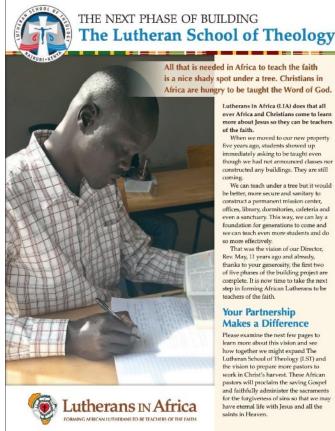


Lutherans in Africa

FORMING AFRICAN LUTHERANS TO BE TEACHERS OF THE FAITH

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The Wheels Keep on Turning



All that is needed in Africa to teach the faith is a nice shady spot under a tree. Christians in Africa are hungry to be taught the Word of God.

Lutherans in Africa (LIA) does that all over Africa and Christians come to learn more about Jesus so they can be teachers of the faith.

When we moved to our new pro-five years ago, students showed up nediately asking to be taught even though we had not announced classes nor tructed any buildings. They are still

We can teach under a tree but it would be better, more secure and sanitary to construct a permanent mission center, offices, library, dormitories, cafeteria and even a sanctuary. This way, we can lay a foundation for generations to come and we can teach even more students and do so more effectively. That was the vision of our Director,

Rev. May, 11 years ago and already, thanks to your generosity, the first two of five phases of the building project are complete. It is now time to take the next step in forming African Lutherans to be teachers of the faith.

Your Partnership Makes a Difference

Please examine the next few pages to learn more about this vision and see how together we might expand The Lutheran School of Theology (LST) and the vision to prepare more pastors to work in Christ's harvest. These African and faithfully administer the sacraments for the forgiveness of sins so that we may have eternal life with Jesus and all the saints in Heaven.

continue trickling in. Both these buildings will enhance the standard of living, not only for the students but also for the LST staff and visitors who will be sharing meals prepared in a more hygienic setting.

While Pastor May was in Texas, he was looking into the cafeteria and dormitory plans with the LST architect, Jason Stephens. Some changes and additions were made to the drawings that Jason had volunteered to finish up. Jason is a busy man dealing with the demands of his own business. We thank God for the time and talents he is willing to put in use for the development of the Lutheran School of Theology! Those drawings were then sent to Kenya, and a local architect submitted them to the government's housing department. We just received the good news that the building permits have been obtained and the construction can commence! Getting things approved is never as easy of a process as one would hope but it all seems to be working according to the time frame that God has given us.

The Building Project Phase 3

The Lutheran School of Theology continues to flourish under the never failing care of our gracious Lord. "How," you might ask, "because Covid has caused terrible difficulties and the classes are not even in session at the moment?" It is true that our greatest desire and purpose is to train pastors. This world wide Covid mess that hinders the studies grieves us. Yet, the wheels have not stopped. God has not quit providing for us. While the classes have been on break, the donations from you, dear supporters, have not dried up. The funds needed for building the student dormitories and the cafeteria



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Openings to visit new congregations

Since the May family's travel ban to Kenya in January, we have had a few opportunities to visit congregations in America and share what is happening with Lutherans in Africa. In Texas we enjoyed seeing old and new friends and were touched by the eager welcome and enthusiasm that people voiced out in response to Pastor May's mission presentations. Later on, here in Minnesota, we have been received to the family of Prince of Peace LCMS in Baxter. Pastor May has been invited to preach, hold the mission presentation, and cover the adult Bible study while we are here. Sarai and Sofia offered to teach Sunday school for children and it looks like both the teachers and the students wholeheartedly cherish this opportunity -in adults and children's Sunday schools.

The knowledge of the LIA and the LST spreads far and wide especially due to the efforts of our Director of Development, Pastor Tim Rossow. He spends a big chunk of his time traveling to congregations telling about the work in the mission field and raising funds. The LST's building project would not be this far without Pastor Rossow's work.

In this letter we want to share with you our new brochure that Pastor Rossow put together with a talented graphic designer, Anna Piro. In addition to highlighting the building project, the brochure lays out the vision and mission of the Lutherans in Africa and how the Lutheran School of Theology is operating to fulfill that purpose.

Our Director of Development writes, "..we are giving you a chance to see where we have been and asking you to continue your partnership in the Gospel as we realize our plans for *forming African Lutherans to be teachers of the faith*. ..The brochure highlights what we have already built and our next steps. ..we are hoping to raise \$100,000 over and above our regular gifts by the end of this year to fund this next phase."

Please take this opportunity to read through the <u>brochure</u> on our website <u>https://lutheransinafrica.com/lst</u>. You are welcome to download it and share it with others. If you desire to

support the building project specifically, please indicate this by noting "building project" on your check or on the online form. Your gifts and prayers for this third phase of development of the LST are received with thanksgiving!

Support the work of Lutherans in Africa

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