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**Missionary Meyer in Uganda**



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### IN THE KITCHEN

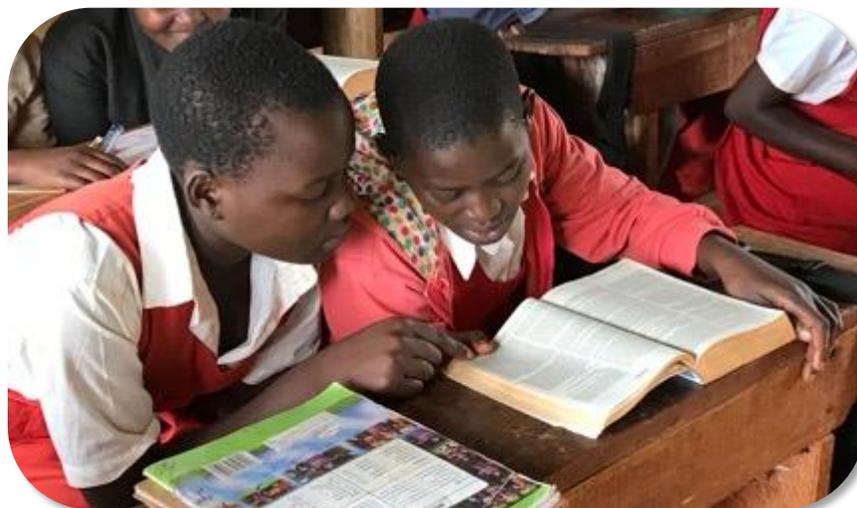
Growing up in a family of church workers, the church kitchen is a very familiar place to me. So, when the women's group from the Lutheran church in Nakabango invited me to help them cater a meal for a school building dedication this month, I felt right at home. Of course, here the kitchen is outside, and I can't say that I've ever cooked 100 pounds of rice over an open fire before. But, it was a joy to serve with these hard-working women, and an excellent opportunity for me to practice conversing in Lusoga!



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*But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.  
Psalm 1:2*

## The Treasure of God's Word



Recently, the P5 students and I studied the passage in John 11 when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. I wish I could have captured the look of pure amazement on one student's face when Jesus called for Lazarus to come out of the tomb, and Lazarus walked out alive. For this child, at that moment, God's power over death was no longer just a word or concept he had memorized. As God's Word was shared, this child was standing in awe of God and His power to save.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to share God's Word with the P5, P6, and P7 students at Hope Lutheran School in Bufuula. While the students are familiar with some Bible stories and concepts, they have not had much opportunity to read the complete passages for themselves in a Bible. We are thankful that we are able to use the congregation's Bibles during our Christian Religious Education classes during the school week. In a culture and community where books are not easily available, the students seem eager to open this Book and read God's Word. At times, they can even be seen picking up a Bible to read during break times.

The students are enjoying singing songs to help them memorize the books of the Bible. As they learn to locate the passages in the Bible, they are learning how the stories they have heard fit together chronologically. In addition, we have been able to look at how God's promises and prophecies from the Old Testament are fulfilled in Jesus in the New Testament.

They are also committing some verses to memory. Students in Uganda are well-practiced in the skill of memorization, and the P7 students have impressed me more than once by committing a verse to memory overnight, while still retaining it weeks later.

Please continue to pray for God to work mightily through His Word in the lives of these students. Pray that as they study the scriptures, the Holy Spirit will help them grow in faith and understanding. Pray that as they hide God's Word in their hearts, they may be able to stand firm against the temptations of the devil and be equipped to share the Word with others, as well

# Encouraging the Church

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ*
- *God to use me as a vessel to share His love and grace with the students*
- *Continued progress in Lusoga language study and use*
- *The students and faculty of the seminary as they prepare for a new academic year*

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *God's Word and opportunities to study it*
- *Safety in travels*
- *The many congregations, schools, and individuals who pray for me, encourage me, and support me*

## YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS.

- *I regularly pray for the individuals and congregations who support me by name. Please share any specific prayers I can bring before the Lord for you.*



*The first class of vicars from the LTCU*

*It is a blessing to serve alongside the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU). I am always thankful for opportunities to encourage them in ministry and celebrate the way God is working in and through them*

## VICAR COMMISSIONING

The Lutheran Theological College Uganda (LTCU) just completed its second academic year. On June 10, the LCU celebrated the commissioning of 19 students from the seminary as vicars. These students have completed two years of study at the seminary and will now spend the next year serving as vicars at their home congregations. Please keep these men in your prayers as they apply what they have learned to help share God's Word with their communities.

## ENCOURAGING LEADERSHIP

I live and serve in the Eastern region of Uganda and during my first few months here, I have had the opportunity to visit several congregations and schools in this region. In June I had the opportunity to also visit the Southwestern, Mid-Western, and Central regions and get a glimpse of the way God is working in and through the LCU throughout different parts of Uganda.

I traveled with the seminary principal Rev. Dr. Enoch Macben, the dean of the Midwestern deanery Rev. Raymond Kaija, and LCMS missionary DCE Megan Mantey,\* who serves as an instructor at the seminary. Together, these representatives from the seminary shared with congregational leaders about current and prospective students, the ministry needs of the seminary, and also encouraged the regional leaders.

As I first met the pastors and congregational leadership from these regions, it was a time of mutual encouragement in ministry. Please join me in praying for all of the leaders God is raising up in the LCU, that God may equip, encourage, and strengthen them in service.

*\*To learn more about God's work through the hands of Megan Mantey, please visit [www.lcms.org/mantey](http://www.lcms.org/mantey).*



Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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



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