

Getting to Know Our Church Family



Brandon and Amanda Cink came to Pilot Knob Lutheran Church with their children Diesel, Cambrie and Eleanor after receiving an invitation from Jesse Stensrud, and found that PKLC connected with their beliefs. They enjoy that Pastor Bob preaches right out of the Bible and teaches that the Bible is truth, as well as the welcoming congregation.

Brandon and Amanda were High School sweethearts where they had met through a mutual friend. They married and began their family and currently live on an acreage outside of Thompson. Brandon is employed by Lake Mills Motor Sports as Lead Mechanic, and Amanda is employed by MBTBank as Director of Training & Development and Director of Deposits Operations. Enjoying their

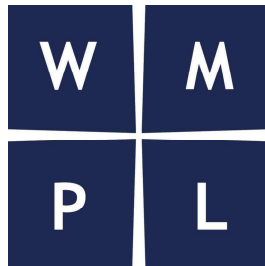
acreage, where Brandon built a beautiful Binzebo (Gazebo out of a grain bin) and supporting their children in their activities are their current hobbies. Diesel is active in baseball, basketball, and football, while Cambrie is active in basketball and softball.

They are a family of Bailey Zimmerman fans, especially enjoying Religiously, Fall in Love, New to Country. Isaiah 41:10 is their favorite Bible verse: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you and with My righteous hand. Jesus is someone from the Bible that they would like meet and visit with to witness with their eyes His power to heal people with His touch. Cambrie said she would like to spend time with John Henry, the steel driver for the railroads in the 1800's.

Amanda has been most influenced by her Grandma Mae, who grew up very poor and had little to give, but she gave everything she had. Grandma Mae loved God, her church, and taking care of others, especially always baking for others. She left her house unlocked because "if someone steals from me, then they probably needed it more than I did." Whenever Amanda would call her with a problem, Grandma Mae would simply say "Well I guess we will just have to pray about it."

Welcome to our church family Brandon, Amanda, Diesel, Cambrie and Eleanor!

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Celebrating 18 years of marriage and Ruth's birthday!

Luke didn't make it to the Youth Camp

So you guys have deserved an update for a long time and we could use prayer now. Sorry for not updating you in the last few months when we could have used prayer as well.

Our last prayer update was a prayer blast asking for prayer for Luke's travel to participate in a Youth Camp. It has been his dream since 2008 to get to travel to that location since it is Ruth's birthplace and hometown. Guess what!? He didn't get to go. After the whole day travel to cross our island in the South, even though we had purchased tickets the day before, we were turned down at the ferry. The ferry had failed its inspection. Most ferries from this port were cancelled at the time due to an issue with another ferry capsizing in recent Philippine current events. You could imagine Luke's disappointment!

But...God is good. They delayed the youth camp by two days. Luke's traveling buddy, Noelson (brother-in-law) hopped on a smaller boat and made it to the camp.



The boat Noelson took.

Even with 15 hours of travel, Luke recorded three songs while on the road. He was trying to make use of the time. The one song taken directly from Hebrews 12 became the dance number for the youth camp. Another recorded song (2 Corinthians 5:20) became the camp staff song that they sang in their closing program for the delegates. Because he lost his traveling buddy, he needed another traveling buddy for the journey home. Eyoy (another brother-in-law) traveled with him to GenSan. We had been trying to find a way to get him to GenSan anyway. He and Luke recorded multiple scripture songs and he helped Luke improve his production quality. It was a frustrating trip for Luke, but it was a net gain. The youth camp went well and currently we have 8 out of 15 songs from our album recorded.



Look took these songs and shared them personally with four Sama believing communities in Davao, incorporating them into his preaching at two of the churches when they asked him on the spot to preach.



BUT THERE'S MORE THAT NEEDS PRAYER – US Trip

Once again our family is hitting the road and we are stepping out in faith. We decided to send Yahiya and Alasa to the States this summer. They have been accepted for a summer job at the swimming pool in Luke's hometown in Lafayette, IN. They just have to pass their lifeguard course/recertification course. They also have to hop on a plane in Manila, navigate the airport in Korea, in Salt Lake City and then find their grandparents in Chicago. Before that, we will be traveling by car to Manila to attend a family wedding on May 10. The kids fly out on May 13.



You can see the need for prayer for all of this! By the way, we won't be driving our car into the ocean, two ferry rides and a famous Filipino bridge will make it possible for us to drive this distance.

On the way home we plan on visiting at least 3 Sama communities and hope to share with them the new songs in Sinama we have been producing and also potentially do film showings.

