

Hello dear friends!

We can always talk about the weather. It's been cool and dry. Some of the shrubs in our yard are turning brown. I wear my corduroy jacket many mornings.

We sent out a 4-page letter recently. It should have arrived in an airmail envelope. It was more of a personal letter on "life" than a newsletter. If you didn't get one but would like to read it, just hit reply and I'll send it your way.

Last month I sent out a request for a used GPS unit and I received several super responses so I was able to get one for me and one for my co-worker, Shauen. Thank you and consider the need filled!

Many of you know that the LCMU has very few ordained and seminary-trained pastors—ONE to be exact! But that number is growing. Please pray for Jerome, Samuel, and Aaron. These men finished their seminary education in South Africa last year and are now finishing their vicarages this month. They will all be ordained on August 2 here in Kampala. Each of the men are married so please pray for their families as well. Their wives (and their congregations) will learn together (From scratch! Is that an advantage or a disadvantage?) what it means to be a "Lutheran pastor's wife". I think the women will need A LOT of support and right now there's no mechanism to deliver that. I'd love to gather them 2-3 times per year in a retreat setting. Please be in touch if your LWML, Ladies Aid, Women's Circle, etc. is interested in helping to make this happen. A very rough budget would be \$550 for one session (food, transport and accommodation for 4 PW's and facilitators for 2 nights). You could also be involved by sending women's devotional bibles, handmade encouragements, etc. Wouldn't it be great to launch these women into ministry as a pastor's wife from a strong foundation? May they be a wonderful compliment to their husband's calling and service.

My work still involves heavy-duty teaching for 22 men twice a month here in Kampala as well as frequent trips in every direction to visit and

encourage congregations. One such trip was 900 km on rough roads over 4 days/3 nights in 2 vehicles with at times 12 men to distribute 500 catechisms in the Runyankore language. Thanks to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) for sponsoring the translation and printing! You can see pics [here](#). Notice they're even Geotagged thanks to that GPS unit!

Some of the best news I'm saving for last...do you remember Kevin? We went to Fort Portal some time back to help him burn his father's fetishes. Well...he and his daughter Immaculate were baptized on July 5th! Keep praying for his wife. She's a Muslim but getting closer to the Kingdom every day. Glory be to God!

Heartiest thanks for everything you do that keeps us here and allows us to serve as your missionaries.

In Jesus, Jake