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NEWS FROM MIKE AND KAREN SCHEMPF



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“For I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” *Philippians 1:6*

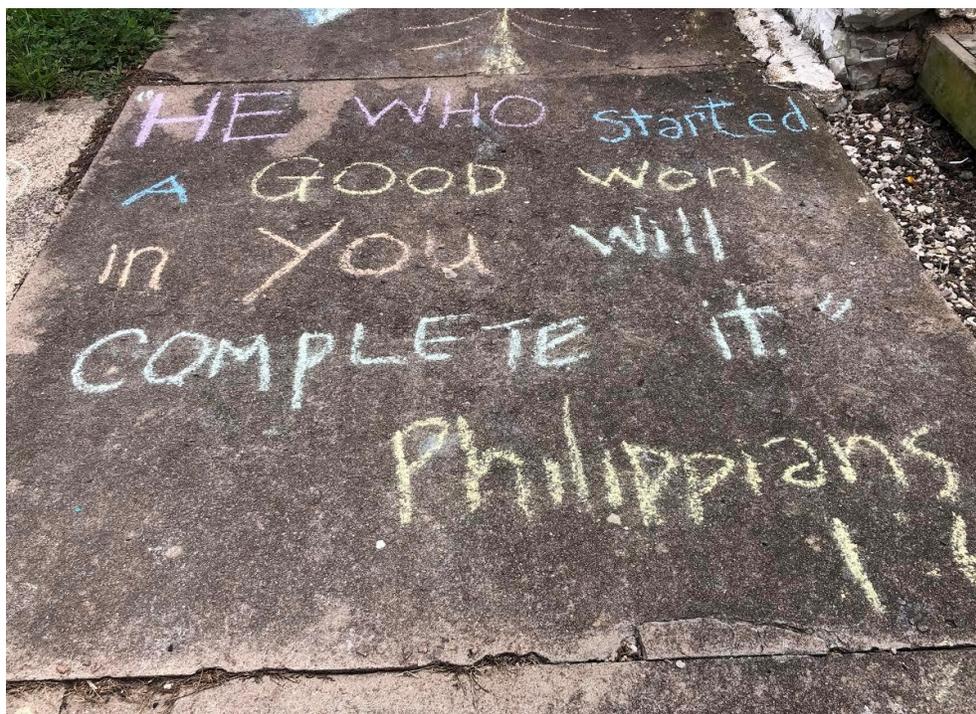
This was our theme verse for VBS at the Peace Center sponsored by ***Christian Friends of New Americans*** (CFNA) in St. Louis. It was written on the sidewalk outside as a witness to neighbors. This verse is good news for ALL Americans! We would encourage you to memorize this verse and to post it around your house. During this COVID pandemic, praise God that he is busy doing “good work” in your life!

As we are living in the U.S.A., we wait for the Lord to give direction to our lives. We plan to return to Africa (in God’s perfect timing and as borders open) to work at ***Christ Evangelical Lutheran Seminary*** in Sierra Leone. Students coming from neighboring countries are not able to cross borders to continue their seminary training. It is likely that the new term will begin in January. Mike will also work with recruitment of new missionaries by encouraging LCMS seminarians to consider serving in the mission field during their vicarage or after completion of their seminary education.

There are ongoing Zoom meetings in which the East/West Africa missionaries continue to connect. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support as we wait on the Lord. Michael.Schempf@lcms.org



Missionary Mike’s Bike Ministry - Youth watch a bike tire repair demonstration. Thus far... your mission dollars have provided over 10 bikes to St. Louis immigrant youth and their families. Bikes work as reliable transport in the city. Mike continues to buy used bikes. He cleans, repairs and replaces parts on the bikes. As word spreads, more requests keep coming in.





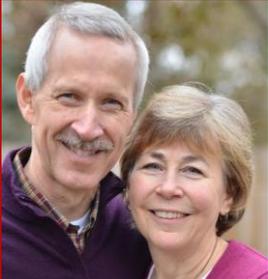
Please pray for:
Our return to Africa (in God's perfect time) to work at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Seminary in Sierra Leone

The LCMS as we struggle with the fallout of COVID

Lutheran schools at every level –clearly teach the faith to the next generation

Give thanks for:

- *Technology that allows Christians throughout the world to stay connected
- *Teachers/parents who are willing to find ways to share educational responsibilities
- *The health of our aging parents during this pandemic
- *Continued support during this pandemic through individuals, congregations, Mission Central



Lt: Many ears of sweet corn were donated to Orphan Grain Train (OGT)
Rt: OGT gifts CFNA families with food and baskets of school supplies

Every year St. Paul's Lutheran in Nashville, IL grows an acre of corn and donates it to Orphan Grain Train. Thank you to members of St. Paul's for finding an innovative way to share God given resources! It is a JOY to see Lutheran mission organizations cooperating to enhance ministry. Check out www.facebook.com/Orphan-Grain-Train-Inc. Gain more insights by watching Orphan Grain Train YouTube videos. We would encourage you to look for a center in your area. This is a great way to get involved in "hands-on" mission work at a local level.



Lt: VBS at CFNA-build your life on the firm foundation of God's Word
Rt: Craft projects help reinforce the lesson - yard art witness wand

Please pray with us: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Through this pandemic you remind us that you alone are God and that you are in control. Bring our nation as well as each of us to repentance so that we will receive forgiveness to continue serving you wholeheartedly. Draw many people throughout the world to saving faith in 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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