

EVANGELISM and OUTREACH

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MISSIONARY UPDATE

Jim and Judy Bangsund, our Tanzanian missionaries, have been stateside on study leave this past year. On Sunday 5-23-04 Judy graduated with her M.Div. degree from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. She was one of 4 recipients of the “A.E. Hanson Prize in Homiletics” from the 130 M.Div. graduates. Her ordination will be on Sunday morning, August 8th at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church in St. Paul, MN and her commissioning (installation) service will be on Sunday, August 15th at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Whittier, CA. Jim has been honing his skills as an Old Testament theologian while editing the second edition of his Hebrew textbook and completing another book. The Bangsunds are scheduled to return to Tanzania 9-5-04. Pictures and details of their activities can be found at <http://www.bangsund.co.tz>.

Malcolm and Barbara Collins are now living in Minneapolis, MN. Malcolm is involved in various outreach ministries to Somalis and other East Africans scattered around the Twin Cities as a “cross cultural networker,” which seems to very much fit his calling and gifting. Barbara is currently doing substitute teaching and their current vision sees a reproducing church of Somali believers planted and growing by the end of 2008. Family still keeps them busy and you can read about all their activities in the “Collins Praisegram,” available in the church office or from me. Their e-mail address is Malcolm-BarbaraCollins@juno.com.

Please continue lifting our missionaries up in your prayers. In these turbulent times, they especially need our prayerful and financial support as they live out the commission we all have to spread the gospel throughout the world.