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Student Spotlight

This month we are pleased to introduce our most senior student, Pait Kafinga from Zambia. He became Lutheran when a Lutheran missionary came to his village and proclaimed the Gospel. Earlier in his life, Pait suffered hearing loss due to abuse by military officials, but his desire to be a deliverer of the Good News was not deterred. To his great joy, Pait received hearing aids from a LIA supporter, and he testifies that being able to hear properly has truly lifted his spirits and made his life easier.

understand the Bible. Now I know how to write a program for teaching; where to start and where to end. I know the preparation and time it will take. I have gained knowledge of so many things that I never knew before. The teaching of Reverend May is perfectly understandable. It is better I go to my home and teach all this, and in January I will come again and add more. I am so happy."

Pait's interview is found here:
<https://youtu.be/f9hfraaQb2M>



Pait had originally planned to begin his theological studies at the Lutheran School of Theology in 2015, but his coming was delayed due to his brother's serious illness. His hope for attending the school came true in the beginning of 2020. This is what Pait has to say about his time at the LST:

"I did not have a proper understanding of the Catechism and, therefore, was not able to teach it to others. Then I came to the Lutheran School of Theology and have come to know Catechism and



Who Is in Charge at the LST

In our previous newsletter we mentioned that we have temporarily moved to Canada where Pastor May is serving as a visiting lecturer at the Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines for the fall semester. In addition, Pastor May has begun his doctoral studies. This may have brought up a question in your mind, "Who is watching over the LST in Kenya during this time?"



The school is in the steady hands of our site manager, Alexander. He has been on the Lutherans in Africa team since last November when he had just graduated with a degree in agriculture and business. Alexander is driven to help the school attain its goal of self sustainability. His resolute but humble way of leading the LST staff towards that goal has brought the LST's productivity up by noticeable degrees.

Alexander keeps precise records of the LST's products, purchases, and sales. As an example, his report for the month of August reveals a production of 703 eggs from 33 hens. 630 eggs were sold along with some turkeys and \$150 was raised to cover the

cost of feed. The LST staff has also found some customers interested in buying cabbages, carrots, and roosters. Among other vegetables, more than 330 pounds of beans were harvested, cleaned, and stored for use when classes resume.

Not only is Alexander pushing the sale of produce, but he is also finding ways to make use of things that other people might consider waste. Egg shells are crushed and used to provide calcium supplement to chickens. Nitrogen rich chicken fertilizer is good for the garden when dried and mixed with cow manure.

Alexander has also directed use of other "riches" that are found at the site. The dam in our seasonal river enabled water preservation far into dry season. It was used mainly to provide drinking water to the neighbors' cattle. The small volume of remaining water was drained and utilized for irrigation. From dry river bank two hundred wheelbarrows of fertile silt was collected. This soil will further enhance the quality of our garden. The dam is now waiting to be filled up during next rainy season.

These are some examples of how, by the grace of God, the LST is becoming self-sustaining. One step at a time, all working together. In Alexander we have found a trustworthy manager, and we thank the Lord for leading this God-fearing man to bless the work of the Lutherans in Africa.

Read more about our other students and the work of the Lutherans in Africa in our next letter! We continue to thank our Heavenly Father for your support and the wonderful things that are accomplished as the workers and the work of LIA are carried along through your prayers, encouragement, and gifts. May God bless you!

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