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Pre-College Lutheran Academy



New Project 24 site

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The last several months have been especially eventful for the Project 24 program. Through the hard work of our partner church, the ELCK Northwest Diocese, we are able to open a new site for our Project 24 students. With this new facility we will be able to further expand our program even more and offer sponsorships to more children. Our goal is to fill each site to its capacity. We pray that new sponsors will step forward so that more children within our local Lutheran churches who are in need will be helped.

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The Catechetical Club Board Members meeting with the principal of Neema Lutheran College

With great joy, I can inform you of another development here in Kenya that will impact Project 24; the establishment of the ELCK Pre-College Lutheran Academy.

The idea for the academy came from the board of the Catechetical Club Competition. They presented a proposal to our East Africa Field office to start a four month long program, to further educate the form 4 students (seniors in high school who have just graduated) about the Lutheran faith. The board met with the principal of the ELCK Lutheran seminary, Neema Lutheran College, in western Kenya to develop a syllabus and fee structure. A few of the courses will include: Introduction to the Bible, Luther's Small Catechism,

Lutheran Worship and Campus and Christian Life.

Students who have recently graduated from secondary school in our Project 24 program will be eligible to attend this academy during the "gap" months before they enter into college or university next fall.

We are looking forward to this new partnership between the Project 24 program and the ELCK's very own Lutheran seminary. We hope that exposure to these courses may stimulate some students to consider careers in church work; whether it be through the seminary program or the deaconess program (both offered at the college). Please pray for this new program and the students who will be able to participate.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- our upcoming travels to the United States
- our fellow missionaries and their families
- our students and their families, Please pray that they are able to share the love of God with their extended families during this holiday

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- a wonderful end to the school year in Kenya
- health and safety for our family



God's Word



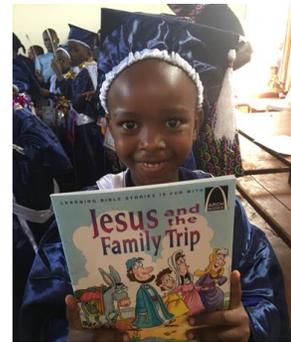
“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.” Isaiah 40:8

As a missionary, I believe there are two critically important aspects of our mission work. The first is to train and equip the local people to grow their ministries, whether it be through schools, churches or health programs. The second is to place the word of God into people's hands.

This latter is key to the growth of their faith. Missionaries may come and go in their lives, but the word of God is eternal. It is something that local people can always depend on in times of trouble or when they need guidance from the Lord. God's

word is living and will give people hope.

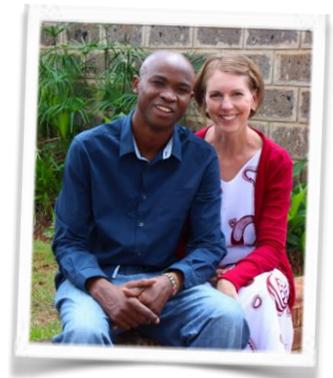
So... with that, it was important for me to ensure that our students at Karama Academy received their own copy of God's word when they graduated. Through generous donors, Bibles were presented to our class 8 students and Concordia Publishing House class Arch books were given to our Kindergarten students. What a joy it was to see the students already opening up their books and enjoying God's story. I hope to make this a tradition at every graduation, ensuring that God's word is with them in their minds and in their hearts.



We would like to thank you all for your support and prayers. We will be visiting the U.S. from end of January to mid-March. We hope to see many of you during our visit to personally thank you for your partnership!

Love from Kenya,

Britt, Micah, Rael and Silas



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