at the Divine Service in chapel, Wednesday, October 5, 2011, maize, beans, steamed kale with onions and tomato, and cabbage. Photo courtesy of Rev. Ari Lukkarinen.



Vincent Otieno, from Sifuyu, near the border with Uganda, September 30, 2011. He is doing his study paper on Philippians 3:17-21, "Enemies of the Cross of Christ."

Vincent attended mosque and studied with the Muslims for two years, where a Christian minister present corrected an imam in what he had said about Christ. Vincent eventually found out from the Bible for himself and became a Christian, now studying to become a pastor in his area. He is especially apt in translating the New Testament Greek text, a lively participant in class discussion.



Katie, the black calf with the white tail, and her mother. I named her after Katie Luther, who once provided so amply for students at the University of Wittenberg. We hope someday our Katie will provide our students with milk. First, she has to grow. She is still too skinny!



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The quote of the month: "The doctrine of the Gospel has been proclaimed from the beginning of the world, immediately after the fall of Adam (Gen. 3:15), and must be preached to all creatures according to Christ's command up until the Last Day. There has never been any other way of salvation for the children of Adam and there never will be. This doctrine, therefore, is neither new nor questionable but has been in existence since the world began. It is primeval and most trustworthy. As Christ says of it: *'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass*

away' (Matt. 24:35)." (Fredrik Gabriel Hedberg [1811-1893], founder of The Lutheran Evangelical Association of Finland, in *The Doctrine of Faith unto Salvation*, comment on Eph. 1:8, a copy of which was given me by my colleague, Rev. Osmo Harjula)

Your brother in Christ,
Rev. Thomas V. Aadland

You've heard my message, and it's been confirmed by many witnesses. Entrust this message to faithful individuals who will be competent to teach others.

– 2 Timothy 2:2

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SPECIAL AND URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

Not for our students or myself, but for one of our earliest and most faithful supporters: University Lutheran Chapel in Minneapolis, MN. It seems unthinkable to many of us, but last month the Minnesota South District Board of Directors voted unanimously to sell the property given in the 1940s for its ministry in the heart of the campus of the University of Minnesota. A wrecking ball swung against the high altar would be a serious blow to the biblical emphases current in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod of “Witness – Mercy – Life Together,” and would irretrievably remove the ensign for the Lord long established in the heart of this secular, largely atheistic campus. God is worthy of all praise and honor, and the liturgy and confession faithfully delivered at ULC in its beautiful setting of Romanesque architecture bring heaven on earth through Word and Sacrament to those who want to worship the Triune God with the reverence due His holy name. I have attended and preached there annually since 2007. The repercussions go deep. It is not too late for this action to be repented and the purchase agreement with Doran Development, LLC withdrawn, and good faith restored with thousands in church of Christ. Pray that it may be so. ULC has generously provided dozens of textbooks for students at my request – Greek New Testaments, books in dogmatics and catechesis and the history of theology. Please pray that the Lord would sustain her members and the ministry of Pastor David Kind in this difficult time.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For University Lutheran Chapel, her pastor, Rev. David Kind, and President Matthew Harrison, and other leaders of the LCMS, for a God-pleasing resolution to the current crisis (see above).
- 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, 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.
- An honest and just resolution to the cases being deliberated before the World Court in The Hague of those accused in the post-election violence in Kenya in 2009.
- 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.
- Funds to support the doctoral program study of Rev. Moses Okoyo at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN.