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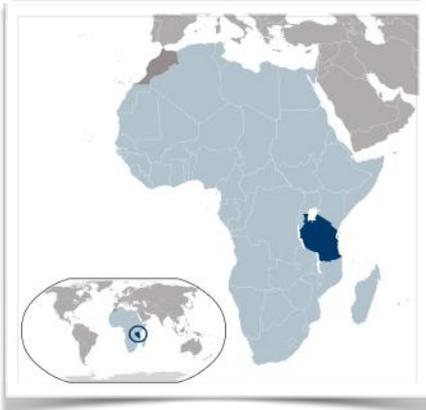
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For the day of Pentecost Rev. Alan Stahlecker and I led a service of the word in front of a camera in the empty sanctuary of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Lincolnvile, KS.

Waiting

The Psalms (e.g., 40, 130) encourage us to wait for the Lord, trusting His promises even when His good purposes are not immediately and visibly apparent; and *waiting* is an appropriate word describing the Clausing family’s situation at the moment. Our scheduled home service was supposed to be finished this week, but we’ve put our return tickets on hold, and we’re back with family in rural Kansas until a plan for the future comes together. It appears that a few flights will begin entering Tanzania in June, but we also need the situation to stabilize enough that the LCMS deems it safe for us to go back. Furthermore, our kids’ passports were all due for renewal this year, and the Department of State’s processing of those applications seems to have ground to a halt during the crisis, so we’re still waiting for those new passports to arrive.



Our Family

Anita and I were married on August 16, 1997 and have been blessed with nine children.

Back Row, Left to Right:

- Anita (12.9.74)
- Jonathan (8.20.75)
- Eleanor (1.10.02)
- Emil (10.29.99), currently studying at Concordia University, Chicago
- Eunice (6.1.06)
- Ernest (7.16.04)

Front Row, Left to Right

- Ethan (5.8.08)
- Elijah (7.3.13)
- Eric (12.16.09)
- Eileen (8.21.11)
- Emmanuel (3.6.15)

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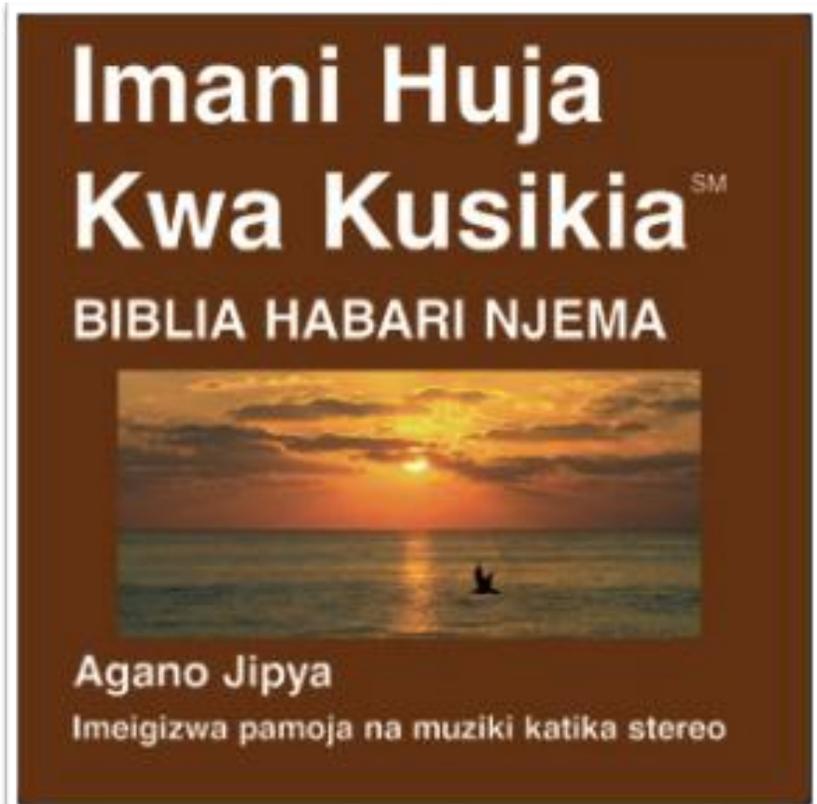
Thanks to all the congregations who have distributed my informational video or who have invited me to speak via the internet or preach during the past weeks. It was great to meet with you digitally even though we miss seeing you in person.

Kids' News

After spending a few weeks with us, our oldest son Emil has returned to his campus job at Concordia, Chicago for the summer, where he'll begin his junior year this fall. We're also pleased to announce that our oldest daughter Ellie will begin studying education this fall at Concordia in Seward, Nebraska.

Ellie and Ernie have both received their driver's permits and are logging driving hours whenever possible toward their licenses. As temperatures get closer to African standards, the younger Clausings are enjoying being outdoors, riding their bikes on rural Kansas roads. We're blessed as we wait.

Thanks to all for your ongoing prayers and support!



The saying is true for any foreign language: "Use it or lose it!" While in the U.S., I've been grateful for my Swahili audio bible and the daily practice it gives me in hearing the spoken word.