



# MINISTRY MOMENTS

**“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17 (ESV)**



## When Congregations Connect...

In July of 2017, a team from Living Faith Lutheran Church in Clive, Iowa traveled with LCMS missionaries and a team from Lutheran Hour - Nuru Media Ministries to do evangelism and outreach in the Kakuma and Kalobeyei refugee camps. These camps located in northern Kenya, are home to refugees from Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, Congo, Rwanda and Burundi. During our week in the refugee camps we attended worship and did door-to-door evangelism. Sharing the Gospel, visiting with and hearing the stories of the families brought us great joy. Our colleagues from Nuru shared with many about their Bible Correspondence Course, and during a follow up visit registered over 200 people. Earlier this month, I returned to Kalobeyei with fellow LCMS missionaries and co-workers from Nuru to hold a graduation ceremony and issue certificates to 141 people who completed the course. This event was also attended by the Acting Archbishop, General Secretary and pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. It's amazing when congregations connect, it allows the Word of God to go forth.

## Walking in Faith, Stories from a refugee camp...



Meet Jared Osoro who serves with Lutheran Hour - Nuru Media Ministries as the programs manager. He was very instrumental in introducing the Bible Correspondence Course (BCC) in the Kalobeyi refugee camp. As Jared explains it, the BCC is a study manual for all who are thirsty for God's word. For those who use it as a bible study manual it nourishes them spiritually and helps them to know more about God's plan for their lives. The course lessons included: (1) Studying the Christian faith, (2) Issues of faith, (3) Growing in faith and (4) Living in faith.



Mama Rhoda is from South Sudan and the women's leader in her church. She shared that she didn't know Jesus and had many challenges in her life that led to thoughts of ending her life. Because of the Bible Correspondence Course, she now knows Jesus and her life is better. The bible has helped her and she now has something in her. Mama Rhoda wants to have all the members of her family to know about God. She ended by saying, "If I didn't know Jesus, I might not be alive."



Okori Omot comes from Ethiopia, from the Anuak tribe. He is the assistant youth chairman at the Gambella Lutheran church. He assisted in spreading the word about the Bible Correspondence Course by making an announcement in church. People came from different places to get the books. He told us that there were two people who said that because of the course they can now read the bible. Also, because of this course, people are being changed, they are encouraged and are increasing in faith.

It was a joy to bear witness to those who received certificates of completion for the Bible Correspondence Course. It truly was a wonderful occasion. I am thankful for the opportunity to walk in faith with these brothers and sisters in Christ. We know that Christ dwells in our hearts through faith and we are filled with the fullness of God. Together we are one in Christ.

*Yours in Christ.....Shara*



## Prayers & Praise

- Pray for God's strength and guidance as Michael and I serve in Eastern and Southern Africa.
- Pray for God's Word to continue going forth and for the congregations in Kakuma & Kalobeyi.
- Praise God for partners in faith from Nuru, Living Faith and the ELCK.
- Praise God for all who completed the Bible Correspondence Course.

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