

Perspective

Occasionally  
Something crosses our lives  
An observation, a story  
That helps, that  
Keeps it in perspective:

This is from one of our students studying in Africa this semester:

*"I did laundry here for the first time this afternoon (Saturday, February 7th)).  
Yes, I have gone three weeks without doing laundry.  
And I only brought one pair of jeans. Chew on that for a bit.  
Anyways, I found doing laundry by hand to be a somewhat therapeutic experience.  
I sat on the front steps as the afternoon sun shone down on me.  
I filled buckets with water, letting the hose water splash onto my legs and feet.  
I scrubbed the red dirt off my clothes and welcomed the smell of the fresh detergent.  
It reminded me of washing my car back at home on a lazy, sunny afternoon.  
I hung them on the line in the backyard, surprised  
That I found doing laundry enjoyable, and happy with the product of my work.  
I like to clean, especially when you can see a marked difference.  
I'm looking forward to wearing clean clothes to church tomorrow.  
Speaking of church, I learned that the Sunday school averages 800 children each week.  
Hopefully this gives you a little perspective on just how huge Nairobi Baptist is."*

I think once I had to wash clothes by hand, out of buckets.  
It was a camping trip in the Boundary Waters area.  
Imagine having to wash all your clothes  
All the time by hand in order to have anything clean.  
Not to mention the size of the Sunday school . . .

Blessings on the Lenten journey!  
And join with others to continue to love God:

Worship – love God together with God’s people:

**Grace University Lutheran Church at 8:30 or 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM.  
University Lutheran Church of Hope at 8:30 and 10:30 AM  
Mercy Seat at 5 PM (at ULC Hope)  
Trinity Lutheran Church (at Augsburg’s Chapel) at 8:45 or 11 AM.**

Peace, friends  
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