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HOME SERVICE

In December and January, I will be coming to the States for what is called Home Service. This is a time for the missionary to reconnect with the congregations, schools, and individuals who so faithfully pray for and support the ministry here. I am looking forward to seeing you and sharing updates about the amazing ways God is working in Uganda.

I am working on finalizing the schedule now. If you are interested in having me visit, please let me know!



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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. -Romans 15:13

Hope in Christ



During the worship service on October 20, P7 students from Hope Lutheran School in Bufuula joined together with students from Christ Community Lutheran School in Kawete for a special time of prayer before their exams.

“Will I pass the PLE?” That has been the immediate hope on the minds of the P7 students for the past several months as they prepare to take their Primary Leaving Examination (PLE) on November 4-5. The results from this exam will determine their qualifications for continuing on to secondary school.

Continuing their education will be important as the students hope to become doctors, nurses, teachers, lawyers, and soldiers in the future.

As one of their teachers, I have been helping the students to prepare for this academic exam. However, as I share with them God’s Word, I am grateful for the opportunity to help the students come to know the even greater hope we have in Christ.

Recently, I asked these eight students to reflect upon what they had learned about God during our time together this past school year.

They readily shared that God is the one who has given them life and continues to protect and sustain them. They look to Him as the One who provides them with their daily needs, such as food, knowledge, and a good climate. They also know that our hope is found in Christ alone, as God the Father sent His only Son Jesus to save us from sin.

These students come from a variety of religious backgrounds, including some who are from Muslim families. God alone knows the hearts and futures of these students. However, it is my prayer that, even as the students move on from Hope Lutheran Primary School, God will continue to surround them with opportunities to hear His Word and be nurtured in faith.

Please join me in praying for these students, that the God of hope may fill them with His joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, they may abound in true hope in Christ.

The Lord is Near

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ*
- *Health and safety*
- *The P7 students as they take their exams and prepare for the next stages of life*
- *The teachers and other students at Hope Lutheran Church and School during the final month of the school year*
- *Continued progress in Lusoga language study and use*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *God's presence in our lives*
- *The hope we have in Christ*
- *The teachers at Hope Lutheran Church and School in Bufuula*
- *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.*



In the midst of a long and muddy rainy season, God's rainbows remind me, The Lord is near.

While I am always happy to share joyful updates in my newsletters of the ways God is working here, I am certain no one is surprised to know that life here, just as anywhere, also has its challenges. Yet, even in the midst of these challenges, God continues to work His blessings.

Recently during our Thursday afternoon teacher Bible study at Hope Lutheran Church and School, we were studying Philippians 4:4-9. The opening words of these verses call us to rejoice always, but this may sometimes seem impossible in the midst of life's challenges. Yet, as the teachers examined these verses, we found encouragement in God's promises to hear our prayers

and guard us with His peace. At the end of the study, one of the teachers summarized her new-found hope in the midst of challenges by saying, “*The Lord is near*” (Philippians 4:5b).

It certainly made me rejoice to see the way God worked through His Word to bring this fellow sister in Christ hope in His presence. I thank God for the multitude of ways He continues to also bring me daily reminders of His love.

When the Holy Spirit brings to mind a passage of scripture at just the right time, I thank God that *The Lord is near*.

When my students pray, “Thank you God for sending Jesus to be our Savior,” I pray, “Thank you, God, *The Lord is near*.”

When friends, family and supporters let me know they are praying for me and the ministry here, God whispers, *The Lord is near*.

When I partake of the Lord’s Supper with brothers and sisters in Christ, God reminds me, *The Lord is near*.

May you also rejoice in the Lord as He daily reminds you *The Lord is near*.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
Philippians 4:4-5

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

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