

# January 2008 ~ CLC Mission Newsletter



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3:16-17

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## Good News from Domestic Fields

### Zion, Lawrenceville

(Atlanta) GA —Pastor Nathanael Mayhew writes: “The Lord continues to bless our congregation in the greater Atlanta area. We continue to have many visitors here at Zion, and a number of those visitors have gone through instruction classes and joined our church. We have also had several CLC families from other areas transfer to our congregation. In addition, the county where our church is located is one of the fastest growing counties in the United States. We are thankful for the financial support of the CLC which gives us the ability to edify our members, to serve fellow CLC members who come to the Atlanta area for business or recreation, and

to witness to the ever-growing number of others who are in dire need of knowledge of the truth of God’s Word.” Zion recently sponsored a public seminar, entitled “The Bible is no Human Book.” About 20 people attended, including two visitors. The congregation is considering the possibility of continuing with more such outreach events. In addition to serving Zion, Pastor Mayhew travels monthly to serve about six CLC members who live in Tennessee.

### Committee on Domestic

Fields — The main work that has been done to promote and encourage our stateside missions program has been the production and distribution of

the “*Tacoma Outreach Menu and Manual*,” providing a large variety of evangelism studies and ideas for conducting local mission outreach projects. In addition to this, each state-side mission congregation is receiving an “Outreach Seminar” visitation. A guest preacher for the Sunday worship service brings a pertinent outreach message, and Mr. Marlin Beekman of Eau Claire has been presenting a talk on personal evangelism to the congregations. Four of our ten mission congregations have been visited so far. Two more are scheduled this fall, and the remaining congregations will be visited in the first half of 2008.

## Meet the LCEA (the Lutheran Church of East Africa)

The LCEA continues to have 13 students in St. Peter’s Seminary in Himo, Tanzania. Pray that someone else can soon help Pastor Angowi in the teaching there. Recently, mission helpers Larry Hansen, Loren Hansen, Russ Schmitt and Pastor Mayhew helped with teaching and upkeep on the seminary building. They also assisted in considering self-help projects that allow the local pastors of the LCEA to support themselves since congregations they serve are so small. The pastoral conference of this church is attended by pastors in the ministry and the seminary students preparing for the ministry. This bodes well for the future of the church.

When eight men graduate from St. Peter’s Seminary in Himo, Tanzania in November 2009 the LCEA will nearly double its workforce. Since many of the pastors now are older, this will be a boost to assisting and replacing men who are now serving faithfully.

The farthest stations are in Dar es Salaam and Dodoma. Not long ago several Muslims converted to Christianity at our Dodoma congregation. The congregation also supports thirty orphans, a number of whom are Muslim. We rejoice with our brothers in this outreach to Muslims and pray that more may be reached.

As with any young church there are growing pains. Just

as with a child growing, so with the living organism of the church. God’s hand has been seen over and over again as difficulties are met with faith and in turning to the Lord in prayer.

A new hymnal has now been completed and is to be printed with a first run of 500 copies. We pray that this will assist the members to sing His praises mightily.

I am sure that as time passes we will see more men go through the five year program at the seminary and come forth to do His work. As Luke writes repeatedly in Acts, so may His Word today grow and increase and numbers of believers be multiplied.

*By Missionary David Koenig*

# Good News From Foreign Mission Fields

**Mission Helper trip to East Africa** — *(at the request of the CLC Board of Missions, Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Zion Lutheran Church in the Atlanta, GA area traveled to East Africa to visit and encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ of our affiliate church bodies in this area of the world. Pastor Mayhew submitted this brief article.)*

This past fall I had the opportunity to visit our CLC affiliate church bodies in East Africa. On October 23, I flew into Nairobi, Kenya with Loren Hansen, and Russell Schmidt, where we met up with Mission Board member Larry Hansen and Missionary David Koenig. We visited and preached at CLCN (Nairobi) congregations in and around Nairobi, met with new contacts, and conducted a Bible seminar for pastors and members in Kangari near beautiful Mt. Kenya.

We then trekked south across the border to Tanzania. On October 30-31 we held a Pastoral Conference for our pastors throughout East Africa in Arusha, Tanzania at the heart of the CLCEA (East Africa). It was a wonderful way to celebrate the LORD's work through the Reformation as we gathered to study His Word!

Then it was east to Moshi at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro. There we met with Pastor Angowi and the leaders of the LCEA (Lutheran Church East Africa), and visited the seminary in Himo. Here we conducted another seminar for the pastors and seminary students, visited churches of the LCEA, and taught at the seminary.

While I remained in Tanzania visiting more churches of the CLCEA and LCEA, the other men journeyed to Etago, Kenya where they worked on

the orphan school building, held a seminar, and met with pastors and congregations of the CLCE (Etago).

How eager these people were to hear and learn the Word! May the Word of the LORD continue to grow in these people and throughout their land!

*by Pastor Nathanael Mayhew*

**Missionaries on the Move** — Following their departure from the States on January 10th, Missionaries David Koenig and Matt Ude have been busy visiting our sister church bodies in Nigeria, Togo, and Ghana in West Africa. Following this West Africa visitation they will depart Africa on January 28th on their way to India where they will take up residence.

Missionary Ude has been maintaining an online web log of his journeys and initial impressions of his first time overseas. You can read his blog at: [www.lutheranmissions.org/paroikos](http://www.lutheranmissions.org/paroikos)

**Year End Summary** — *(the following list represents a brief summary of just some of the work that the CLC has sponsored and financed overseas in the past 12 months.)*

**Self-Help Loans** — *(small business loans that enable pastors to continue to work in the ministry)*

- CLCEA — three \$500 loans
- NCLC — \$85 loans to all 24 pastors and graduates
- BELC — 33 loans given for a total amount of \$7676 in 2006-07

**Pastoral Training** —

- CLCI — 12 graduates in June
- NCLC — 3 graduates in Jan. '08
- LCEA — postponed 8 graduates graduation to '08.
- BELC — 203 pastors continue monthly study meetings in fellowship. 104 more could be ready for fellowship in '08-'09, and 66 more in '09-'10.

- ECLC — two day seminar held, hopefully to be yearly with monthly studies for leaders to begin in January 2008.
- CLCK — seminar held in Maranga, with monthly studies to begin, God-willing, in Jan. '08 at two centers: Nairobi, and Maranga
- ELCC — pastoral training by extension.

**Catechism Distributed** —

- Telegu — 50 in India
- Hindi — 500 in India
- English — 600+ in Africa
- Masai — 220 in Africa

**Bibles Distributed** —

- BELC — 2100 in 5 different languages in South India
- CLCI — 700+ in Telegu
- ECLC — 30 English
- CLCEA — 166 Masai
- CLCK Nairobi — 147 Kikuyu, Kamba, and Swahili.

**Translation Work** —

- Mueller's "My Church and Others" translated into Hindi, Kissii, and Swahili.
- 14 doctrinal pamphlets are being translated into Hindi, French, Swahili, Kamba, Kikuyu.
- Luther's Catechism is being translated into Kamba and Kikuyu.
- The LCEA has revised and enlarged Swahili hymnal and is ready for printing

**Church Building Assistance** —

- BELC — \$20,768 given to assist 18 congregations in India.
- CLCEA — \$1730 given to 3 congregations in East Africa.
- CLCK — \$4675 given to three congregations in Kenya.

*by Missionary David Koenig*

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