

# SENDING SEVEN

“It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.” Acts 6:2b-3



Rev Shauen Trump shares a message with members of the Marelem Lutheran congregation under their meeting tree. This is one of nine congregations we visited during our week-long trip throughout Turkana.

## Sustained by Christ

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? ...I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels or rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor power, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:35, 38)*

We waited while a couple young shepherd boys followed their flock of goats and sheep across the dusty road as we made our second day of travel to remote villages in Turkana. Although clouds graced the skies, rain hadn't fallen for over a year in this forgotten region of northwestern Kenya.

We were greeted with chai tea upon arrival at the home of Pr Atan in the village of Lokori, from which he shepherds four rural congregations. Our visits to some of these churches took us to a tree in Marelem, under which the congregation had met since 1997 when the Lutheran faith was first brought to Turkana by three evangelist men.

Despite having only a single pastor, the Lutherans at Marelem and throughout Turkana have remained faithful to Christ alone, scripture alone, and grace alone.



John was joined by Rev Shauen Trump (LCMS area director for east and southern Africa) and Rev Benjamin Lamosi (General Secretary of the Ev Lutheran Church of Kenya). Along with sharing the Word of God and encouraging congregations, we attended an ECLK-hosted gathering of Lutheran church leaders within Turkana.

Through partnership with the LCMS, the ELCK has added a missionary of their own and soon a second refugee pastor to the existing three church workers that share Christ within a region the size of West Virginia. The large influx of refugees, the discovery of oil, and nomadic traditions make this a challenging area, but one which the churches are eager to tell others of their salvation through Christ.

While we sat on modest log benches under the tree at Marelem, a young boy put his hand in mine, and I was humbled by how the Lord has sustained these people and kept them strong in the faith. May we learn from them that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Later that night, we fell asleep to heavy rains.

May God continue to sustain His people and grow His church in Turkana.

In Christ,  
the Wolf Pack



MIDDLE: Children and families gather as we share and sing about Christ.

BOTTOM: At the potential site for a Mission Station, Lutheran leaders met under a tent protected from the burning sun.

## Home Service Plans

- Would you like the Wolf Pack to visit your Church, VBS, LWML or other gathering? We will be on home service in late summer/early fall 2018 to say Thank You for walking with us.
- Might you have an extra vehicle for use when we visit Colorado, western US, or the Midwest?
- Gracious help- the LCMS Telecare team may call you on our behalf as we prep for home service
- E-mail [john.wolf@lcmsintl.org](mailto:john.wolf@lcmsintl.org) to arrange a time to share about God's AMAZING work in Africa

## Thanks Be to God

- Opened heavens and bounteous rains throughout eastern Africa- Thank you for your prayers!
- For churches and families who have offered to host us during our upcoming home service



Can you identify these footprints in Turkana sand? Look elsewhere on our newsletter for the answer!

### Please Pray for Africa

- Peace in areas w/ political challenges
- Blessings from local and government leaders to enable a mission station to support the people of Turkana
- God’s protection and peace for those persecuted for their faith

### Prayers for the Wolf Pack

- Gracious hosts and dependable transportation during home service
- Healing for a close friend dealing with a chronic sickness

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### - Project Highlight -

The Lutheran Theological Seminary in South Africa trains 35 students from seven countries across Africa. Missionary Dr Walter Winterle of the Lutheran Church of Brazil leads as the new rector. To learn more about the LTS, please visit <https://www.lcms.org/projectcatalog#>

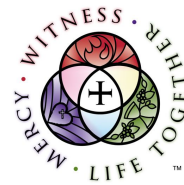


**Special Thanks** to donors of the Refugee Word and Sacrament Ministry project, through which we are able to comfort Lutherans in the refugee camps via Word and mercy. John traveled with ELCK acting Arch-Bishop Ochola (on left) to meet South Sudanese Rev John Jock (on right) and many Lutherans at a camp in northern Kenya.

**Serving together** with African churches takes many resources. We are grateful for the many folks walking with us, including saints at:

*Concordia in Hoisington KS, Mt Zion in Boulder CO, Castle Rock CO, and Denver CO, Zion in Brighton CO, Douglas WY, Farmington NM, Hubbel NE, Lodi CA, Warren MN, and McHenry IL.*

If you are not already, would you please prayerfully consider partnering with us through on-going support? You are an important part of our Mission team!



Wolf Family—LCMS Missionaries in Africa

### Wolf Cubs



### Stage Fright ??

Angus and John happily watched as the rest of the Wolf Pack participated in a local production with Kenyan youth who would otherwise not have a chance to dance. The inspiration was contagious as the youth put on a one-of-a-kind show.

A: Left picture is of camel footprints. Right picture is of sandals made from car tires, commonly worn by nomadic shepherds in eastern Africa.