



## WORSHIP AS A FAMILY

“And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, ‘For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.’” Ezra 3:11

During the course of my ministry here in Kenya, I have taken many photos, trying to capture those significant moments I have experienced while living in a different country and culture. On my most recent travels, I took this photo that I treasure as a special mission moment.

The photo portrays worship in the Kenyan culture as the chairlady of the local Ladies League leads us in worship through her singing and drumming. Behind her the Project 24 children receive Holy Communion while two other ladies assist with altar guild duties. What a special moment to come together as the body of Christ, worshipping our God and Creator!



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## Mercy Work



**Standing alongside several deaconesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya and my colleague Shara Osiro. Below: The entire ELCK leadership and LCMS guests who attended the Disaster Response conference in western Kenya.**

This last month, we welcomed special guests Rev. Dr. Ross Johnson and Rev. Peter Brock from the LCMS Disaster Response team. They had come to provide training to the local churches on disaster response. Kenya is vulnerable to numerous disasters, including flooding, drought, famine, and locust invasion. Often the church is called upon to help in these situations.

So with the help of the Disaster Team, the ELCK church leaders considered first of all what the

theology of mercy means: to never minimize or take lightly the suffering experienced by people, and to support and encourage them with the hope that we have in Christ Jesus. The ELCK also learned how they can respond differently than the many NGO's which exist here in Kenya. The power of the Gospel message makes them unique when responding to disasters within the country.





PHOTO: CELEBRATING RAEI'S 6TH BIRTHDAY AND ENJOYING GOD'S CREATION AT NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK (JUST 5 MINUTES FROM OUR HOUSE)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- the Project 24 students who are now on holiday for 2 months. that they may be witnesses to their families while at home.
- our partner church, the ELCK, that they may find new ways to come together in times of local disasters.

**GIVE THANKS FOR:**

- our government documents being complete and the ability to travel to the U.S. this summer
- Britt's safe travel to western Kenya



# Never a Dull Moment



*Posing with the site manager and girls from P24 Tumaini and one of the girls from P24 Rongo.*

One of the greatest joys I have in my mission ministry is working with the children of Kenya. This last month my colleague and I traveled to western Kenya to visit five of our eight Project 24 sites. It was wonderful to see all the children's smiling faces once again. We were able to spend some time playing with the kids and I even channeled some of my old soccer playing skills at one of the sites. I didn't score but I assisted with one goal!

Not only did we visit with the students, but we also worshiped



at one of the churches located at the P24 site and heard the boys sing in the local choir.

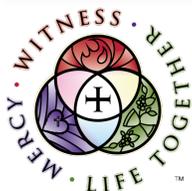
Little moments like these, remind me daily of the importance of my commitment to the Project 24 program. Through the assistance of sponsors in the states, these children grow not only physically, but more importantly spiritually, as the local church comes alongside them and guides them in their faith walk.

To learn more about Project 24 and the child sponsorship program, we will be hosting a zoom event on Saturday, April 2nd. Please RSVP to my email, [britt.odemba@lcms.org](mailto:britt.odemba@lcms.org), if you would like to join.

*We want to thank you all for your continued support and prayers. We hope to see many of you this summer as we return to the states for our home service.*

*Love from Kenya,*

*Britt, Micah, Rael and Silas*



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