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MUGYEBALE

I am working hard to learn the local language, Lusoga. I take lessons from a language tutor, and my students and the people in the community continue to help me practice using the language.

One phrase that is used frequently in greetings is *Mugyebale* which means, "Thank you for what you are doing." I like how it acknowledges all the various ways that people are serving and contributing to society.

I would also like to say to you, *Mugyebale*.

Thank you all for the various ways you share the love of Christ in your homes and communities. Thank you especially for what you are doing to share the love of Christ with me and the people here in Uganda.



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So [the women] departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" and they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Matthew 28:8-9

Easter Celebrations with the Family of God



Rev. Charles Bameka serving communion on Easter Sunday

*Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

In Uganda, Easter is a special holiday for families. Many people travel to their home villages to celebrate. Often, they enjoy a special meal, and it may be one of the few times during the year when they get to eat meat.

The family of God also gathers together at Easter to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, who makes us one. This year, I was thankful for the opportunity to join our brothers and sisters in Christ in the villages of Nakabango and Bufuula for Easter worship and to partake of the special meal of the Lord's Supper.

The congregation in the village of Nakabango now has two services each Sunday, one in English and one in Lusoga, to meet the varying needs of the community and the boarding students who attend the school. It was a blessing to worship with this congregation that I

got to know during my homestay in Nakabango last month, and to sing some familiar Easter hymns in English.

The village of Bufuula, where I am serving, is next to Nakabango. After the English service in Nakabango, I was thankful to also celebrate Christ's resurrection with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Bufuula, using the local language which I am learning.

The Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Uganda, Rev. Charles Bameka preached at both services, reminding us of the sure hope and confidence we have because of Christ's resurrection.

Rev. Bameka also brought these congregations the Lord's Supper, which the members greatly appreciate whenever an ordained pastor comes. As we communed together, I rejoiced in Christ's presence with us, and the way He unites us as His family with His body and blood, here in Uganda and around the world.

The Church Goes Out



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ
- Continued progress in Lusoga language study
- Health and safety during the rainy season
- Primary school students as they take final exams and complete the first term of the school year at the end of April.
- Continued opportunities to build relationships with God's people here in Uganda

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The confident hope we have because of Jesus' resurrection
- Helping me to become more settled in my own home in Jinja
- The many congregations, schools, and individuals who pray for me, encourage me, and support me



Seminararian Torry Bosco shares the Gospel at Hope Lutheran Church in Bufuula on Palm Sunday

The Lutheran Church of Uganda is active in ministry in their communities through evangelism and outreach, as well as through the support of their own members.

On Palm Sunday, it was a joy to walk with the congregation of Hope Lutheran in Bufuula as they shared the love of Jesus in the community.

SUPPORTING THE CHURCH

Recently, two members of the congregation in Bufuula lost loved ones. Following the worship service on Palm Sunday, the congregation walked

together to each of these women's homes to offer support and share the comfort we know in Christ.

As we gathered outside the homes, we sang hymns and prayed for the women. Torry, the seminarian and evangelist serving the congregation of Bufuula, shared short devotions based on Philippians 1:21 and Psalm 23, comforting the women with the Lord's promises. It was such a blessing to see the congregation come together and support one another in this way.

REACHING OUT

After visiting the two women, we began to walk back towards the main road, but we were caught in a rainstorm. Thankfully, a neighboring school family welcomed us into the shelter of their home. As we sat and conversed with the family for more than an hour, we thanked God for the opportunity to build a relationship with this family, who are not members of the Lutheran church.

I thank God for the ways He is working through His people in Bufuula and throughout the Lutheran Church of Uganda. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to build up the fellowship of believers and embolden His people for witness so more people may hear God's Word and come to saving faith.



Rainy Days; Reason for Praise

Rainy days can pose many challenges, especially as the roads in Bufuula quickly turn to mud. However, as the rain causes us to pause and wait or walk together through the mud, I thank God for the opportunities to build relationships and reach out to the community.



*Humbly in the Lord's service,
-Rachel Meyer*



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