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NEWS FROM MIKE AND KAREN SCHEMPF



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**“I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.” Psalm 27:13-14.**

The COVID pandemic has given new meaning to the phrase **“Wait for the Lord”**. We all know that there will be no decisive end and that COVID-19 continues to cause the entire world to pause. As we are living in the U.S. we wait for the Lord to give direction to our next steps in the mission field. In the interim, we have benefited from taking an online class through

***Ambassadors of Reconciliation.***

We have also explored the ***Global Christian Health Evangelism Network (CHE)***. Please take a look at the websites listed under the pictures. LCMS missionary nurses

Stephanie Schulte and Sarah Kanoy offered an excellent webinar on “Dependency vs Development”.

This is an effort to bring best practices to impoverished people. There are ongoing Zoom meetings in which the East/West Africa area director Shauen Trump, Office of International Missions leaders, and missionaries are all communicating important information, changes and training. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support as we wait on the Lord.

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We continue to look for ways to serve our Savior on the mission field here in the U.S. ***Christian Friends of New Americans*** is a LCMS ministry based in St. Louis that supports new immigrants. **CFNA** has a special outreach to families during the pandemic. We enjoy dishing up and delivering meals and food packages to families in inner city St. Louis. We have met folks that had lived in refugee camps in northern Uganda. Check out [cfna-stl.org](http://cfna-stl.org)



[aorhope.org](http://aorhope.org)



[chenetwork.org](http://chenetwork.org)



**Please pray for:**

*\*God's continued provision for the continent of Africa as they struggle with COVID-19.*

*\*Protection and mercy for medical workers and all exposed to COVID-19*

*\*An out-pouring of the Holy Spirit so that people in the U.S. and throughout the world will be drawn to Jesus as their Lord and Savior*

**Give thanks for:**

*\*Congregations/Pastors connecting online*

*\*Teachers/parents who found new ways to share educational responsibilities*

*\* Low COVID deaths in Africa*

*\*Action taken by governments to curb the spread of COVID*

*\*The health of our aging parents during this pandemic*

*\*Continued support during this pandemic through individuals, congregations, Mission Central*

*Mike unloading food at OGT center*

*Well organized warehouse*

We enjoy serving at the Orphan Grain Train center located at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in St. Louis. The center distributes food, clothing and household items to local food pantries and churches. Local pastors and volunteers are inspiring as they seek to serve their needy communities. Recently, two containers of desks/chairs/school bags/supplies were sent to Sierra Leone. Check out [ogt.org/branches/Missouri-Illinois](http://ogt.org/branches/Missouri-Illinois). We would encourage you to look for a center in your state. This is a great way to get involved in mission work both locally and internationally.



*Lt: First Sunday back in the sanctuary-Immanuel St. Charles, MO*

*Rt: Deaconess student and her children-Kenya*

**Please pray with us:** Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Remember us in your mercy. Help us to maintain a posture of humility as we recognize that you alone bring us life, health and every good gift. Bring your comfort to those who are sick and grieving. Use this time of waiting to draw people throughout the world to Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen

Thank you for reading this newsletter and for your partnership in this work. Rev. Mike & Karen Schempf  
**"Look to the Lord and His strength, seek His face always." Psalm 105:4**



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