



In Jars of Clay

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*"But we have this treasure in jars of clay,
to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." 2 Cor 4:7*

Answering the questions of life under the shade of an acacia tree



Dale traveled to Botswana to visit missionary and intern Liz Callahan at the end of April.

He then visited Kenya in early May to get acquainted with the school where Sharon Whightsil will return to teach pre-school children as well as computer skills to older students and adults.

Both these young women have been educated at Concordia University - Texas and have a desire to serve their Savior cross-culturally with the gifts and training they have been blessed with!

45 people crowded in to hear the Lutheran mission team share what God has revealed. Pastor Buka Tsimako, with GLO missionary Liz Callahan and Ugandan vicar Frank Kainerugaba, are traveling 3 hours north once or twice a week to Otse, a settlement for minority "Rural Dwellers" of the San ethnic groups. Often referred to as Bushmen in English, or the Basarwa in Setswana, these people have lived off the seemingly destitute lands of the Kalahari for generations, largely separated from the rising development in other parts of Botswana.

The mission team visits people compound to compound, and invites them to gather later in the day under this acacia tree. The group is growing! They had questions



as Buka shared about the one God who created all. Like where did Satan come from? And what about shamans? What about those who die? From the Bible, they are giving the answers of life, week by week, under the shade of an acacia! (I had to wonder how many more can crowd in as the group is growing faster than the tree! But I can think of a lot worse problems to have to worry about!) May God prosper the proclamation of the Gospel and the team's efforts to help address the very real needs and concerns of the people at Otse.



Q. How many people can gather in the shade of an 11 foot acacia tree?

A. About 45, tight, when the sun is high. But you have to keep moving!

Crossing borders and barriers to love children in Kenya

After 2 months volunteering in a rural Kenyan community with Go and Do Likewise, Sharon felt called to come back and serve her Savior by using her life to impact the children in a village near Ogembo-Kisii in western Kenya. I travelled in May to get acquainted with the place and to see what arrangements are needed to facilitate Sharon's arrival and stay. I was happy to see her host, Pastor Kiefa who directs GAD-Kenya, will be providing a place for her to live and looking after her welfare.



The challenges imposed by a different language (actually 2 different languages), culture and limited development have not deterred Sharon. Newly graduated from Concordia University-Texas, Sharon will bring her Lutheran Christian witness to her caring and teaching of the pre-school children at Neema Nuru (Grace Light) school. She will also teach computer literacy in the community.

REMEMBERING WHAT HE HAS TOLD US

*"Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe **as you hold out the word of life!**"*

(Phil. 2:14-16)



Lutheran mission outreach in the 21st century: the challenge and the opportunity

If you would like to learn more about this topic, consider having Dale visit your congregation, Bible study, mission group or mission festival.

Now is a good time to schedule for the Fall.

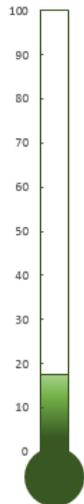
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Implementing the vision: from everywhere to everywhere

The time is ripe for Lutherans from all over the world to deliver the word of life to all in darkness! If you cannot go, will you help others to go?

While God has us located in Florida where Cheryl is teaching at Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran School, Dale's role involves developing and supporting the mission opportunities that are opening up, especially to and from Africa. We are excited to continue in this service and are happy to invite any who feel so led by God to help us to continue.



This little thermometer gives a simple indication of where we are currently towards a best-guess level of needed support for 2014. While a bit on the lower end, it represents much generous giving of God's good people encouraging us to continue. As you are able and as God leads you, please consider

- Praying for our ministry
- Supporting us financially

Please pray, with thanksgiving...

- for new missionaries preparing to deploy (**Sarah Burr** to Paraguay, **Sharon Whightsil** to Kenya, and **Dixon & Christiana Gbeanquoi** to Tanzania) as they look for partners to support them.
- for missionaries seeking sufficient support to return to their fields of service: **George and Shary Frahm** to Cambodia, and **Tim and Beth Heiney** to Guinea.
- GLO director **Jim and Liisa Tino** as they seek support to relocate to Chile and join mission outreach efforts in Santiago.
- for peace in **South Sudan** and especially for God's protection for the members and leaders of the Evang. Lutheran Church of Sudan/South Sudan.
- for the ministry of **Shepherd of the Coast Lutheran School** (where Cheryl teaches) and for the congregation as they install a new pastor in July.
- for successful launching of **GLO's new website** in July! .

...in Jesus' name. Amen!

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Asante! Sosongo! ¡Gracias! Thanks!