

August 6—Meeting with Bishop Kameeta and ELCRN staff

Merciful Savior, hearts are troubled by a visit to an AIDS clinic. The people of Namibia suffer so much from illness, poverty, unemployment, and lack of education yet they greet our travelers with joy. Help them with their words and deeds to help those who cry out to you for what we take for granted. Amen.

Saturday, August 7—Explore Windhoek

Loving Father, today is a chance to explore the culture and the history of Windhoek. To be tempted by new flavors, to walk the streets to new places of commerce and heritage and to touch new objects that will help them remember Namibia and the marvel of your creative spirit in these people. Let them laugh and be curious about your wonderful world. Amen.

Sunday, August 8—Worship with Lutheran churches in Windhoek

God of Glory, on this Sabbath Day, brothers and sisters in Christ in Namibia gather to praise your holy name, to give from the blessings they receive from your hand and to pray for grace and mercy. Though the words are spoken in different tongues, we join together to raise our voices before you kike incense in song and prayer. Amen.

Monday, August 9—Leave Namibia via Johannesburg, South Africa

The journey home as begun. They are tired, but full of Good News of the work of your church and their encounters with your son, Jesus Christ, in people they have met. Bring them back to New Jersey as newly inspired ambassadors of your mission in the world that they might share the witness of your work in Africa. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Tuesday, August 10—Arrive in London and return to Philadelphia

Father in heaven, your travelers and returning to their homeland. Grace them with wisdom and strength to process the wonder of your mission active in Namibia. Help them to reflect on their experience that it might show them a new road to walk with you. Give them words to invite fellow companions to journey with them so that your face is revealed through stories of Namibia. Amen.



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Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. Luke 24:35

Monday, July 26—Leave Philadelphia

Dear Lord, keep our travelers safe as they fly across the ocean to our brothers and sisters in Namibia. Give them eyes to see your Son in the people they meet, ears to hear your voice in the conversations they have and loosened tongues to participate in the joyful sharing of your Good News. Amen.

Tuesday, July 27—Arrive in London, England for the day

Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust.
Psalms 143:8

Gracious and loving God, we have journeyed through the night and are feeling quite cranky and tired. Grant us an experience of your grace in our weariness and renewed confidence in the blessings you hold in store. Amen.

Wednesday, July 28—Arrive in Windhoek, Namibia

Father in heaven, we thank you for a safe arrival in Windhoek. We rejoice in the blessings of this place—a beautiful country of your creation, abundant hospitality shared with the spirit of Abraham and Sarah and the presence of the Holy Spirit made visible in the faith of the Lutheran Church in Namibia. Amen.

Thursday, July 29—Meet with the staff of ELCRN. Travel to Tsumeb

Lord, now the work of your mission begins. Strengthen the ties between our two church bodies, the NJ Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia through the meetings of our mission team. May your Spirit enrich this time with compassion and vision, with listening and learning and with prayer and praise to you. Amen.

Friday, July 30—Travel to Ondangwa and meet with staff of ELCIN

Father, creator of this land, your delight in making all things beautiful is evident all along the road. Father, redeemer of all who trust in your saving grace, be with our mission team and the leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia. Make their conversations mutually uplifting and enriching that they might learn and work together for the sake of your world. Amen.

Saturday, July 31—Visit with sister congregations

God of the way, the truth, and the life, watch over this band of happy travelers. As they drive the roads of Namibia keep them on the left-hand side of the road, and the right-hand side of Your guiding hand. Bless their time together in travel, each new sight that they behold and their arrival at each destination. Fill their hearts and minds with the wonder of your world, and touch their lives with the faith that continues to bind us together. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sunday, August 1—worship with sister congregations

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 1 Cor. 12:12

Lord Jesus, quiet nervous hearts and fill us with your love, that we may recognize the oneness we have in you: sisters and brothers, members of one body, and branches of a single vine. Amen.

Monday, August 2—meeting with Bishop Sindano / Visit ELCIN church projects

God of mercy, your church is a servant to many people—the sick, the poor, students and the homeless. There is joy for the visitors, abundant sharing of food and hospitality and serious dialogue of the needs of your people. Open the eyes and ears of our mission team to hear their stories. For the sake of the body of Christ, your church, we pray. Amen.

Tuesday, August 3—Depart for Mokuti Lodge and Etosha National Park

Gracious God, keep them safe as they travel the roads of Namibia. Let them experience joy and wonderment at your amazing creation. Give them rest and nourishment to restore their energy as they seek to encounter your face in the world around them—the colors of the sunset, the flavors of new foods, the aromas of a different place, the comfort of their hands joined together in prayer. Amen.

Wednesday, August 4, Visit Etosha National Park and stay at Halali Resort

Creator of all things living, you are truly an awesome God who delights us with the beauty of your world and the amazing animals of this desert land. Teach us to live in harmony with these creatures so that we might prosper together on this planet which you have made. Amen.

**Thursday, August 5—Drive back to Windhoek**

Compassionate God, You hear your children, even when they cry, “Are we there yet?” Open the eyes of our traveling brothers and sister, to see, not only their final destination, but every joy along the way. Open their ears to hear the world around them. And impress upon their hearts the joy of being led by your gracious hand. May their travels be safe and their arrival a joyous reunion. In Jesus' name. Amen.