



FIELD NOTES



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Photos in Focus

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Meet Britt Anderson

It happens every time. Out of the blue, just weeks before the once-a-year Missionary Orientation, someone hears about a perfect opportunity or writes to the LCMS offering their expertise and it just perfectly fits a need on the field. A flurry of activity follows: finalizing the position description with the national church partner, applications, interviews, screenings, and finally, getting the new recruit to missionary orientation!

Last year, shortly before missionary orientation, Britt Anderson contacted Shauen through a mutual friend and expressed an interest in serving in Kenya. A specialist in preschool education and interested particularly in Kenya, Britt was a perfect fit for several opportunities with our partner church in Kenya, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. The flurry of activity commenced and we got her to Missionary Orientation on time!

Britt arrived in Kenya in January,

tagged along with our family for a while as a time of orientation, spent an intensive three weeks at language school, and by the end of February was introduced to several of the church leaders here and to the Nairobi campus of the Mombasa-based Karama School, at Springs of Life Lutheran



Britt Visits with Bishop Kea

Church in Kibera. This school is just emerging from a near-collapse that almost shut it down. As it begins to rebrand, market itself in the community, and re-establish its student body, faculty, and staff, the administration is eager for assistance – a perfect fit for Britt's



Britt Meets A Teacher at Karama

hard-won experience and expertise as a Preschool Director.

Britt Anderson has committed to serve in Kenya for at least two years. Read more about Britt and what

God is doing through her hands at <http://www.lcms.org/britt.anderson> Please pray for Britt, the Karama School – Kibera, and the children whose lives are touched by Britt every day.

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Prayer Requests

- For Britt Anderson as she begins work in Kenya
- For preservation of people and property during the rainy season and its constant floods
- For all our Kenya missionaries as they study Swahili

In Praise

- For peace during the national elections in Kenya
- For safety for our LCMS staff and personnel during the elections
- For opportunities to continue Swahili work during our precautionary evacuation
- For Delano and Linda Meyer

Agricultural Missionaries in Kenya

When agricultural missionaries Delano and Linda Meyer were asked to return to Kenya they jumped at the opportunity. This is the third time the Trump Family has been privileged to host them on the East Africa Field – first in Uganda in Jan. 2010, then in Tanzania and Kenya in Jan. 2011 (see archived Field Notes from those months for more about those trips), and now once again in Kenya in 2013. They've already been invited to return to East Africa to continue the program of stewardship teaching.



Delano Meyer Teaches on Plants

The Meyers farmed for decades in the United States before "retiring" to West Africa where they honed a 2-day program of agricultural instruction. The program is free to any farmer interested in participating and draws men and women, young and old. Through intuitive

instruction on soil conservation, nitrogen fixation, and small business management, the Meyers present a message infused with Stewardship principles, Law and Gospel proclamation, marital fidelity, and the Two Kingdoms.

The Meyers begin every topic with questions building on what they've already observed about the climate

and farming techniques in the area. Group discussions lead to ownership of the solutions to new problems the elders didn't face. The compelling and

interactive opportunity to share and learn together allows local small-scale farmers to improve the health of their land and their quality of life, all while hearing the Gospel message again and again. Praise the Lord for His good work through His servants Delano and Linda Meyer!

Peaceful Handing Over of Power in Kenya

Yesterday, April 9th, President Uhuru Kenyatta was peacefully inaugurated as the fourth president of the Republic of Kenya. This brings months of tension and anxiety to a close here in Kenya. The previous national election cycle in 2007 was marred by hundreds of deaths and thousands of internally displaced people as rioting and violence erupted. The potential for similar violence loomed during every phase of this election from the primaries to the inauguration. Thankfully, though, this election cycle was largely peaceful in comparison.

Our LCMS personnel evacuated

Kenya as a precaution during the vote and avoided areas of potential conflict as the result was subsequently challenged in Kenya's High Court.

Yesterday, a peaceful inauguration brought a conclusion to the election cycle and established new leadership under a new constitution for the nation. The peaceful handing over of power was met with relief our LCMS Field Office and throughout Kenya.

Praise the Lord for these peaceful elections and pray with us for all leaders in Kenya, the USA, and around the world.