



Mission Moments – East Africa

Young Family News

May 2020

1 Thessalonians 1:1-6 “Grace and peace to you.² **We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.** ³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, **that he has chosen you,** ⁵ **because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.** You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, **for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.**



The Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) distributed food to the caretakers of the children who live in their Project 24 Boarding facilities. See more information at <https://international.lcms.org/project-24-responds-to-the-coronavirus/>



Bishop Charles Bameka, Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) broadcasts radio services in English and Lusoga. He explains that the station reaches 120 Kilometers and a population of over 6 million people.

The Malagasy Lutheran Church in Madagascar shares information about Covid19. Read more about it at: <https://international.lcms.org/covid-19-awareness-campaign-in-madagascar/>



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We are inspired and encouraged by the creative ways God's people have continued to share the Gospel, even though the church doors were closed. We have participated in worship events, bible studies, devotions, and all sorts of faith growing activities over the internet. Thank you to all the church workers who have given so much time to continue to reach out with the good news of the Gospel during this time. It reminds us that this is God's church, and He continues to work and move amongst those He loves.

The Confessional Lutheran Churches in East Africa have had the same challenges. When caring relationships are the cornerstone of your community, it is extra challenging when those communities cannot meet together for prayer and support. However, we have seen and heard that the Gospel continues to go forth and hearts continue to be changed by the Holy Spirit.

2 Thessalonians 1:4 “Therefore, among God’s churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.”



A highlight during this time has been the deeper and more intentional connection we have with our missionary teammates. We have lots of Zoom opportunities. Daily devotions and prayer, Sunday worship, and a Ladies Bible Class, all which help us stay connected.

Short Interview on KFUO Coffee Hour:
https://kfuo-od.streamguys1.com/recast/coffee-hour/20200520121337-CH_May_20b_2020.mp3

Due to travel restrictions, we will not be able to visit with you face to face this summer. However, we would love to connect through virtual platform. Please let us know if we can video chat with your family or small group. Contact us at: krista.young@lcms.org

Family Updates:

Grace was attending Ridgewater College in Minnesota. She came to Nairobi in March for an LCMS short term mission trip – however, while here, the airports and borders closed. So, she finished her classes online and remains here with us in Kenya.

Sydney continues to live in Missouri. She finished her second year of university classes online and is moving into her summer housing and job plans. She recently turned 21 and we celebrated together across the miles.

Joel shifted to online teaching in March and has become more comfortable with Google Classroom, although he misses the uplifting interactions with his students. They will complete the year online.

Krista has had to shift her focus since there are no teams coming for mission trips. She has taken time to revamp the materials that help volunteers prepare for serving in East Africa. She also spent time finding new resources to share with volunteers. A highlight for her is a Youth Bible Study with the missionary teenagers that she started. They are studying Philippians and finding Joy in all circumstances. The Office of International Mission Short-Term team in St. Louis has done a “Shadow a Missionary” program where young folks asked missionaries about their lives and experiences. It was fun to share about joys and challenges of serving overseas.



Prayers and Praises:

How can we pray for you? Please share with us your prayers and concerns so we can lift each other up in prayer.

- Pray for the effects of COVID-19 and the changes happening around our world.
 - Praise God that we are safe and sound here in Nairobi.
 - Pray for Kenya as floods and locusts challenge the farmers and folks living in rural areas.
 - We pray for peace and comfort for all who are struggling.
 - Praise God for our East African Team of missionaries and families.
 - Pray for strength and joy in ministry.
 - Praise God for birthday celebrations and milestones.
 - Pray for our family as we are separated and unsure when we will be able to reconnect.
 - Praise God for faithful partners who continue to pray for and encourage us.
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- We pray that we will still be able to travel to the US for Home Service to connect with all of our prayer warriors and supporters.

To God be the Glory!!!