

**The Fourth of Twelve  
Eleanor Clausing  
2020 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipients**



Greetings in Christ,

My name is Eleanor Clausing, and I want to thank you for supporting my college education. I am honored to be included in such an amazing group of recipients.

Since January of 2016, my parents, my eight siblings, and I have been living in East Africa where my father works as a theological educator. When we first moved to East Africa, my family and I lived in Nairobi, Kenya, a large, crowded capital city, for about two years. We then lived briefly in Matongo, Kenya on the campus of Matongo Lutheran Theological Seminary which is surrounded by green hills and acres of tea plantations. Finally, we moved to Moshi, Tanzania (which is my family's current home). Moshi sits right on the lower slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro, and, although it is a smaller town, it is bustling with many different kinds of mountaineers and tourists.

One of the most influential experiences I have had in East Africa was language school. When my family and I first moved to East Africa, before we had any permanent home, we spent three months at a language school in Tanzania learning Swahili. This was one of my first experiences learning a new language, and it sparked my continued interest in world languages. In language school, I met my Swahili teacher, Stella, who is the kindest, most patient teacher and who inspired me to pursue education as a career.

At Concordia University Nebraska, I am majoring in secondary education with emphases on teaching English a second language and Mandarin Chinese. I hope to continue studying language, culture, and linguistics. I want to serve God by helping others learn English like Stella helped me and my family learn Swahili, whether that is here in the U.S. or overseas.

Thank you again for your support. Thank you for being a blessing, not just to me, but to many other missionaries and students. God's blessings on your continued mission work.

Eleanor Clausing