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TRANSPORTATION

Many of you have asked about how I get to and from school each day. I utilize public transportation for my daily commute. Depending on the day's schedule and weather, that involves a combination of walking, riding in a 14-passenger van (referred to as a taxi), and riding on boda-bodas (as pictured above).



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Be very careful, then how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15-16

Ministry Moments



A group of students remains after school is dismissed, anxious to ask questions about the Bible stories on the church's posters.

- ❖ *The bell rings to signal the release of classes for morning break, and soon I am surrounded by dozens of tiny nursery school faces, anxious to sing a song and hear a Bible story.*
- ❖ *As classes are released for lunch, a P3 student comes to find me, requesting, "We want to hear about Jesus." Soon, a group of 20 students or more, ranging from P1-P7 have gathered to participate in the Bible story while they wait for their turn to get lunch.*

While unplanned, moments like these are becoming almost regular as I serve each day at Hope Lutheran School in Bufuula. I am very thankful for the scheduled opportunities to share God's Word with the P5-P7 students during class times. But, I am also thankful that I can be present at school throughout the day and interact with all of the students, for ministry often happens in the unplanned moments and "in-between" times.

Sometimes God fills those moments with opportunities for relationship building as the students and I play games together, sing songs, talk about the day, or they help me practice Lusoga.

Other times, God provides a more direct opportunity for sharing the Gospel, such as the other day when a Muslim student opened a discussion with me about the differences between Christianity and Islam.

Break times have become one of my favorite parts of the school day as I look forward to seeing what ministry moments God has in store. He continues to show me that my time is in His hands, and that He has a plan even when I do not.

Please join me in praying for God to continue to guide and direct these moments, that in every opportunity, these students may see Jesus.

Building Partnerships

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ
- Opportunities to share the Gospel, both in and out of class time
- The students and teachers as we complete the second term of school on August 17
- Continued progress in Lusoga language study and use

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Parents and teachers who are supporting the education of the students
- The ordination of Rev. Michael Waiswa, now making 21 ordained pastors serving in the LCU
- 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.



I am thankful to serve alongside the other 11 teachers at Hope Lutheran School, Bufuula

PARENT VISITATION DAY

In the world of education, partnerships between parents and teachers are vitally important in supporting the learning and growth of the students.

As we reached the midpoint of the academic year in July, Hope Lutheran School in Bufuula hosted a Parent Visitation Day. Students were excited to introduce their parents to their teachers, show the parents their classrooms, and thank them for supporting their education.

Teachers met with parents and students to discuss individual student progress and to collaborate on ways to help the students continue to improve.

May God continue to bless these partnerships as together we help the students to grow in faith and knowledge.

MEET THE TEACHERS OF HOPE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

- The teachers are certified through Ugandan teacher preparation programs.
- New teachers work alongside teachers who have nearly ten years of experience.
- Most of the teachers are from Bufuula and the surrounding villages, while some are from other regions of Uganda.
- Teaching duties are departmentalized throughout the grade levels, thus requiring collaboration among the teachers.
- Some of the teachers are Lutheran, and others belong to other Christian churches. All teachers are encouraged to worship at Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday mornings.

Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 5:20

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



A gomasi is the traditional dress for women in Uganda



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