



FIELD NOTES



Writing to you from Nairobi, Kenya

August 2012

Furlough in Focus

Confirmed visit locations:

- Federal Way, WA
- Arcata, CA
- Orlando, FL
- Cary, NC
- Chapel Hill, NC
- Burlington, NC
- Greensboro, NC
- Hickory, NC
- Chattanooga, TN
- Paducah, KY
- Florence, KY
- Shumway, IL
- Cape Girardeau, MO
- Brentwood, MO
- St. Louis, MO
- Seward, NE
- Madison, NE
- Malcolm, NE
- Grand Island, NE
- Wauneta/Palisade, NE
- Wilcox, NE
- Jansen, NE
- Lincoln, NE
- Mapleton, IA
- Cedar Rapids, IA
- Country Club Hills, IL
- Kokomo, IN
- Janesville, WI
- Herscher, IL
- Wauwatosa, WI
- Rupert/Burley, ID
- Nampa, ID
- Monroe, WA
- Chehalis, WA
- Tacoma, WA
- Puyallup, WA
- Port Angeles, WA

Fellowship Talks w/ Lutheran Church of East Africa

The setting sun draped Mt. Kilimanjaro in a scarlet hue as the journey took Rev. Shauen Trump and his colleagues down out of the foothills of Tanzania's Mt. Meru. Behind them, Meru just touched the edge of Earth's star. Kili's colors deepened as the Western sky brightened and the shadow of



From Kili: Sunset Behind Mt. Meru

Meru climbed Africa's tallest peak. These two mountains, so close to each other, so similar, reflecting the same light, enhancing each other by their proximity, set the stage for the first part of fellowship talks between two church bodies – the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the Lutheran Church of East Africa (LCEA).

Rev. Dr. Collver, the LCMS Director for Church Relations, traveled to this part of Africa with Dr. Michael Rodewald, Regional Director for Africa, in response to a long-standing request from the LCEA for partnership and fellow-

ship. Fellowship between two church bodies is a recognition that they share the same interpretation of Scripture, the same understanding of

Who God has revealed Himself to be, and the same faith.

Warmly received by the LCEA, the LCMS representatives enjoyed visits to congregations,

times of discussion, meals together, and morning prayer every day. The very form of worship revealed

a common history with both the LCMS's and LCEA's liturgies based on the Saxon Liturgy carried around the world by the 19th century Mission Societies.

They shared

with each other about hopes, dreams, mission opportunities, and challenges in each of their contexts. This "get-to-know-each-other" visit was a resounding success. The next visit will come in February. Praise the Lord for bringing His church together!



LCMS and LCEA talks in Moshi, TZ

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Prayer Requests

- For our home-service (Oct-Dec) preparations and flights
- For our family as we adjust to jet-lag and life on the road
- For the work of the Lutheran Church in East Africa

In Praise

- For Dr. Collver's successful first visit to the LCEA in Tanzania
- For the majesty of Mt. Kilimanjaro
- For the hosts and congregations who generously provide lodging, meals, and transportation for us on home-service

African Cake for Honorable Guests

As guests of the Lutheran Church in East Africa (LCEA), Dr. Collver, Dr. Rodewald, and Rev. Shauen Trump were treated to a local tradition. The "African Cake," they were told, is reserved for "honorable guests."



African Cake: Whole Roasted Goat

After lunch, the lace-covered African Cake was wheeled into the sitting room on a stand designed for the purpose. After some words about the occasion, it was revealed: a whole roasted goat, presented to the President of the LCMS through his representative, Dr. Collver. Some hints from the LCEA led to Dr. Collver's announced that

the cake would not manage the long journey well and must be eaten by those present instead of being packed for delivery to the LCMS President in St. Louis.

The ceremonial first bites of cake are fed to each other: the LCEA's Bishop Jesse Angowi fed Shauen, Shauen fed Dr. Rodewald, and Dr. Rodewald fed Dr. Collver. After carving, heaping plates of the choicest cuts were presented to the LCMS representatives with the plentiful balance of the goat meat shared among all present. Shauen reports it to be the best African cake he's had!



Bishop Angowi Feeds Shauen

Anticipated Drive During Home Service

