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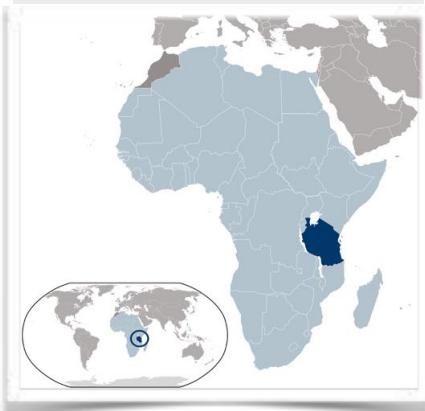
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The Consecration of Five New Bishops for the LCEA

New Servants of the Church

St. Paul once instructed Titus to “put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town.” (Titus 1:5) I was reminded of that scripture passage on Palm Sunday 2019 when the Lutheran Church of East Africa did a little putting of its own house in order by consecrating five new bishops to oversee the church. As the church’s archbishop advances in years and the church continues to grow, these new servants will work to ensure that God’s people are cared for in an orderly way. Pastors, laymen, and guests like me all drove many hours to the mountainside town of Babati, Tanzania where the consecration took place, and the long weekend was a great time for fellowship and the chance for pastors who had not been together for a long time to catch up with one another. Please pray for Bishops Lyimo, Ulotu, Benedict, Masawe, and Ananda as they begin their new roles of service in the church.



Our Family

Anita and I were married on August 16, 1997 and have been blessed with nine children.

Back Row, Left to Right:

- Emil (10.29.99), currently studying at Concordia University, Chicago
- Eleanor (1.10.02)
- Jonathan (8.20.75)
- Anita (12.9.74)
- Ernest (7.16.04)
- Eunice (6.1.06)
- Ethan (5.8.08)

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- Eric (12.16.09)
- Eileen (8.21.11)
- Elijah (7.3.13)
- Emmanuel (3.6.15)

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There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at www.lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

Updates from the Clausing Household

After a week of Easter break the Clausing kids are back in regular classes today, and they are all eager to get through the home stretch and make it to summer vacation. Our oldest daughter Ellie will take the SAT this Saturday as she begins thinking about college for the fall of 2020, and our son Emil is applying for summer jobs in the U.S. this year that will hopefully also allow him two weeks to visit us here in Tanzania. The LCMS helped us sell our old van in Kenya, and now we are enjoying an 11-seat 4WD Land Cruiser than can get us to church in Tanzania even during the current rainy season.

Finally, only three weeks of classes remain at St. Peter seminary, followed by final exams and a pastors' conference to which the students are also invited. It promises to be a busy month!

The risen Christ be with you, and thank you for your support!



Just this morning Tuomo Simojoki, Matt Heise, and George Ondieki of Lutheran Heritage Foundation delivered 600 Swahili copies of the small catechism and God's No and God's Yes to Tanzania.