

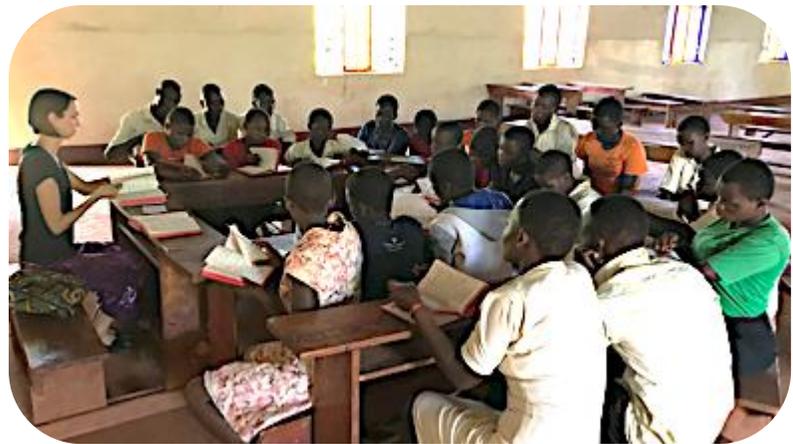


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*He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord. ~Psalm 40:3*

Singing the Faith



Students from Nakabango Lutheran Secondary School learning to sing liturgy and hymns from The Lutheran Hymnal.

As I listened to the sermon at church recently, my ears were simultaneously drawn to the voice of a young child sitting with her friends just outside the church door. Throughout the entire length of the sermon, this three-year-old sang, on repeat, the phrases she could remember of a hymn we had sung earlier in the service. Even at this young age, the truth of God's Word was becoming embedded in her mind and heart, thanks to the gift of music.

The Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) recognizes the gift we have in the liturgy and hymnody of the Lutheran Church. Not only do these scriptures and truths set to music encourage joyful praise of God, but they play an important role in passing on the faith, especially in a culture rich in oral tradition.

As the LCU works to raise up the next generation of leaders in the church, they have asked me to help teach the music of the church to students at Nakabango Lutheran Secondary School. On Wednesdays after school, the pastor at the school and I work with a group of interested students to teach them the liturgy and hymns corresponding to the

church year. As we discuss the texts of the music, the students learn about the good news of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I am also teaching the students to read music notation to further equip them to learn and share the music with others.

Just as with the young child I heard on Sunday, these students carry the music with them beyond the walls of the church. I often hear the students singing strains of the hymns from the dormitories or classrooms between classes.

During Sunday morning worship services and weekly chapel, these students serve as important leaders to teach the rest of the students and congregation the hymns and liturgy. When the students return to their own communities during breaks from school, they will also be able to pass on what they have learned to their home congregations.

Please join me in thanking God for the gift of music. May He continue to work through the music of the church to help His children hide God's Word in their hearts and to pass on the faith.



We praise God for the ordination of four more pastors in the LCU in July! Please pray for God to work through these men and all the pastors in the LCU to bring the saving Word of God to His people.



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Learning in the Classroom

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ*
- *Health and safety*
- *Students and teachers as we prepare to finish the second term of school*
- *Continued progress in Lusoga language study and use*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *The gift of music in the church*
- *The 30 ordained pastors now serving in the Lutheran Church of Uganda*
- *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.*

This month, I offer you a glimpse into the classrooms at Hope Lutheran School in Bufuula so you can see some of the ways students learn.



▲ Teachers provide instruction to a class of students, encouraging student participation through activities such as reading, recitation, question and answer, and songs.



▲ Students copy the lesson notes and assignments from the chalkboard into their notebooks. These serve as the students' textbooks.



◀ Young students take turns leading the rest of the class in reviewing a lesson. The class echoes as the student leader reads from the chart.



▲ Young students use found objects, such as sticks, to help them practice math facts.

Students ▶ gather in student-led small groups for extra practice and preparation for exams.



*Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my
salvation; for you I wait all the day long. Psalm 25:4-5*

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



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