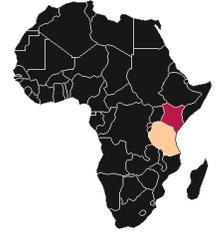




FIELD NOTES



Writing to you from Nairobi, Kenya

July 2012

Furlough in Focus

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s home-service (sometimes known as furlough) schedule allows for 3 months of home-service every 2 years of service on the field—ours starts at the end of Sept and runs through Dec this year.

These are our confirmed visit locations so far (arranged by date):

- Orlando, FL
- Cary, NC
- Chapel Hill, NC
- Burlington, NC
- Greensboro, NC
- Hickory, NC
- Paducah, KY
- Florence, KY
- Shumway, IL
- Cape Girardeau, MO
- St. Louis, MO
- Seward, NE
- Grand Island, NE
- Wilcox, NE
- Lincoln, NE
- Mapleton, IA
- Cedar Rapids, IA
- Janesville, WI
- Wauwatosa, WI
- Rupert, ID
- Monroe, WA
- Puyallup, WA
- Tacoma, WA

There are a number of partners we’ve not yet contacted so check closely next month to make sure your city is on the list! Please pray for our preparations!

Joyous Rewards—A Gifted Servant

“Do you have anything to add, Pastor?” Vicar Paul asked Rev. Shauen Trump. With a grin of satisfaction and pride, Shauen replied, “No, Paul, I think you’ve done very well.” A prayer, smiles, and handshakes all around concluded this door-to-door evangelism call in a small village in rural Uganda.

In September of 2009, Shauen had one primary task as a missionary—to teach a theological education course to lay leaders from across Uganda. In the course of that work, several of Shauen’s students proved their aptitude for thinking theologically as well as demonstrating their heart for God’s people. When a scholarship opened up for seminary studies in Kenya, recommending Paul Sserwaniko, top of the class, was an easy choice. Paul has now completed two years of seminary at Matongo/Neema Theological College in Kenya and is just finishing his year of internship in Uganda.



Vicar Paul Sserwaniko

This month Shauen traveled to Uganda to join a team from Resurrection Lutheran Church of Cary, North Carolina as they learned about children’s ministries in this part of Uganda and shared about children’s programs at their own congregation. For the teams Shauen works with, the first day in any village is about visit-

ing, learning, and sharing door-to-door. The guests from the United States split up into two groups and local church leaders guided them into the villages and to the homes identified for visits. Shauen joined up with Paul’s team as they set off on the road to the trading center.

Behind a storefront our small group sat on short benches between two mud and stick homes and visited with two men and their families. After some pleasantries and introductions, the group deferred to Shauen as the pastor to begin the conversation. Shauen, however, suggested Paul lead the conversation as the expert in the people and culture of this area.

Paul asked gentle questions at first, “Who is Jesus?” and quickly identified some openings for clarification and sharing. With his Bible open, Paul moved smoothly and expertly back and forth through Scripture, leading the group to clear answers and supported assertions about Jesus Christ and the Gospel message. After clearly presenting the Gospel, Paul asked Shauen, his former teacher, “Do you have anything to add, Pastor?” “No, Paul. I think you’ve done very well.” What a joyous reward to see a gifted student excel as a servant of Christ and His church.



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Prayer Requests

- For our home-service (Oct-Dec) preparations and scheduling
- For an August visit by the LCMS Director of Church Relations to the Lutheran Church of East Africa
- For strength, focus, and support for Vicar Paul Sserwaniko and all seminary students in Kenya

In Praise

- That we found a sub-tenant for our Office, significantly offsetting the cost of the space
- For Resurrection Lutheran Church -Cary, NC's excellent visit to Uganda
- For GEO Volunteers Tim and Megan Dooms service in Kisumu, Kenya
- For Krista's gifts in decorating and cooking

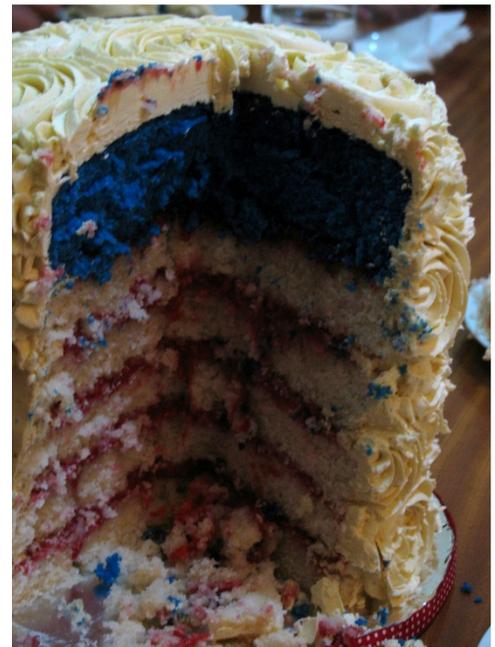
4th of July—Celebration and Farewell

The 4th of July: fireworks, hamburgers, parades, sparklers, laughter, and that grand feeling—proud to be an American. American Independence Day is one of the holidays we miss the most. We can recreate quite a bit of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. But there's no recreating Seward, Nebraska's 4th of July parade and anvil firing or Seattle's simultaneous fireworks shows over the lakes and Puget Sound.



Punch, Sparklers, Stars, and the Flag

This year was especially wonderful and sad. Wonderful because Krista worked her magic once again—making beautiful decorations late into the night including a cardboard US Flag and "sparklers," and preparing an amazing meal: tomato-basil-mozzarella starter, potato salad, pasta salad, fruit salad, hamburgers with all the fixins, fruit punch, and for the finale, a six-layer almond cake with a raspberry filling and Amaretto Swiss meringue buttercream frosting. Sad because it was also the going-away party for our volunteers, Tim and Megan Dooms, who had been working in Kisumu for the last year. We even finished the night by watching last year's Washington DC fireworks show on youtube on our little laptop screen. Praise the Lord for Krista's gifts in the kitchen and for Tim and Megan's good work here in Kenya!



Independence Day 6-Layer Cake

Shauen Preaches at Kibera's Springs of Life Church



Shauen Preaches with a Translator



Administering the Sacrament