

**ANNIVERSARY GIFT**

Pastor Schufreider and I have known each other for many years. He confirmed me in the faith when I was in eighth grade at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mountain View, California. I reconnected with him when I became a missionary. He invited me to speak at his two parishes, and both congregations have continued to support the mission work.

Recently, one of his parishes celebrated its 75th anniversary and chose to give its anniversary offerings and a special gift to Project 24 in Kenya. I am so thankful for this longstanding partnership and for the many faithful people who help spread the Gospel and God's love around the world.



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Mission Central, Mapleton, Iowa

One of the highlights of my home service was visiting LCMS Mission Central and having the opportunity to share about the Lord's work in Kenya with two visiting congregations. One of the congregations has a special ministry among South Sudanese people living in Iowa. It was a joy to hear about their ministry and share stories of what God is doing in Kenya. Although our ministries take place in very different settings, we were encouraged by the ways God is working through His people in both places.

My dad was able to join us for the visit, which made the day even more special. We enjoyed touring the barn, filled with fascinating cultural artifacts and

items from mission work around the world, and visiting the Creation Museum. Our time with missionary Gary Theis was also a highlight. As we shared stories of God's faithfulness and the miracles we continue to see in ministry, we were reminded and encouraged by how God is at work in ways far beyond what we can see.





PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The mission work being done here in Africa
- For new missionaries to deploy to our field

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- A great home service, meeting new partners and connecting with old ones
- Silas and Rael's first day of fourth grade
- Celebrating my 50th birthday with family friends in Kenya

PRAISE GOD FOR:

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



New Partners

I am so thankful for these new partners who are now supporting the ministry here in Kenya: (clockwise) Calvary Lutheran, San Lorenzo, CA, Immanuel Lutheran, Batavia, IL,, Grace Lutheran, Escondido, CA, Trinity Lutheran, Ortonville, MN, St. Paul Lutheran, Blue Point, IL, as well as Grace Lutheran, San Mateo, CA and Immanuel Lutheran, Spirit Lake, IA (not pictured)



Thank you to everyone who made our home service such a joyful, welcoming, and memorable time. We are grateful for your encouragement, hospitality, and continued partnership in Christ!

Love from Kenya,

Britt, Micah, Rael and Silas



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