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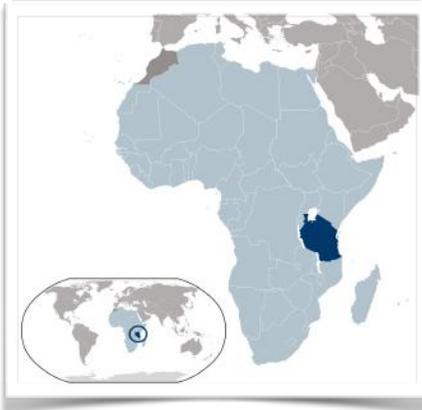
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On July 5 Rev. Jascar John Ulotu was installed as the archbishop of the Lutheran Church in East Africa in Uchira, Tanzania.

Ordination & Installation

Covid-19 has certainly caused many hardships, yet has also resulted in some unexpected blessings, and on July 5 I experienced one of each. Because I’m in America longer than I intended, I unfortunately had to miss the installation of Bishop Ulotu as the second Archbishop of the LCEA in Tanzania, but on that same day I was unexpectedly blessed to be able to attend the ordination of my former lutheran high school student, Devin Burmeister, in Missouri. God bless both men as they begin their respective callings in His service.

Progress Update on Our Return to Tanzania

Little has changed regarding my family’s passport situation in the past month. The most promising bit of anecdotal evidence we’ve received is that a friend in Missouri who applied for her passport in March actually received it in July. We applied in April, so we



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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have a reasonable hope of receiving ours this month or next.

In the meantime I've continued work on the farm in Kansas and have also had the opportunity to provide a bit of pulpit supply for congregations on weekends. Anita and the kids intend to resume full-time homeschool and online classes on August 24 and hope to be able to continue them with minimal disruption whenever we are able to move back to Tanzania.

Our oldest son Emil learned that his coursework in Chicago will be exclusively online this semester, though he will be able to continue to live on campus to work his campus job. Anita and I were also happy still to be in the states so that we could personally drop off our daughter Ellie for her first semester in Seward, NE. Her classes began this week.

God is faithful in the midst of hardship, and we are grateful for the blessings we receive from His hand, even if they are not the blessings we had expected.



On July 5 Rev. Devin Burmeister was ordained and installed as associate pastor at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Lee's Summit, MO.