



Pictured here with Mark Wolfram from Missionary services and Kendall Cortright, manager of Church Planting

RECONNECT

During a missionary's home service, it's valuable to visit the LCMS main office in St. Louis to reconnect with our colleagues who assist in supporting our mission work. During my visit to the International Center, I engaged in various activities, including meeting numerous new members from teams such as mission advancement, communications, mission services, and the short-term mission program. I also had the privilege of presenting on the Project 24 program, which receives significant support and promotion from many at the IC. To cap off the day, I conducted an interview on KFUE with Andy Bates from the Coffee Hour and our Chief Mission Officer, Rev. Kevin Robson. The interview is scheduled to air next month. It was a great visit and an opportunity for me to express gratitude to those who support our mission efforts in the field.



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Sharing the Mission



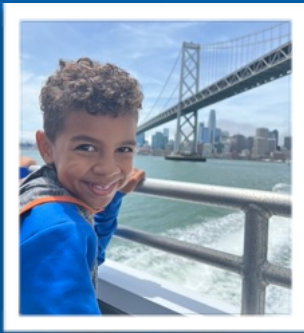
Presentations at numerous congregations in both northern and southern California included three shown here: St. Paul Lutheran Mountain View (above), Our Savior Lutheran Livermore (below left) and Trinity Lutheran Burlingame (below right).

Over the past few months, I've been blessed with numerous opportunities to discuss my ministry in East Africa with supporters throughout the United States. Starting in April, I visited several congregations to present my work, with a special focus on the Project 24 child sponsorship program. It was heartening to reconnect with familiar faces and to meet new congregations eager to learn about our mission efforts. Through these interactions, people have been able to actively engage in our mission through financial support and prayers for

the spread of the Gospel. I am profoundly grateful for the ongoing support from donors and congregations. It brings me great joy to share stories of how their contributions are making a significant impact in our region.

I want to personally extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your warm welcome and for your prayers as I return to Nairobi. Your support means the world to me and is deeply appreciated.





PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- the students in Project 24, especially the new students who will join the program in September at our new site

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- the completion of the 9th Project 24 site, Wamba
- my reconnection with supporting congregations, friends and donors
- my colleagues in the LCMS head office in St. Louis who help support the work in the mission field

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us



Encouraging the Next Generation



My family with the pastor and confirmands from Grace Lutheran, Cloverdale

It is consistently rewarding to engage with children and youth, offering insights into the life of a missionary. During my recent visit to the U.S., I had the opportunity to meet with the confirmands of Grace Lutheran Church. I shared my personal journey of becoming a missionary, which began with my service on short-term mission teams before moving to Kenya as a GEO missionary (serving 2-3 years). After my first year in Kenya, I felt God's calling to continue in my service, and by

my second year, I had committed to a career as a missionary.

Meeting with the confirmands was particularly enriching as I listened to their own stories and witnessed their contributions within their communities. My belief has always been that "one can be a missionary anywhere," emphasizing that God's love can be shared locally as well. Grace Lutheran Church has effectively instilled this message in the younger generation, actively participating in various missions within their town, including support for local schools and assisting high school graduates transitioning to college and university life.

I am deeply thankful for congregations like Grace Lutheran Church, whose dedication to loving their neighbors and spreading God's love is evident.

"I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever." Psalms 86:12.

To God be the glory!!!

Your missionary family,

Britt, Micah, Rael and Silas



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