Pray also for Yahiya and Alasa during the three months they will be away from us. Pray particularly for success in their CLEP tests, where they can earn college credit.

Sinama Vacation Bible School in Biao

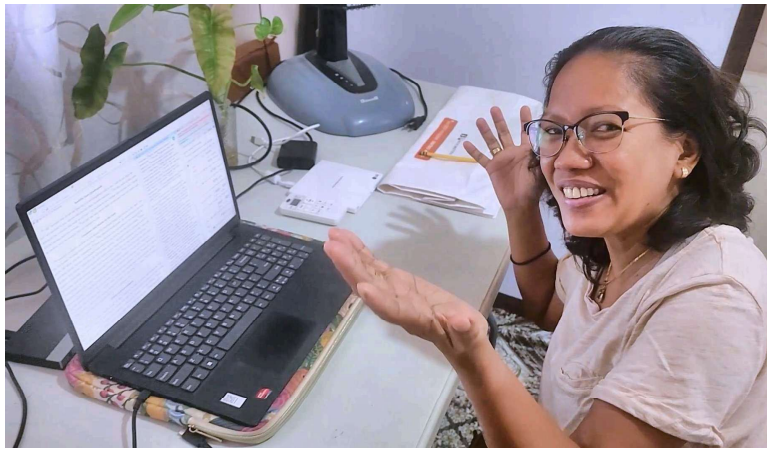
From May 27 to 30 we will be holding "Vacation Bible School" in Biao, Digos partnering with Ruth's brother's ministry among the Sama Muslim youth there. We expect as much as 150 to attend. We may not have as many volunteers as in the past for this event. Pray for its success.



Chess Activity at the Saturday Class in Biao, Digos

Bible Translation

Don't forget to pray for the translation project and for Ruth's perseverance in that work.



Ruth in the video we sent to WMPL's Okoboji Camp 2026

Vlogging

Luke is vlogging with members of the community in Tinoto. It is relatively easy to get likes, views, and follows, with language and culture as the subject matter. This promotes our orthography used in the Bible, the use of Sinama in public forum, mutual understanding between Sinama dialects, and gives us an acceptable identity wherever we travel. Pray that the relationships with Luke's co-vloggers from community would lead to deeper discussion of Jesus. Pray that they would take interest in the Bibles and scripture material in our library. Pray that learnings from vlogging about social media success could be turned into successes for our scripture online media in the Sinama language.



Thrivent Freediving Grant

I (Luke) went out on a limb and proposed to my life insurance company an Action Team with the goal of teaching Sama freediving. The goal is to incorporate dive safety

and also God's Word into the training. We just recently had a friend in community die from diving alone. The grant was approved! I've started teaching two men from the community and have from the position of instructor been able to include scripture in my freediving teaching. This is a way that I get to do something I love, offer a service to the community, and try another method of sharing in community. Pray that I might see success with this project.



Various Pics from our Life in the Philippines



Our guest Physics teacher's sendoff. Our kids passed their Physics.



Da'ud and Hadasa at summer basketball camp.



Ruth's aunt is an expert cook of this Sama delicacy, jā'.



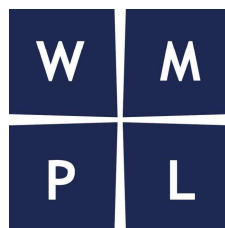
A close family friend of ours in community.



Guests at a graduation party in community.



Asked to be sponsors for a Muslim family's wedding.



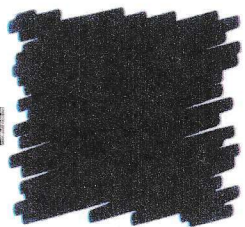
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Uganda's National Flag



Mountain Gorilla:

Uganda is home to more than 50% of the world's mountain gorillas.



Lion:

Lions can be seen in several national parks in Uganda.



Crested Crane:

Uganda's National Bird



Uganda Kob:

Uganda's National Animal

I am in Primary ___ / Secondary 2 / Other ___

Dear Alicia Date 21/4/2026

Receive my greetings in Jesus name. Have you been there? For me, God is taking good care. School is also ok and I am now doing my end of term one examinations. Are schools opened now in your country? During holidays, I plan to do some rehearsals in athletics.

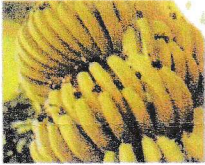
I am so glad that you sent to me a nice letter. It is good to hear your church anniversary went on well. What did you do for the anniversary? Yes, I had a great Christmas and thank you so much for blessing me on my Christmas day with a Christmas gift. Yes, my hens are able to lay

Translation

We thank you for all you are doing to improve the quality of life of this child.



