



Our accountant sitting with the site manager. Below: The children with their guests.

A BRIGHT FUTURE

One of the goals of the Project 24 program is to expose the students to a variety of professions. Even though they may not go into church work, the students are still able to share their faith and use their talents to serve God. Recently, the accountant from our LCMS Africa Field Office visited several of the sites to not only work with the site managers and train them on best financial practices, but he also met and talked with the children. He encouraged them that even as an accountant, he is working for the whole church, using his talents to further God's kingdom. The new students at P24 Lurambi were also visited by medical students from a local university and were encouraged to dream big!



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The short term team from Iowa visiting with people throughout the town and village. Sometimes, the mission walk took us through beautiful countryside (below).

Missionary work has certainly changed over the centuries and even the decades. There was a time when prospective missionaries would leave their families and travel to a remote location by boat. After reaching their destination, they would then have to learn the language through full immersion in order to eventually preach the Gospel to the local people. Today, missionary work can be quite different. Yes, you still leave your family behind, but you usually travel to your country of service via airplane, learn the language through classes or on-line instruction and then preach the Good News to the locals. The work itself has also expanded to include people who serve as regional business managers, project coordinators, teachers and communication specialists. Those supporting roles assist in the important work of ministry, but sometimes it is good to get back to the basics- door to door evangelism.

Just this last month, a short term mission team from Clive, Iowa arrived here in Kenya to do just that in a small community about 2 hours from Nairobi. With support from our LCMS mission team and the ELCK, their goal was to identify members of the community responsive to their witnessing who might become the core group of a Lutheran church plant. It had been awhile since I had done door to door evangelism, and while we were told that we were a blessing to them, the people whom we visited were a special blessing to us!





We are coming to America



We are in the final planning stage of our home service when we return to the United States and visit with family, friends and all our supporters. We always look forward to this time to visit with people and share the details of our ministry here in Kenya. It is a great way to reconnect with one another and to personally thank you all for supporting us over the years. This year, we will spend much of our time in the state of California but will also make several visits in the Midwest. Our schedule at this time is as follows. We invite you to join one of these events, as we would love to see you!

California

Sunday, July 17th - St. Paul Lutheran, Mountain View

Thursday, July 21st - Prince of Peace, Fremont

Sunday, July 24th - Resurrection, Brentwood

Sunday, July 31st - Grace Lutheran Church, Cloverdale

Monday, August 1st - Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlingame

Sunday, August 7th - Christ Lutheran Church, Costa Mesa

Wednesday, August 10th - Immanuel Lutheran Church and Preschool, Orange

Thursday, August 11th - Christ Lutheran, La Mesa

Sunday, August 14th - Bethany Lutheran Church, Long Beach

Wednesday, August 17th - First Lutheran, Venice

Sunday, August 28th and Monday, August 29th - Our Savior Lutheran Church, Livermore

Wednesday, August 31st, Benicia Lutheran Church, Benicia

Friday, Sept. 2nd Prince of Peace Lutheran School, Fremont

Sunday, Sept. 4th - First Lutheran Church, San Francisco

Mid-West

Sunday, August 21st - Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa

Monday- Friday, August 22-26th Shumway, Illinois

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- safe journey as we travel to and in the United States
- the future church plant in Muranga, Kenya

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- churches, like Living Faith, Clive Iowa, who are preaching the good news to those across the world

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us

Thank you for your continued support! We look forward to seeing many of you over our home service.

In Christ,

Britt, Micah, Rael, and Silas



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

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