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Rev. Jonathan Clausing 8.20.75
Mrs. Anita Clausing 12.9.74
Emmanuel 3.6.15
Emil 10.29.99
Ellie 1.10.02

Middle row, left to right:
Ethan 5.8.08
Eunice 6.1.06
Ernie 7.16.04



THE RICHES OF SCRIPTURE

“I never realized 1 John was so rich,” observed Ezra Ngirimo, a fourth-year student at Matongo from South Sudan. Just a few days later, his classmate Benard Mwesigwa from Uganda echoed the sentiment: “I never knew 1 John was so rich.”

It’s little comments like these that make my day as a teacher. I love to hear God’s words as He speaks through the Holy Scriptures, and it brings me great joy when students are touched by these words as I have been, especially when I know that as pastors they will take these joy-filled words and share them enthusiastically in their churches and communities. This is the heart of mission work – sharing the Word of God with people, because it is through the saving news of Jesus Christ that God draws people to Himself.

We’ve recently been studying 1 John in my

Catholic Epistles class, and *rich* is an apt descriptor for the letter. As when a miner first notices a few precious stones on the ground and then discovers a magnificent treasure upon digging deeper, 1 John offers up many memorable jewels in simple words even upon a first reading (“We love because he first loved us.” “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.” “Whoever has the Son has life.”). As we read the text more carefully and “dig deeper”, however, we discover a wealth of connections to the Gospel of John and the rest of Sacred Scripture, and at the center of it all is always the same thing: Jesus Christ crucified to save sinners.

I realize that it’s not particularly sensational for me to write a newsletter about Bible study, and my photo of a few guys in the midst of such study (see the following page) is probably not going to make the front page news. Nevertheless, God promises

that through such lowly, daily activity His kingdom advances. Pastors are trained, they go out and proclaim the Gospel, and the angels rejoice and the devils tremble every time another soul hears and believes. It is a privilege for me to have a part to play in this work; and I am grateful that you have sent me here to do it.

This month’s newsletter is a bit short because on the following page you’ll find a list of all the speaking engagements we currently have planned for our home service tour this summer. If you are in the area of one of my speaking engagements, please come and visit us!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. & Mrs. Clausing
Emil Ellie Ernie
Eunice Ethan Eric
Eileen Elijah Emmanuel

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**Clausing Home Service Tour
Summer 2018**

5-22 St. John, Geneseo, IL 1:30pm
 5-23 Zion, Bunker Hill, IL evening
 5-24 Trinity, Orchard Farm, MO 6:30pm
 5-26 Zion, Harvester, MO 5:00pm
 5-27 Our Savior, St. Charles, MO 8:15am
 5-29 Breeze Park St Charles MO 10:00am
 5-30 Immanuel, St. Charles, MO TBD
 6-2 Mission Central, Mapleton IA 1:00pm
 6-3 Redeemer, Sioux City, IA 8:15am
 6-10 St. John, Lincolnville, KS 9:45am
 6-10 Our Rdmer., Herrington KS 5:00pm
 6-12 Zion, Stillwater, OK 6:00pm
 6-14 Trinity, Cole Camp, MO evening
 6-17 Trinity, Burlington, KS 9:00am
 6-17 St. John, Aliceville, KS 6:00pm
 6-18 Faith, Warsaw, MO evening
 6-20 First St. Paul's, Chicago, IL 12:00pm
 6-23 Holy Cross, O'Fallon, MO 5:00pm
 6-24 Chpl...Cross, St. Peters MO 8:00am
 6-25 Chpl...Cross, St. Peters MO 7:00pm

6-27 St. John's, Peru, IN TBD
 6-28 Peace, Winghaven, MO 7:00pm
 7-1 Zion, Crosstown, MO 7:30am
 7-1 Salem, Farrar, MO 9:00am
 7-3 Resurrection, Louisville, KY TBD
 7-5 Peace, Sussex, WI 9:00am
 7-7 St. Paul, Hamel, IL 6:00pm
 7-8 St. Paul, Hamel, IL 7:45am
 7-14 Immanuel, Belvidere, IL 6:00pm
 7-15 Immanuel, Belvidere, IL 8:00am
 7-18 Memorial, Ames, IA 6:00pm
 7-21 Redeemer, Lincoln, NE 6:00pm
 7-22 Redeemer, Lincoln, NE 8:30am
 7-23 St. Johns, Ord, NE 6:00pm
 7-24 Zion, Kearney, NE TBD
 7-25 Trinity, Blue Hill, NE evening
 7-29 Faith, Woodland Park, CO 9:00am
 8-15 Our Svr, Pagosa Springs CO evening
 8-18 Cross, Yorkville, IL 5:00pm
 8-19 Cross, Yorkville, IL 7:45am

TBD: exact time to be determined



**Prayer Requests,
Praises, and Thanks**

Thank God that our oldest son Emil has been accepted and has officially decided to attend Concordia University, Chicago this fall, pursuing a major in animation.

Pray for Emil's studies and his readjustment to American culture in his new home.

Ask God's blessing upon all of our family as we travel in the U.S. during the coming months, and as we prepare for transition to a new place upon our return to Africa in August.

Pray for the faithful service of the pastors and deaconesses who are soon to graduate from Neema Lutheran College at Matongo.



Left to Right: Benard Mwesigwa (Uganda), Wilson Ekwabi (Tanzania), and Ezra Ngirimo (South Sudan) mine the riches of Scripture as they study 1 John. They are all now only a few weeks away from graduation, after which they will go out to proclaim the Gospel and shepherd God's flock in their home countries.

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