

Musings from Matongo

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Serving the Lord in East Africa



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Missionary Life includes: On-going Education



ROBYN'S BIG NEWS!

At our gathering in Kigali, Rwanda, it was announced that Robyn will officially serve as a **Missionary Nutrition Educator**. She will be teaching a Home Economics course to deaconesses. Additionally, she will serve the wider area, emphasizing the connection between Faith and Food as God's gracious gift.

-Pray for her as she goes through the work permit process in Kenya.

- Pray for her as she prepares her lesson plans for the coming semester, which begins in January.



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Continuing Education in Kigali, Rwanda

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Our missionary life includes not only teaching. We also must always be students. There is much we still need to learn about the various cultures that make up life in East Africa. We are blessed to be able to gather each year with all our fellow Africa Region missionaries to learn together.

This year we traveled to Kigali, the capitol of Rwanda, to learn from Dr. William Shumacher about various models of mission work. Our presenter has served as a missionary in Botswana and also as a professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO. Together, we explored the changing face of missions over the centuries. We considered the strengths and weaknesses of various approaches. The goal was to help us think about why we do what we do and how we do it. Ultimately this will assist us as we look toward the future of the work to which we have been called.

These times together are also helpful for other reasons. First, by traveling to other countries, we are exposed to the varieties of cultural expressions of the Christian Faith. And since our students come from all over East and Central Africa, this is very helpful.

Second, gathering together gives us the opportunity to share one another's burdens and to be encouraged by those who share this life with us.

In Christ's love,

Walter and Robyn Steele

A Time of Education, Fellowship & Encouragement



As missionaries we learn about many things as we live and work with people from many cultures.

During our Continuing Education in Rwanda, Walter learned from Rev. Volmir da Rocha, an Alliance Missionary from Brazil, how to make chimarrão, an herbal tea which is popular in South America.

Preparing it takes much more care than throwing it into hot water.

P.S.: Walter confesses he needs continuing education on this too. He still doesn't make it right.



Robyn Enjoys Learning More About Missions

Gathered with our Africa Missionary Family

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