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CONTINUED STUDIES

As I continue my graduate studies online, I am thankful for the learning which is better equipping me to teach the faith here in Uganda.

This summer, I completed two courses. The first class on the parables provided relevant study to guide my own teaching of Scripture to the students. The second class on the Lutheran Confessions helped me consider how the Confessions inform a Lutheran approach to teaching in our schools.

Thank you for your prayers that God may continue to help me grow in His Word and apply my learning in the courses I take this fall.



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Passing on the Faith



*Children learning to pray at mealtime.
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“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

How do we pass on the faith to the next generation?

This is a question the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) has been discussing as we work on developing curriculum to teach the faith in the Lutheran primary schools.

While COVID-19 restrictions continue to limit our ability to meet together as normal, the LCU leadership has been able to hold meetings via Zoom recently to continue the work of the church.

In our discussions, we have been looking at how the ministry in the Lutheran primary schools fits into the LCU's overall mission and vision to help people grow in Christ. The Lutheran schools offer an important opportunity to teach children God's Word, nurture them in the faith, and help them learn to live as God's salt and light in the world. However, passing on the faith does not occur only in the Lutheran schools.

The LCU recognizes the important role of the church and the family in passing the faith down to the children. In these days when children are not able to go to church and school, the family's role is especially critical.

It has been a blessing to hear the pastors share examples of ways they are nurturing their own children in the faith at home. One way is through the singing of hymns in their local languages. They are also teaching their children to lead family prayers and engaging their families in home Bible studies.

Personally, I thank God for my own family, as well as many pastors, teachers, and Christian friends through whom God has worked (and continues to work) to teach me His Word and nurture me in the faith. Please join me in praying for all of God's people entrusted with the special task of passing on the faith to the next generation, both here in Uganda and around the world.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ*
- *Pastors, teachers, and parents as they pass on the faith to the next generation*
- *The LCU's continued work on developing curriculum to teach the faith in the schools*
- *Health and safety of people around the world*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Opportunities to grow in God's Word*
- *All who nurture us in the faith*
- *The many congregations, schools, and individuals who pray for, encourage, and support me*

YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS.

- *I regularly pray for the individuals and congregations who support me by name. Please share any specific prayers I can bring before the Lord for you.*

Prayers for Uganda

Life and ministry in Uganda continue to look different due to COVID-19. While most things in the country have opened again, there are certain limitations and new Standard Operating Procedures in place. Of course, everyone is encouraged to wear a mask, wash their hands, and practice social distancing.

However, schools, churches, and the country's borders still remain closed, so I continue to work from home. The Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) continues to share the Gospel through radio broadcasts of the church services and home visitations.

Unfortunately, in the last month, Uganda has seen a marked increase in community spread of the virus, including several deaths. In light of this, the government set aside August 29, as a National Day of Prayer, encouraging people to pray to God for protection and healing.

Thank you also for your continued prayers for Uganda and for the ministry of the LCU. Please know that you remain in my prayers, as well. May God grant you the comfort of His presence and the assurance that He is still in control.

Kids' Corner

Boda Delivery

How does shopping look different for your family these days?

One way I can stay "safer at home" here in Uganda is by having my food and groceries delivered by boda drivers.



A boda (motorcycle taxi) driver delivers an order.



*Rejoice in hope,
be patient in affliction,
be constant in prayer.
-Romans 12:12*

*Humbly in the Lord's service,
-Rachel Meyer*



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