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The Lord's Work Continues



Year 4 seminary students practicing different approaches to teaching children

Since March, Uganda has been in some form of lockdown because of COVID-19. During the last three months, restrictions were lessened, but schools and public worship have not been able to resume. Nightly curfews also remain in effect. We share this to give insight to our day-to-day living and also to re-enforce the Lutheran Church of Uganda's ability to adapt to circumstances for the sake of the Gospel.

Despite the challenges that continue worldwide, we witness that the Lord's work continues. The Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) leadership met to discuss how they can best continue training their seminarians while also recognizing government operating procedures. This included limiting the number of people gathering together, not having formal classroom instruction, and maintaining health and hygiene practices.

The LCU leadership decided to focus immediate opportunities for the Year 4 seminary students, as

they were originally scheduled to graduate in June, 2020 before classes were dismissed due to COVID-19. The goal was to finish the classes from March in a practicum or hands-on approach so the students could apply what they have learned so far. The arrangements included three different mission center locations for the students, which followed the government operating procedures. This also allowed other LCU pastors and leadership to participate and help prepare the seminarians for pastoral ministry.

In this hands-on, four-week program, the students focused learning on pastoral ministry, teaching the Small Catechism and Bible studies. They also reviewed and applied Hymnology for various worship settings, and finished theology course units that helped them understand and apply Scripture to their various contexts. Please continue to keep the LCU leadership and the seminarians in your prayers as they grow together.

Life and Mission Update

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Health and safety as we serve
- Health, safety and healing for God's people around the world
- The LCU as they continue to plan, prepare and implement ministry
- Wisdom and discernment as we plan for life in ministry in the months ahead

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The opportunity to remain in country serving alongside the Lutheran Church of Uganda during COVID-19
- God's provision and care for all who are struggling during this time
- The LCU pastors and seminarians as they share the Gospel and minister to God's people throughout Uganda via radio programming, phone calls and limited visitations

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The individuals, families, and congregations that continue to support the Lord's work in Uganda through our hands with prayers, encouragement and financial support



A Lutheran youth group learns some regional Ugandan dances

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance...” ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4

We are both so grateful to remain in Uganda during this time. Much of our lives has changed and yet much remains the same. We continue to work from home, but also remain in constant contact with the Lutheran Church of Uganda. The LCU has utilized zoom meetings to connect with leadership in the rural areas so ministry planning can continue. We have been able to join those calls

and share greetings with far away friends in other parts of the country.

Since the seminary is currently not able to resume at full capacity, our day-to-day routine has changed substantially. Yet, God continues to provide us with opportunities to serve Him. We still connect with students, faculty, and LCU leadership. We still serve alongside the LCU and strive to learn more about how the LCMS can best collaborate with them. We still celebrate life together, whether it is birthday celebrations, worshipping together over the radio, or socially distanced gatherings. We still listen to one another, mourn together and are present for one another... even though it looks differently. For all of these opportunities, we're grateful the Lord abundantly provides.

Thank you for your prayers as we navigate how to best serve and share the Gospel through our vocations amidst COVID-19. Please also pray for our LCMS and LCU colleagues as they also strive to do the same. We continue to pray for our friends and family (YOU!) who share in the Lord's work in Uganda. Thank you for continuing to walk with us in this way!

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye on you.”

~ Psalm 32:8

In Joyful Service, Mark & Megan Mantey



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