

Musings from MATONGO

NEWS FROM REV. DR. WALTER & ROBYN STEELE



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—Walter’s work permit has been approved! This is an important piece of the puzzle for permanently living in Kenya.

—We have received some important training in Community Health Education, which will multiply opportunities for outreach in the years to come.

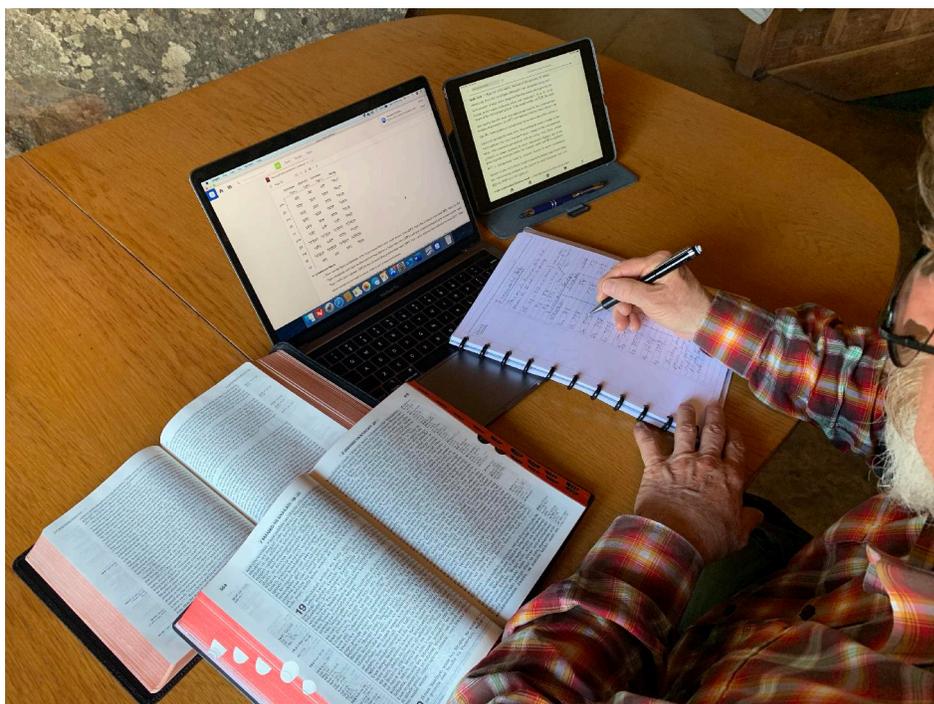
—Our health remains excellent as we continue to work on our Swahili language and other projects.

—It’s amazing how fast hair grows when you can’t get to a barber!



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The Lord’s Mission Goes On



Course preparation work for Old Testament Studies

A while back, I read a story by our Regional Director, Shauen Trump, in which he mentioned these words from an East African laymen: “We don’t want ‘half-baked pastors.’”

Neema Lutheran College–Matongo is not in the business of training half-baked pastors, deaconesses, or evangelists. Rather, the work our Lord has called us to is this: To equip men to faithfully serve as pastors and women to serve as deaconesses in some of the most challenging environments that exist. The same is true for the evangelists.

Looking forward to the start of the semester which begins in August, Walter is preparing to teach Hebrew, Old Testament Introduction and Survey, The Book of Psalms, and Paul’s Epistles to the Romans. These classes require hours of intense preparation. The students at Matongo desire and deserve nothing less than the best.

You continue to be an integral part of this mission—training men and women to serve the Lord and carry out His mission in Africa. We thank God for you. And we thank the Lord for the unique technology of our days, which allows such work to continue while we have been in Tanzania awaiting the day we make the move to Kenya.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray that there might soon be found a cure and vaccine for COVID-19.
- Pray for an end to the locust plague that is ravaging many parts of Africa.
- Pray for renewed understanding and reconciliation in America during these trying and difficult days.
- Pray that the work permit for your teammates (the Beckers) might soon be approved so we can transition together to Kenya.
- Pray for your pastor(s) and congregational leadership as they serve you in these unique days.
- Pray for the spread of the Gospel and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the Word of Christ, that hearts might be changed and many come to know the joy of eternal life in Christ.

We are daily struck with the beauty of East Africa. Flowers, such as the Crown on Thorns pictured below, remind us of God our Creator and Redeemer. Although, in Adam, all people are broken by sin, in Christ all have been reconciled to God by his grace in Christ Jesus. "There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all" because of Jesus Christ. We rejoice in this as we serve side-by-side with our African brothers and sisters. And we pray for the day when this unity fully permeates the lives of all God's people.



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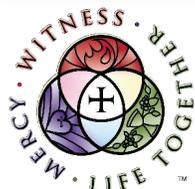
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