

Musings from MATONGO

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Did you know that:

—The gospel is spreading fast in Africa?

—But most pastors here cannot properly distinguish the law from the Gospel?

—By learning Swahili we will be better able to help them clearly to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

—We are part of a team of men and women of the LCMS that serve alongside the churches of East Africa?

—The LCMS is respected here for our clear confession of the Faith?

—You are just as much a part of the team by your prayers and support?

—Yes, you are!



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Grace and Coffee Beans



Grace sorts coffee (kahawa) beans at Masubo Camp

Grace works at Masumbo Camp, where we attend language school. One of the things Grace does here is sort the coffee beans. She makes sure that any bad beans are discarded. Who would ever want them anyway? Then she grades the rest based on size and quality. The good ones go into one container and the best into another. Then they are properly dried and made ready to be roasted. Masumbo Camp sells those roasted beans locally. The proceeds help support the work of the camp.

Grace works to judge beans and to throw away the worthless ones. That is what she does. And Grace knows her beans! But Grace knows something more important than beans. Grace knows about God's grace. And she knows that God, in his grace, does not want to discard anybody!

We thank God that Grace knows the grace of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. She knows she is not saved because she is better than others. She is saved because Jesus died and rose for her.

But not everyone knows this. And not every pastor in East Africa knows how to properly preach this grace of God. So that is why we are here. And it is because of your prayers and gifts of support that we are here to train pastors and evangelists who will be able to tell people about the true grace of God, grace that, thank God, Grace knows.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- That we and our teammates continue to remain in good health.
- That our Kenya work permits are issued in a timely manner. We are still awaiting these important documents.
- That the Lord continue to raise up more financial partners so that we can serve long-term in East Africa.
- That Walter continues to have opportunities to share the Gospel with his language tutor, who is a Muslim.
- We are having some water issues at the camp. Pray that the workers here find a solution.
- That you have a blessed Lent and a joyous Easter celebration.

This Lenten Season finds us well and healthy. We are finding it interesting and instructive as we begin to read the Scriptures in Swahili. Their version of the Bible is a direct translation from the Greek and Hebrew, so the ways in which they describe what the Lord says in his Word helps us better to understand the Word of God in our own language!

What a joy it is to begin to function in this new culture!

We thank God for our new prayer and support partners who have joined with us this last month. We know that some congregations begin their fiscal years in July, so please pray that those who said they would consider joining with us might be led to do so, should our Lord so will.

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Walter in his office!

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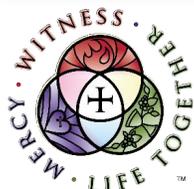
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