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Uganda

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Good News in Uganda



Uganda-Pearl of Africa



LTCU library takes shape



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Oh give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. 1 Chronicles 16:8

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Raising the roof at the Lutheran Theological College Uganda

The multipurpose building will serve as a chapel, dinning hall, indoor kitchen, auditorium and central gathering place for the seminary community. Currently, chapel services are held in a classroom. The students eat outdoors or in dormitory rooms. The completion of this building will enhance student life. **Engaging students inside and outside of the classroom is stimulating as they share stories about their lives and families.** The men are often concerned about their family back home in the village or in a refugee camp. Prayer requests include food, health, medical care, school fees, travel and safety for family members. Many men are a distance away from home and only travel back during seminary breaks due to limited time and expense. At times the men struggle to return to classes after a break as their family needs are a priority. Time is not measured in the same way in Uganda. Relationships take top priority, not time. This presents some challenges for Americans as we tend to think that being punctual is respectful. It's really good to look at life through someone else's eyes. **The library bookshelves are nearing completion.** The addition of a functional library will enhance academic progress and will provide a quiet area for focused study. Some theological books have been donated that will be the foundation of the library collection. Books are valuable but difficult to keep clean and dry. The word of God is going forward and will grow as it takes root in the hearts and minds of seminarians. **Your prayer and financial support is vital as you partner with us in laying a firm foundation for Lutheran Theological College Uganda.**



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Health concerns for
seminarians and their families

Mike - wisdom as he teaches
Old Testament Survey

Karen - as she tutors orphans
and builds relationships

Safety as traffic and roads
are unnerving

PRAISE GOD:

Missionaries from SE Africa
were strengthened through
ongoing education program

LTCU has been blessed with
excellent instructors

Our Ugandan family
welcomed us back to Bugiri

Safe travels to/from the
Partners Conference for
LCMS missionaries and LCU
leaders

Mission oriented
congregations and individuals
who pray for us, encourage
and support us.

For the ongoing ministry and
blessing of Mission Central

There are many opportunities to
serve as short-term or
GEO missionaries. Check
out the current list and download
an application at lcms.org/service.
Click on "Service Opportunities."



Religious messages are displayed on vehicles and T.V., in shops and public buildings

Here are just a few that will give you an impression of the religious mindset. Many local people share their faith in God very openly. They express a beautiful dependency on God. Very refreshing! There are also some confusing messages. Prosperity gospel is very prevalent. It is law oriented. Clear biblical teaching and training are essential.

Rev. Dr. Jeff Oswald from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo was the presenter at the Continuing Education Program for LCMS missionaries in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

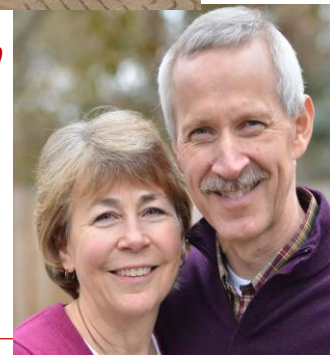
We praise God for the opportunity to spend time engaged in an in-depth study of the book of Acts, worship, and fellowship with fellow missionaries and their families.



LCMS Missionaries serving in Southeast Africa- 2019

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Schempfs Serving the Savior.

Thank you for reading this newsletter and for your
partnership in this work. Pastor Mike and Karen Schempf
"Look to the Lord and His strength, seek His face always."



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