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Just another way to reach out to the children of Kenya



The head teacher with some of our upper primary students

THANK YOU

I have just celebrated the 5 year anniversary of my missionary call to Kenya. What a wonderful 5 years it has been. I have grown stronger through the challenges of living in a new culture and a new country and ministering to new people. What I know is that God has seen me through and continues to guide me through my words and actions, in order to bring others to Him.

I want to thank you all for your support through these years. It has been a joy to see my love for the students at Karama spread to you as my supporters. I continue to receive e-mails from you regarding the school, the children and their needs. Some of you have even sent gifts to help support the work going on at the school. For this we are grateful. But more importantly, we thank you for your prayers. Thank you for remembering this little Lutheran School across the globe!



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Acting Archbishop Ochola (on the right) presenting the plaque to the Bishop of the Southwest Diocese

In January, I attended the ground-breaking ceremony for our sixth Project 24 children's boarding facility. We currently have five facilities throughout Kenya that house 165 children. These children are selected by the local Lutheran churches from within their congregations. These children may not be able to get an education for a number of reasons. However through the Project 24 program, they are able to stay in a boarding facility where they are provided food, care, shelter, health care and an education.

We are excited to have our partner church's sixth diocese join the program and build

their own facility. We know that the other dioceses will come along side them and assist them with creating the best Christian environment for the children of that community.

Now that we have added a new site, I will continue to work on our Christ's Care for Children: Kenya program which helps identify sponsors for each of the children at the Project 24 sites.

If you or someone you know would like to sponsor one of the children in the program please contact me by e-mail. Our goal is to have a sponsor for each of the 165 children.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- our family travels to the states, starting March 31st
- our Lutheran Schools across the world

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- our new missionary to the East Africa field, Rachel Meyer
- a good start to our new school year
- Continued safety for our students and staff

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us

Lutheran Schools Across the Nations



As many of you celebrated Lutheran Schools Week in January, I hope that you were also thinking of the Lutheran Schools across the world. The curriculum and style of teaching may be different from country to country, but the teaching of the Gospel remains the same. The Bible is taught as the Word of God. Jesus Christ is proclaimed as our Savior and we know that it is through His grace that we are saved.

What a joy it is to be part of a ministry with such a long history. I have always enjoyed being part of this heritage and being able to use education as a means to share the Gospel. I have

witnessed many families come to Christ and have seen how the Holy Spirit has then worked through them to witness to others.

Thank you to all who support your local and global Lutheran Schools. May God's Word continue to spread through the work of others.

(Pictures above of Teacher Emily teaching the children about plants and crops at Karama Academy and me with our new missionary, Rachel, who will be serving at a Lutheran School in Uganda)

Thank you all for your support, prayers and love notes. We are always encouraged when we hear from you. We hope to see many of you when we visit the states for our home service in April, May and part of June.

Love to you all! The Odembas

(Rael feeding her bear some passion fruit from our garden)



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