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Revamping after Covid-19



Teaching Seminars

The Lutheran School of Theology is eagerly anticipating the reopening of classes. However, due to many teaching requests from outside of school and attempts to fix as smooth schedule as possible, a collective decision was made to organize smaller teaching seminars now and to open the pastoral classes for the fall term. This way we take into consideration the logistics of bringing students back from their countries and providing them with a longer continuity in teaching. Also, three of the May children are relocating to or within America and need the family's help in moving and getting settled. We are thankful to be able to cover our own family and the LST family's needs, in addition to the needs of people around us who want to learn about Lutheran doctrine and faith.

To assist with the seminars God has blessed us with wonderful helpers. We have three of our students here. Gabriel is doubling as a day guard and translator for Maasais, Adelino is hired to cover some overseeing, and in addition to that, he and Anjelo are helping with the construction. But above these tasks the men are getting in their vicarage practice. They take turns preaching, acting as lectors, and helping in evangelism efforts outside the LST. Our carpenter pastor David has been serving in church and guiding the vicars as well. All these men have been such a blessing to all, but especially to Pastor May while he has been occupied with his Ph.D. work.



Vicar Gabriel and our young sons accompanied Pastor May to Naudot village for a two day teaching trip. Since our night guard brothers, Abraham and Daniel, are from Naudot, Abraham treated them as his guests. This was Pastor May's third time visiting Naudot but the first overnight trip. He began teaching on Sunday of the Holy Trinity and continued with another session on Monday. In addition to the teaching sessions, the discussions about starting a Lutheran church in Naudot

continued. The elders of the village said that they will meet and choose two or three men for studies at the Lutheran School of Theology, since there are no Lutheran pastors in their area. We rejoice if God leads these pastoral students to LST already this fall! The plan is to invite them to the school for one of the smaller seminars in July as a teaser of sorts :)



The teaching theme in Naudot was the life giving baptism with water and spirit and how that connects with the creation of Adam and Eve. God created Adam from soil. However, he was not just soil, like Adam's name indicates, but God breathed the breath of life into him. Eve was not created out of soil but from man and for the man. How did that take place? In order to open Adam's side and take his rib, God put Adam into a deep sleep; it was like he was dead. From that state, God brought forth a living woman. And *"The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living."* Gen. 3:20

God put man and his wife in the garden to take care of it and to live forever. But death came after the fall. This was not the end, but God gave a promise that

woman's offspring will crush the devil (Gen. 3:15). Even though the sin of Adam and Eve brought death, God's promise to them brought life. God had brought life, Eve, out of Adam's lifeless body. He did the same, when Jesus was on the cross. After Jesus had died, his side was opened by a spear and water and blood gushed out. Life was created. Church, the bride of Christ, was created. Jesus took our death and gives us life in baptism. He is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). As God created life in Adam using soil and spirit, He creates life in us by water and spirit.



Today, Vicar Adelino and Pastor May are on their way to Kakuma and Kalobeyei refugee camps in Northwest Kenya. Requests to return to teach and baptize there have been frequent. Happily, they will be combining their efforts with another student of ours, Bravo Uwäär, who has faithfully been teaching in Päre Lutheran Church in Kakuma camp. Another joyous event during this visit will be the baptism of Vicar Adelino's twin daughters. You can expect to read more about this trip and all July's seminars in our next newsletter!

Buzzing Compound

The construction crew has arrived. The amount of people at the Lutheran School of Theology has doubled. Dry, red dust floats in the air as dozen shovels dig and throw soil into wheelbarrows, and backhoe pulls up more and more stones piling them up into great heaps. The landscape changes daily and everyone is excited to see the development. Please pray for safety for all workers, and that the

task of building the student dormitories and cafeteria would proceed smoothly in a candid and energetic manner.



LIA Mission Presentation, Part 4/6

In this presentation segment Pastor May talks about fast growing Islam in Africa, how Western culture is considered to equal Christianity, and reasons that have led to this misunderstanding.

25:04-30:59 Under Siege (Muslims and Americans):

<https://youtu.be/rOLXAZykpkg>

New Friends in Mission

The relationship between Lutherans in Africa and Canadian Lutherans began to bud in 2018 when Pastor May was invited to give a mission presentation in a congregation in Sarnia, Ontario. The news about LIA and the Lutheran School of Theology spread, and in 2019 we were blessed to have Dr. Harold Ristau from Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario to come and teach a course to the LST students. The

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relationship deepened and lead to the May family's temporary move to Canada and Pastor May teaching at the St. Catharines' seminary for the fall of 2020. During that time he and the family visited congregations and homes of the Canadian Lutherans and the mission of the Lutherans in Africa became better known. People deemed this mission a worthy cause and started to look into ways to support it.

We are excited to announce that Canadian Lutherans can now financially support LIA through a Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) registered charity! Concordia Lutheran Mission Society (CLMS), which holds auxiliary organization status with Lutheran Church–Canada, has signed an agency agreement with LIA to ensure that donations are appropriately directed and used in-line with CRA requirements. We thank the Lord for CLMS' willingness to provide a channel for Canadians to support LIA in spreading the Gospel.



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