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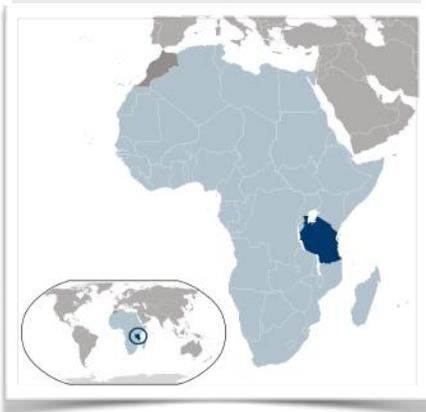
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Archbishop-Elect Ulotu & Retiring Archbishop Angowi

Passing the Mantle

God of the prophets, bless the prophets' sons;

Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast.

Each age its solemn task may claim but once;

Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.

-LSB 682:1

Although covid-19 continues and my family and I remain in the U.S., life goes on in the church in Tanzania. This coming Sunday, July 5, will be a historic day in the life of KKAM, our local church body, as the founding archbishop of the church, Jesse Stephano Angowi, moves into retirement, and his successor, Jascar John Ulotu, is consecrated as second archbishop of the church. Bishop Angowi has had some health concerns this spring, but, thanks be to God, his strength has return sufficiently for him to travel to Uchira for the event. Please hold the church and its shepherds in prayer during this time of transition.



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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Status Update on the Clausing Family

Since my last newsletter we've learned from the U.S. State Department that they hope to resolve the 1.7 million passport application backlog by the end of July. Once we have passports in hand, we can discuss with LCMS International Mission the prospect of our safe return to Tanzania; and once in Tanzania, the last hurdle will be to renew my Tanzanian work and residence permits. Submission of completed applications requires me to attend an in-person meeting in Tanzania, but there are also many documents that can be prepared and certified beforehand via email, and I'm in the process of getting these documents assembled now. Pray that God's will be done in all these matters.

In the meantime my family and I remain in Kansas. I've been devoting considerable time to studying the Word and studying Swahili (and a little bit of time each day studying the Word *in* Swahili). As a break from work at my desk I've also been helping out my in-laws around the farm - mostly cutting down trees and driving a grain truck during wheat harvest. Likewise, the Clausing kids have been busy around the farm pulling thistles and doing some general clean-up. It's not exactly what we planned to be doing these days, but these are the days God has given us, and it's good to be with family, so we're grateful for each one as it comes. Thanks for your ongoing prayerful support.



Kansas Wheat Harvest