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**Missionary Meyer in Uganda**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SNAPSHOTS



*Working with clay as we learn how God made us each special.*

*Acting out the story of Adam and Eve*



*We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. Psalm 78:4*

## Sunday School



*Sunday School Teacher Miriam (left) teaches about creation. Students of all ages enjoy coming to Sunday School.*

Raising up children in the faith is a high priority for the Lutheran Church of Uganda. One way they do this is through the ministry at the Lutheran schools. Another is through Sunday School.

Hope Lutheran Church in Bufuula began a Sunday School program this month to reach out to the many young children in the congregation and community. It is a blessing to walk alongside them as they begin this new ministry.

Parents in the congregation are thankful that their young children can learn God's message of salvation by grace through faith from an early age. This is an opportunity many of the adults in the Lutheran church did not have, as the Lutheran Church of Uganda is only about 25 years old. Now, while the parents are in Bible study with the vicar on Sunday morning, their children can also be studying God's Word in Sunday School in the room next door.

God is also working through the Sunday School ministry to share the Gospel with non-Christians and

unchurched families in the community. Some of the children who live nearby come to Sunday school, and even stay for the worship service afterward, without their parents. We pray that as the Holy Spirit works through the Word in the hearts of the children, He will also embolden them to witness to others.

This is in fact the story of one of our Sunday School teachers. Miriam did not grow up in a Christian family. However, she lived near the Lutheran church, and she started attending church and Sunday school when she was still young. It was there that she first learned about the love of Jesus and the salvation He won for her. Now she is helping to teach the next generation about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please keep the students and Sunday school teachers in your prayers. Pray that the Holy Spirit may work mightily through His Word to raise this next generation in the faith. Pray that they, too, may share the wonders God has done for generations to come.



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# Learning and Growing

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ*
- *The Sunday School ministry in Bufuula*
- *God's continued blessings on the ministry at Hope Lutheran School as we begin the third term*
- *Health and safety*
- *Continued progress in Lusoga language study and use*

## GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *The steadfastness of God's Word, which has continued on through generations.*
- *My numerous language and culture teachers who help me learn how to more effectively minister in this place*
- *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.*



*Bishop Bameka prays for a woman as she is confirmed.*

## LEARNING IN THE CHURCH

It is a blessing to serve alongside the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) and to see the way God is working through them to grow His kingdom. He has raised up pastors and lay leaders who faithfully preach His Word and train people up in the faith throughout the nearly 140 congregations of the LCU. While my primary place of service is in Bufuula, I always appreciate opportunities to visit and encourage other congregations, as well. This month I was able to worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the village of Ikumbya in the Eastern deanery. What a joy to celebrate the work of God in their lives as several children were baptized and three adults were confirmed that Sunday!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord,  
all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song  
and sing praises!

Psalm 98:4

## LEARNING THROUGH MUSIC

The second term of the school year ended on August 17. The students are on break until September 10 when we will resume classes for the third and final term of the school year.

While we are on a short break from school, my own cultural learning continues. In addition to Lusoga lessons, this month I also started learning how to play the traditional drums (*engoma*).

You can learn a lot about a culture through its music, especially in a place like Uganda which is so rich in musical tradition. Singing and dancing are part of the very rhythm of life, and every song has a story to tell.

Drums play an important role in the music throughout Uganda. They are not only used in traditional music, but they are also often used in church to accompany the hymns and offer praise to God. In this region, the drums are most often played in a set of three, as pictured below. I continue to thank God for the gift of music and an opportunity to learn about the culture in a special way.



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



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