Maize is the most common staple food in Uganda.



Banana (Matooke): Uganda produces the third largest amounts of bananas worldwide.



Coffee is one of Uganda's main exports.



Jack Fruit: Most children in Uganda like eating jack fruit



Pineapple is one of the most common fruits in Uganda.

Some eggs for us. How are your hens?
The weather in my community is very cool currently. My parents have started weeding maize, corn and beans. Do you have some crops?
My end of year exams went well and I thank God so much because I did well and I was promoted to Senior two class.
Thank you so much for praying for me

Translation

From your child Philip

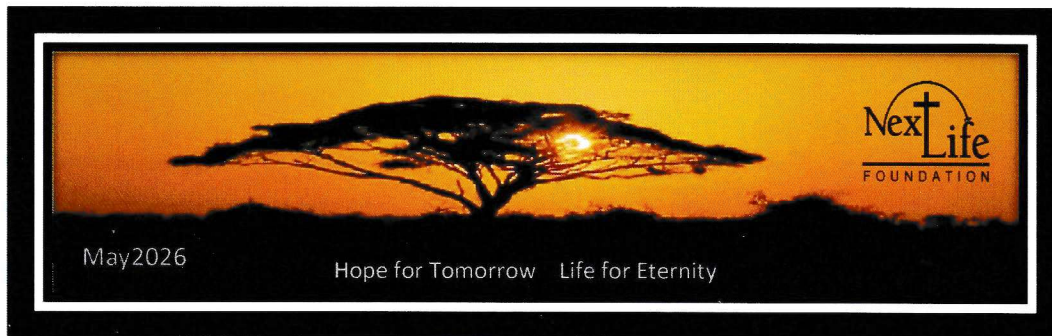
(the child should write his or her name here)

Writer's name and title _____

(if not child)

and my family. We pray for you, too here in Uganda.

Translation



Serious Flooding

Severe flooding has devastated the Mbuguni area, homes of the Next Life campus, destroying homes, washing away belongings, and intensifying the hardships faced by our students and staff. Many families are unable to return to their homes due to unsafe conditions and are currently sheltering outdoors or staying with neighbors as the rains continue.



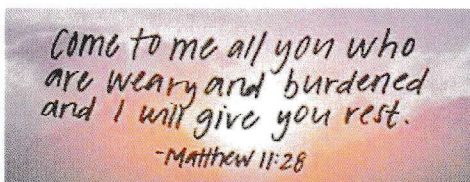
Please continue to keep all of these individuals and families in your prayers.

Thanks to the generosity of donors, Next Life Foundation



has been able to provide a small quantity of food and some financial assistance to help our students begin rebuilding their lives. Their needs remain urgent and will continue for quite some time. If you feel led to support these flood relief efforts, your generosity would be

deeply appreciated. www.nextlifefound.org/donate
Please indicate "flood victims".



Mary, our director, along with Mr. Kaaya, our tailoring instructor, and Dominik, our carpentry teacher, all suffered significant losses in the flooding. Mary and Mr. Kaaya, who both rent homes in Mbuguni, have been displaced and have lost most of their belongings. Dominik lives on a small family compound, and floodwaters rushed through his home as well, damaging much of what little he had.

Dominik, a success story

Dominik, who now serves as our carpentry instructor, is a 2019 graduate of the Next Life Foundation carpentry program. In May 2023, he and two fellow graduates opened their own shop, Next Life Furniture Center, with the help of an interest-free loan from a generous donor. Their business is now thriving. Several carpentry graduates occasionally return to work alongside them, as well as a former instructor.



For over a year, Dominik has also been teaching our carpentry students and has done an excellent job. After



classes, he joins his business partners at the shop, where they often welcome students to visit and learn. It is a joy to see how God continues to bring the Next Life community together—encouraging one another, praying

together, and walking through life side by side.

Another Opportunity

We are excited to launch a beauty training program

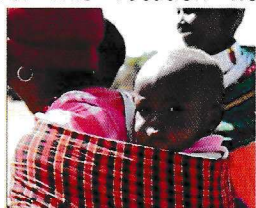


Board member, Sharon LeClair getting her hair done - by future students?

when funding becomes available. An experienced professional has visited the classroom space to provide guidance on its design and setup. To prepare the space, we will need to add electrical outlets, install plumbing, and complete some cosmetic improvements. The community is eager for our organization to offer a third vocational track for its young people, and we are thrilled for the opportunity to reach even

more individuals with the message of Jesus and His power to transform lives.

