# NAIROBI, KENYA

**NEWS FROM THE ODEMBA FAMILY** 





#### **PARTNERS IN CHRIST**

I'm grateful to work alongside talented individuals sharing the Gospel in Kenya. Last month, I traveled with colleagues Hillary Omodhi, our LCMS Africa Field accountant, and John Kissinger, Project 24's director, to the State of Project 24 Forum in Wamba. Their expertise in finance and project management has greatly contributed to the program's growth.

It's has also been a privilege to collaborate with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, especially with leaders like Bishop Titus, whose dedication to reaching children in his region has fostered strong support for our Project 24 site. Through collaboration, dedication, and strong leadership, we are able to further the mission of Project 24, bringing hope and support to children in need.





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## **State of Project 24 Forum**



Last month, I had the privilege of traveling to our newest Project 24 site in Wamba, a town in Kenya's north-central high desert region. All the key stakeholders involved in Project 24 gathered there to discuss the program and present their annual reports, covering progress, education outcomes, and financial updates.

It was a joy to reconnect with the site managers, not only to hear updates from their locations but also to share in a few recreational activities. Since many Kenyans have never visited this region, we incorporated cultural experiences into our meeting, including a trip to an elephant orphanage deep in the arid landscape. Reaching the site required 4x4 vehicles, making the journey an adventure in itself. This experience provided a meaningful opportunity for locals to explore another part of their country and appreciate its diverse culture.

A highlight of my visit was meeting the newest students from

Wamba. It was heartwarming to see how well they were settling in. Since they were on school holiday, they were relaxing at the site, and I had the chance to chat with them about America and watch them practice the long jump—a favorite pastime among the children.

Overall, the trip was a wonderful mix of fellowship, learning, and fun, making it a truly rewarding experience.





#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- The Project 24 students
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya

#### **GIVE THANKS FOR:**

- Safe travels to Tanzania and the North - central region of Kenya
- Rael's 9th birthday and the gift that she is to our family

#### **PRAISE GOD FOR:**

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

### **Team Preparation in Tanzania**



One of my key responsibilities is working with short-term mission teams from the U.S. who travel to Africa for ministry work. These teams typically spend one to two weeks partnering with local Lutheran churches, assisting with various ministry activities. I help my colleague coordinate their travel, plan their program, and often accompany them during their time on the ground.

Last month, I traveled with my colleague to Tanzania, where we met the bishop of the Lutheran Church and several pastors who will be working with the shortterm team. We visited the church that will serve as the central hub for their door-to-door evangelism and after-school children's program (pictured here). Though our trip was brief, we were able to finalize the schedule and visit the guesthouse where the team will stay during their time in Tanzania.

While these arrangements could have been made over the internet. the relational nature of this culture makes face-to-face meetings invaluable. Being present allowed us to witness the ministry firsthand and strengthen our partnerships. We are deeply grateful for our partner churches and strive to embrace their culture and traditions as we work together to share the Gospel in their communities.

We are all one in Christ and for that we are thankful and give God praise.

Thank you for your support, prayers and kind notes. We love hearing from you!

May God continue to bless you all.

In Christ.

Britt, Micah, Rael and Silas





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