



writing to you from Kampala, Uganda

January-February 2010

## PHOTOS IN FOCUS

*Shauen's mother, Kathryn, visited Uganda in January. Grandma liked holding Josiah!*



## A New Assignment After Vicarage

The end of Shauen's vicarage (internship) is rapidly approaching, officially ending on April 30th, 2010. Shauen has been serving in a convertible vicarage, an assignment that would most likely convert to his first call after the time of vicarage is complete. So as we approach the conclusion of this important time of training and testing we've been looking towards the future—what will happen after April 30th?

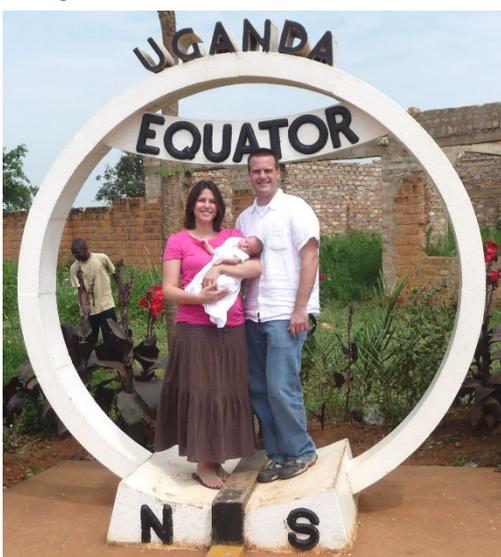
Only in the last few weeks was that question answered. Our overseer in this area, Rev. Claude Houge, recently traveled to Uganda to share some good news.

While Uganda has been enjoying the privilege of two dedicated missionaries, Rev. Houge has been the sole career missionary managing the existing and developing partnerships and relationships between the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the rest of East Africa, including Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Sudan, and new opportunities in other countries! As the partnerships in East Africa continue to grow, Rev. Houge has found need for some sharing of his responsibilities. Consequently, he extended an invitation to us to move to Nairobi, Kenya, and transition into a position as an Associate Area Facilitator for East Africa, with responsibility for LCMS World Mission's relationships and partnerships in Kenya and Tanzania!

This is the call most likely to be officially

extended to Shauen on Call Day, April 27th, although there does remain a remote possibility of receiving a different assignment. We are sad to be leaving Uganda but very excited about the new opportunities and challenges God has placed before us beyond vicarage.

As a vicar, it was important to rapidly be immersed in the work of a missionary here in Uganda, which precluded time for dedicated immersion-style language and culture learning. In contrast, the move toward Shauen's position as Associate Area Facilitator can progress along a more conventional path, including opportunities for mentorship by Rev. Houge, who has more than 20 years of mission experience in Africa.



*Krista, Josiah, & Shauen*

Already Shauen has begun transitioning his teaching obligations to coworker Rev. Jacob Gillard. We are trying to sell our truck and car and are cramming to learn as much as we can about Kenya and Tanzania. By May 1st we will move to Nairobi. After settling into our new home there, we will attend a global Lutheran missionary training session in Paraguay. Next, we'll spend several months learning Swahili in Tanzania, followed by our furlough (home-leave) Oct-Dec. Finally we'll be on the field in Nairobi the first week of Jan 2011. Shauen will shadow Rev. Houge as the responsibilities in Kenya and Tanzania are transferred. Praise the Lord for this opportunity!

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### Prayer Requests

- For our preparations to work in Kenya and Tanzania
- That our vehicles sell at a reasonable price
- For fellow missionary Rev. Jacob Gillard as he assumes full responsibility for the work in Uganda

### In Praise

- That Josiah is continuing to grow and look super-cute as he gets chubby
- That LCMS WM is intending to keep us on the field in East Africa after vicarage
- For recent visitors—Shauen's mom, the RLC Advance Team, and our friend Norbert
- For our new glider rocking-chair, purchased w/ help from the RLC Women's Guild and transported to Uganda by the RLC Advance Team



## TEE—Managing the Harvest

After 20 years of farming in Minnesota, Delano and Linda Meyer moved to West Africa to serve as agricultural missionaries. They've been here ever since—for more than 15 years. In January, they came to Uganda to learn about agriculture practice here and teach from their extensive experience.



*Delano Meyer teaches about a local plant*



*Linda Meyer works with the TEE class*

The Meyer's program in Uganda was titled *Managing the Harvest* and discussed farming God's way (as a responsible steward), adapting to environmental changes, caring for the soil, and family relationship issues. The workshop is full of Scripture and Gospel proclamation. The Managing the Harvest

workshop met all over Uganda, in the East, Central, West, and North. The two-day workshop is free to any farmer who desires to attend.

Since many of our TEE students are farmers and several of them would be acting as hosts for the workshop in their own areas, we held our first TEE class of the year where the Meyer's first workshop was being presented in Lukonda—at the very structure the TEE class built as their service project last year. Praise the Lord for the work of His servants the Meyers and pray with us for those newly introduced to the Lutheran church through this workshop!

Lutheran church through this workshop!

## RLC Advance Team Visits Uganda

Resurrection Lutheran Church (RLC) of Cary, North Carolina, wants to get more involved in God's work here in Uganda. RLC is the congregation Shauen attended in the years before he went to Seminary and is where we hold church membership. RLC generously supported Shauen through his Seminary studies and is now a Together in Mission partner supporting God's work in Africa.



*Shauen, Mark, & Ron sit with local leaders in Amudat*

able approach starts with sending an advance team. This fact-finding team is generally small (for RLC it was two people) and is focused on learning as much as possible about the country and the resources, skills, and strengths of the local churches in several areas. With the Lord's guidance, a natural partnership will take root somewhere along the way. The ad-

advance team from Resurrection visited three parts of Uganda—Lukonda in the central region, Amudat in the far northeast, and Busia in the east. Praise the Lord for a safe and educational trip for the RLC Advance Team and for guidance as they deliberate their next step towards long-term partnership!

RLC expressed an interest in coming to Uganda with a short-term mission team in a long-term commitment. Usually this involves committing to return to the field at least once a year for five years. As a congregation prepares for this kind of long-term partnership in an area, the best possi-