The beauty program will include training in hair care, lashes, nail care, and skincare. This vocation was intentionally chosen because it allows a young mother to work from home while caring for her child and still contribute to her family's income. In many cases, once a child is too large to be carried on their mother's back, they are left at home alone while parents work in the fields. This program offers a safer, more sustainable alternative for families. The students will also be trained to work in a shop with all the modern tools and conveniences.



God Provides Through His People

Next Life Foundation continually depends on your faithful support, and the most powerful way you can partner with us is through prayer. Please pray for the spiritual growth of our students, staff, and board members. May they grow closer to Jesus as they deal with their struggles of the flooding and everyday life. Pray for safety over those in Tanzania as they travel to and from school each day and go about their daily lives. Ask the Lord to soften the hearts of our Muslim students and their families, that they may come to know Christ as Lord and Savior and become a light within their communities. We also ask for prayer over our leadership, that God would grant wisdom and discernment for both present decisions and future direction.

There are several ways to support Next Life financially, along with a variety of meaningful projects you can be part of. Donations can be made through our website www.NextLifeFound.org, via Venmo, by check, or even in cash. As a 501(c)(3) organization, we are also able to



receive charitable gifts made through Required Minimum Distributions for donors who qualify, as well as through Donor-Advised Funds, which offer additional tax-efficient giving options. For those in the Iowa Great Lakes area, Patti has Kwik Star car wash cards available; 10 washes for \$36, with \$16 directly supporting Next Life Foundation. She would be glad to meet for coffee and get a card to you.

We are ready to move ahead with building a women's dormitory once the electric company finalizes decisions regarding the transformer currently located on the portion of our property designated for the dorm.

Many exciting opportunities are ahead, all unfolding in God's perfect timing. As the saying goes, He has all the resources in the world, often placed in the hands of His people. We trust that when the time is right, He will provide.

Carolyn Hansman and I will travel to Tanzania May 24–June 5. She first joined in 2024 for first aid training and quickly grew to love the students—this will be her third trip. Before retiring, she served as Director of Health Information and Compliance Officer at our local hospital. We've both renewed our CPR certification and look forward to sharing these skills. We appreciate your prayers. Updates will be shared in our e-newsletter and on our website. Please pray that God works through us as we teach students and community members in Mbuguni about Christ and basic first aid.



In Christ's love,

Patti

The mission statement we follow at Next Life Foundation is: To share Christ with the people of Mbuguni, TZ through vocational education, while also demonstrating God's love by providing funding, when available, for students and staff in life crisis situations.

I often say we are an evangelism and discipleship center that simply looks like a vocational school. Our goal is to reflect Jesus to those around us. Sometimes this includes medical help for our students or staff.

This note from Joshua, one of our tailoring students, was written to me as a representative of all who support the ministry through prayer, financial gifts, and encouragement. He needed surgery that was far beyond what his family could afford.



Thank you so much

To Patti

I greet you in the name of our living Lord Christ.

Thank you very much for the medical help you gave me.

I suffered a lot; I was sick for two years.

I have nothing to pay you. Only God will repay you.

May the God you serve take care of you and protect you.

I am obedient,

Joshua.

June Sermons & Scriptures

June 7: Second Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Worship Service & Holy Communion

Sermon: **Three in One, Does it Matter?**

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2, 4a

Epistle Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20

June 14: Third Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: **Miracles & Criticism**

First Lesson: Exodus 19: 2-8

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5: 6-15

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9: 27-34

Sermon: Miracles & Criticism

June 21: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: **Know This**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 20: 7-13

Epistle Lesson: Romans 6: 12-23

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10: 5a, 21-33

June 28: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Morning Worship Service

Sermon: **What We Can Expect**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 28: 5-9

Epistle Lesson: Romans 7: 1-13

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10: 34-42

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| 7 Communion Sunday Greeters: Ben/Cindy Reader: Nick Acolyte: Cooper | 8 | 9 | 10 Deacons - 5:45 pm Council- 6:30 pm | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Greeters: Darrel/Deb Reader: Val M. Acolyte: Diesel | 15 | 16 Women's Bible Study- 2 pm Deb Delzer's home | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Greeters: Randy/Cory Reader: Jeff Acolyte: Kinsley | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Greeters: Craig/Marcia Reader: Sue Acolyte: Kazra | 29 | 30 | Birthdays: 1 Billy Lawrence 1 Bina Smith 5 Makenna Reese 6 Kesley Roedel 12 Jesse Stensrud | | 13 Steve Abele 16 Greg Flugum 18 Jim Dontje 20 Bobbi Elbert 24 Bob Nath | |