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Come, Holy Spirit, Come



And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

After learning about the teachings of the Lutheran Church several months ago, a community about 25 miles north of Jinja in the district of Kimuli requested the LCU to come to their community. They have now been worshipping formally for about one month and are the newest congregation in the Lutheran Church of Uganda.

On Sunday, April 15, we celebrated the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. During the worship service, 210 people were baptized and brought into the family of God! As the women celebrated each and every baptism with the traditional high pitched "woop," it was as if I could hear heaven rejoicing for the salvation of each of these souls.



And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:47b



And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. Acts 2:46-47a



The joy of the Lord continued to flow out among the believers during the offering, as they offered whatever they had: money, fresh produce, and even a chicken. As the congregation sang, the women offered up a joyous dance of praise to God.

May our joyous celebration of the Lord's work never end, even as we pray for the further spread of His Word and for His Kingdom to come.



BUILDING DEDICATION

On April 12, we celebrated the dedication of the two new school buildings at Hope Lutheran Church and School in Bufuula

Please join me in praising God for these gifts which will provide a more conducive learning environment for the children. Please also pray that within these walls, the children may come to know Jesus as the one sure foundation for their lives.



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Prepared for service

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ
- The Holy Spirit's continued work in the lives of the newly baptized
- Health and safety of primary school students while they are on break
- Lesson planning as I prepare to begin teaching
- Continued progress in Lusoga language study
- Continued opportunities to build relationships with God's people here in Uganda

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The Holy Spirit's work to raise up new pastors in the LCU
- The growth of God's kingdom in the district of Kimuli
- Successfully acquiring my work permit
- Safety in travel and blessings in fellowship as LCMS missionaries from East Africa gathered for retreat in Kenya
- The many congregations, schools, and individuals who pray for me, encourage me, and support me



Pastors from the LCU read scripture at Rev. Erifazi's ordination.

The harvest certainly is plentiful here in Uganda, and God's kingdom continues to grow. There are 137 congregations in the Lutheran Church of Uganda, but only twenty pastors. We praise God that He is continuing to raise up more laborers to shepherd his flock.

Currently there are forty men studying to be pastors at the Lutheran Theological College Uganda. However, prior to the opening of the seminary in 2016, Ugandans have had to go outside of the country to pursue seminary training.

Recently, four Ugandans graduated from Matongo Lutheran Theological College in Kenya. On April 22, we celebrated the ordination of one of these graduates, Erifazi Buluba, who is

serving the congregation in the village of Gwase in the district of Buyende. We thank God that the members of this congregation now have an ordained pastor to regularly bring them God's Word and the sacraments.

On the same day, we also celebrated the church wedding of Erifazi and his bride Florence. In contrast to the traditional beliefs of some tribes in Uganda which allow for men to have more than one wife, the pastors in the Lutheran Church of Uganda model God's design for marriage of one man and one woman.

Please pray for God to continue to raise up more laborers for the harvest field here in Uganda, that His Word may be taught in truth and purity and more may come to know His saving grace.

The first term of school in Bufuula ended on April 27. As these students are now enjoying a break from school, I am preparing to begin teaching when the next term begins on May 28. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support so these children may be nurtured in the Word of God.

*Humbly in the Lord's service,
-Rachel Meyer*



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