THE NEWSLETTER OF SHAUEN & KRISTA TRUMP

FIELD NOTES

writing to you from Kampala, Uganda

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FACTS IN FOCUS

Distribution of 500 Runyankore Catechisms to 10 congregations in Western Uganda

TEE—Theological Education by Extension

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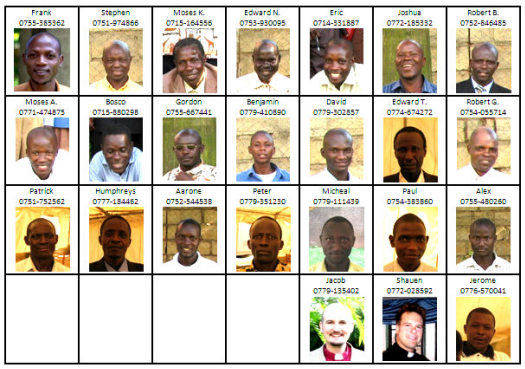
Attentive TEE Students



Our Picture Roster—21 Men & 3 Facilitators

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It's been a learning experience for both students and teachers this first term. The general schedule has finally settled down and now includes a few features that appear every week—like the exam on last weekend's topic, a devotion led by one of the students, a time of sharing for the students to share any interesting news, events, or prayer needs that may have come up since last class, a time where questions from the students on any topics at all are answered, and an evening movie on Friday night, like "Luther" or a movie about Old or New Testament people and events. We also ironed out the stipend system used to provide transportation to get the students to the class and provide them one night's lodging and a few meals.

So with a smoothly running system in place and a foundation upon which to build, all of us—students and teachers alike—are looking forward to the next term. This new term will cover topics like an overview of Christianity from the Lutheran perspective, stewardship, world religions, other Christian denominations, the tension between Law and Gospel, the African Roots of Christianity, how to respond to traditional African religion, responding to Pentecostalism, and a servant event. It's going to be a great new term! Please pray with us for these dedicated men and the amazing work God does through them every day.

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Prayer Requests

- For Krista's sister as she prepares for her Aug wedding
- For health and safety during our trip to the States for the wedding and our return to Uganda Aug 22nd
- For our TEE students as they travel on Uganda's notoriously unsafe roads

In Praise

- For Krista's health thus far and that she remain healthy as she adjusts to pregnancy & for Baby Trump due around Christmas!
- For the dedication and safety of our short-term volunteers, Alec, Liz, and Christine, as they wind down the summer
- For safe travels in distributing 500 Runyankore catechisms to 10 congregations over a distance of 900 km

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Have You Shifted Yet?

This is the question we've been fielding for the last month. And finally, the answer is now "Yes." In Ugandan English, "to move" is simply to go somewhere. To indicate you will take a short trip to Lira in the north of Uganda, you would say "I will be moving to Lira this weekend." So Ugandans have to have some other word to describe that process of taking all of your belongings out of one house and relocating your belongings and family to another house. In Ugandan English, that's called "shifting." So as our 6-month lease expired at the end of June (which means we've been in Uganda for 6 months!) we've been moving about looking for a place to shift to that would be more comfortable and appropriate for us. Today we write from our new place. We have shifted!

Our New Living Room and Front Deck

Our new home is a cute little apartment much closer to downtown Kampala and within waking distance of the Kampala Lutheran Church and Lutheran Media Ministry Office. We're also about 20 minutes closer to those main routes that take us out of town for up-country work and much closer to Krista's Bible Study group.

Even though our little apartment is only half the size (in terms of square feet) of the house we were previously at, it's still a spacious place, with three bedrooms and two baths and a good sized living room and dining room. The kitchen is smaller but laid out better with more usable counterspace and cupboards. We even have a little deck off the living room and a small deck off the kitchen too.

It only took two trips in the truck to move our stuff and we were pretty much completely unpacked the day after we moved. It's kinda nice to not have accumulated too many things! We slowly conquered all those challenges of fixing the broken things and getting internet access installed. So now we're wonderfully settled in and loving our new place!

Playing Simba at Lukonda's Dedication

To play Simba (which means "lion") all of the children line up on one side. Then, one of the children (usually a girl) goes to the other side of the field. She's "Mama." One child crouches down between the line of children and Mama - that's Simba in the bush. The mother calls out in to all her children to come. The children call back that they can't come because there is a lion in the bush! She calls back to them, "All of you run very fast to me!" and the children all cry out "We're coming" and then try to get past simba while simba tries to catch them. There is, of course, plenty of squealing, laughing, and giggling. Like most children's games, it's simple, fun to watch, and just a little morbid.

Simba in the Middle, Mama on Far Side in Red