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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



Theological student and his family in front of their home after Cyclone Idai hit Mozambique

Hope after Cyclone Idai

When Cyclone Idai hit Mozambique in mid-March, it affected many Lutheran congregations in low-lying areas. Damage to infrastructure makes it difficult to provide relief, while the affects of flooding has led to a lack of clean water and spread of cholera and malaria. LCMS Disaster Relief and the Ev Lutheran Church of Brazil (IELB) have provided resources for aid. Please keep these churches and all people of Mozambique in your prayers.

BOTTOM: During our last night in Rwanda, a youth group shared some cultural dances and songs.





Sharing Christ's Healing & Forgiveness

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. (Rom 5:10)

"Once people hear the Word of God, they come, and when they go home, they bring others back next week." John listened as Bishop Selestine shared with him how the Lutheran Mission in Africa-Synod of a Thousand Hills (LMA-STH) in Rwanda started two years ago. Today, this church body has 20 pastors and over 2000 members (and growing) across this small, hilly country.

In February, John joined three other missionaries to visit Rwanda to meet church leaders and parishioners in this small but growing confessional church. The LMS-STH began when a group of Christians opted to stay true to God's Word in the face of false beliefs.

In addition, the people here still face the aftermath of their history from early 1990s. Annually, the people commemorate the events at various memorials across the country. Many survivors feel blessed that they are able to tell others about Christ.

In March, at the request of the LMA-STH, two missionaries worked with Ambassadors of Reconciliation, a LCMS RSO, to provide an opportunity to discuss forgiveness through Christ. Using the elements of the small catechism, the team taught pastors and their wives to use God's Word to point people back to Christ for forgiveness and reconciliation to God.

To all who prayed for and supported this effort, we say "Murakozee" (*Thank you in KinyaRwandan*)

In Christ, The Wolf Pack



Top: John's visit in Feb to LMA-STH church leaders, along with three LCMS missionaries. Above: Visited a congregation that meets in a rented facility. Two years ago, they had 6 members, today has over 125. We prayed for the pastor for the recent loss of a child.

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Thanks Be to God

- For the prayers and assistance to those affected by disasters in the US and Africa
- For a peaceful and productive meeting of church leaders

Please Pray for Africa

- That congregations in Rwanda may find suitable approved accommodations to meet
- Rain for dry areas of northeastern Kenya and sufficient time for a harvest should the long rains come

Prayers for the Wolf Pack

- God's guiding hand as we navigate renewal of work documents
- For patience as John studies French language for work in West Africa

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Relief in Malawi-

Unfavorably dry conditions along with pest infestations led to a food scarcity in Malawi, affecting many in the Confessional Lutheran Church-Malawi Synod. Help from LCMS will allow members to focus on planting for this year. For more info, please visit international.lcms.org/africa

- Wolf Cubs -

When we attended Swahili language training, our older children learned chess tips from fellow missionary Rev Dr. Tom Aadland. Anna enjoys continued lessons whenever the opportunity arises. Angus explores his artistic prowess.



Walking together with African

churches takes many resources. Thank-you to the many churches walking with us, including saints at: *Grace in Columbus IN, LeMars IA, ABQ NM, Gordon NE, McPherson KS, Henderson NV; Epiphany/ CastleRock CO; Immanuel in Alliance NE, Janesville MN, ABQ NM, Carlsbad NM, Eagle NE, Hankinson ND, Roswell NM, SanteFe NM, Seymour IN, ParkersPrairie MN; MtZion in Boulder CO, CastleRock CO, Denver CO; Zion in Brighton CO, Douglas WY, Farmington NM, Hubbell NE, Lodi CA, Warren MN, and McHenry IL.*

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