THE NEWSLETTER OF SHAUEN & KRISTA TRUMP

FIELD NOTES

writing to you from Kampala, Uganda

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FACTS IN FOCUS

Leisure Time

Shauen has slowly been learning how to balance time working with leisure time. It's a little more difficult working from home and having a job that will accept as much time as you can put into it. We haven't got it all figured out just yet, but for leisure in Uganda, these are some of the things we like to do:

- Watch movies on the laptop
- Read a book
- Go on safari after visiting congregations near National Parks
- Take walks
- Go to the (only) movie theater—fortunately, it does show new releases from America
- Read the news and celebrity gossip online
- Catch up with friends on Facebook
- Read magazines sent in care packages
- Play basketball
- Go to Bible Study
- Make and eat breakfast, lunch, or dinner together
- Entertaining friends in our home

Return to the Western Regions

Frank and Shauen

The first weekend in July we set out for the Runyankole-speaking area of Western Uganda with 500 copies of Martin Luther's Small Catechism in the local language which had recently been made available to fellow missionary Rev. Jacob Gillard. In each of the 10 congregations visited on that trip, we encouraged use of the catechism (which is a basic instruction book for the Christian faith) as a tool for teaching and evangelism. Unfortunately, the trip had a very tight schedule that did not include worship services. So when we accepted an invitation to attend a wedding in that area in August, we jumped at the opportunity to also revisit the congregations and provide Word and Sacrament ministry to the people of Western Uganda.

Frank preaches at Miyola Lutheran Church

A Seminary student from that area, Frank, was sent as an "advance team" to spend one full week traveling between the congregations teaching about Baptism and Holy Communion and preparing candidates for confirmation. Local lay leaders made arrangements for congregations near each other to worship together that Sunday. We were fortunate to have 5 people available for Word and Sacrament ministry: Rev. Charles Bameka, Vicar Samuel Ogwang, Missionary Gillard, myself, and Rev. Jim Heining - who just arrived in Uganda from the States for a few weeks of sabbatical. We split up to travel to 5 different groupings of congregations on Sunday morning, each of us with a local lay leader who acted as guide and translator.

Frank accompanied me to the two most distant congregations who had not received the Sacraments in 3 years, with over 130 worshiping together at Miyola Lutheran Church. For maybe the first time since arriving in Uganda I felt very comfortable with how much I contributed to the worship service. The local lay leader led the services, Frank preached, and I stepped in to do the things that only I had been commissioned to do — baptize (4 children), confirm (17 adults), and consecrate the elements of Holy Communion. I even got to sit on the side instead of behind the altar. Encouraging the lay leader to lead the service and Frank to preach is a powerful message to the people of those congregations that their own leaders are capable and valued and further reinforces that pastors and missionaries are servants who do not control but rather guide and walk alongside those whom the Lord has placed into leadership in the local congregation. Praise the Lord for an excellent and safe journey and the newest members of the Christian faith and the Lutheran Church!

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Prayer Requests

- For the continued health of both Krista and Baby Trump
- For the Lutheran Church Mission in Uganda's Seminary students as they return to classes in Matongo, Kenya
- For Shauen as he learns to balance work time with personal time

In Praise

- For a safe trip to and from the States and being able to be a part of Anna & Erik's celebration
- For Shauen's safe journey to Western Uganda & the 4 baptisms, 17 confirmations, and Holy Communion celebrated there for the first time in 3 years

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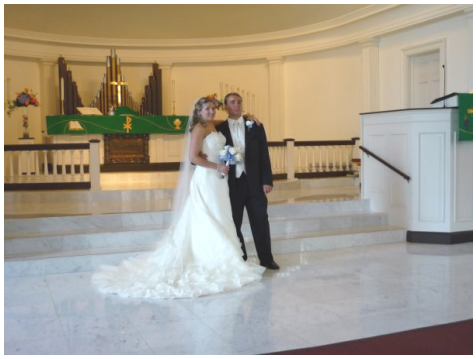
Our Brief Time Back in the States

Our trip to the States was a mix of business and pleasure. Krista arrived early to help with wedding preparations for her sister, Anna, in Milwaukee. After Shauen's arrival, we drove down to St. Louis for his certification interview at the Seminary. The interview team affirmed they would speak favorably on his behalf at the faculty review of Ordination candidates in the spring. Then back up to Milwaukee to visit with family gathered for the wedding. After the wedding we were able to visit our friend Billy in Orlando who arranged for some complimentary tickets to Disney World. It was so hot and humid there - very tough on these missionaries from Africa who aren't used to such weather! We even visited supporters in all three states. Finally, our trip back to Uganda included an 11 hour layover in London—long enough to see a few sites, sleepy as we were. It was great to finish some Seminary business, see family, friends, and supporters, and share in the joy of Anna and Erik's wedding!

Enjoying time with both sets of parents

Billy, Shauen, & Krista at Disney World



Anna & Erik Tinus

Shauen & Krista's day in London

Baby Trump Due in December

While some of our readers caught the big news in last month's newsletter (we slipped it into our "In Praise" section on the left), many did not. Therefore, we are happy to explicitly share that we are expecting our first baby in December! Krista is handling pregnancy well and was happy that morning sickness subsided after the first trimester. We arranged for a prenatal visit and standard ultrasound while in the States this month, and learned that our baby is perfectly healthy and, to quote our sonographer, he has "boy parts." According to our ultrasound our due date is December 7th with Baby Trump most likely to be delivered here in East Africa. We are both very excited about this precious blessing God has given to us and look forward to seeing how our lives will completely change in the near future.

Pregnant Krista in London