



Pray For Us Calendar

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Involvement Ideas

• Visit <http://servenow.lcms.org> to search current opportunities available to serve as a short-term missionary, on a short-term mission team or on a Mercy Medical Team.



• Learn more about the special partnership that your congregation can establish with a specific mission field through Congregation Connect, including opportunities to send short-term teams. Visit www.lcms.org/congregationconnect.

• Learn more about witness and mercy work supported by the LCMS in Argentina. Visit www.lcms.org/argentina.

• Visit www.lcms.org/argentina and click on "mission projects" to read about projects that need financial support in Argentina and to give a secure gift online.

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SHORT-TERM TEAMS – JULY 1-15 The LCMS sends short-term mission teams and Mercy Medical Teams to a variety of countries around the globe throughout the year. Many teams serve during the summer months.

Remember the Lord's work through short-term teams as you pray:

1. *with thanksgiving for the short-term mission teams and Mercy Medical Teams who serve through the LCMS every year, performing tangible acts of mercy and sharing the Gospel through various camps, classes and other means with people around the world.*

2. *for short-term mission teams who are teaching students in elementary and high schools of The Lutheran Church — Hong Kong Synod, the LCMS partner church in Hong Kong. The students in these schools are a mission field unto themselves — it is estimated that fewer than half are Christians.*

3. *for short-term mission teams who are hosting multiday outreach events in Asia to bring unchurched people into English centers that are served by LCMS missionaries. The presence of these teams creates a special draw for new students to come to the centers and, in many cases, hear the Gospel of Christ for the first time.*

4. *for short-term mission teams traveling to serve in Latin America. Pray that they would reach people with the Gospel through their various service activities, and that missionaries and members of partner churches with whom they visit would be encouraged in their life together.*

5. *for short-term mission teams who are traveling this summer to countries where the majority of the population is strongly devoted to other religions. Pray that God would provide them with opportunities to plant Gospel seeds, even in rocky soil, and that the Holy Spirit would nurture those seeds.*

6. *for career and long-term GEO missionaries who serve as volunteer coordinators in their fields, as they*

prepare for short-term mission teams to come and serve. Ask that God would have His powerful hand in all the logistical details that need to be arranged.

7. *that the Lord would use the experience of all short-term teams, when they return home and share their experiences with their LCMS congregations, to encourage and energize fellow believers and challenge them to consider how they might become involved in God's mission.*

8. *for God to supply people to provide financial and prayer support to those who are serving on short-term mission teams and Mercy Medical Teams this year.*

9. *with thanksgiving for LCMS partner agencies and Recognized Service Organizations (such as Mission Opportunities Short Term, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Central American Lutheran Mission Society, CAN-DO Missions and more) who are sending teams to mission fields around the world this year. May the Lord also use their presence and ministry as a blessing in the places where they serve.*

10. *that God would provide new opportunities for short-term mission teams to support long-term projects and ministry efforts in the countries where LCMS missionaries are serving and/or where partner churches are expanding ministry.*

11. *with thankfulness for the LCMS college students who serve on short-term mission teams during their school breaks each year. Pray that these experiences would be the start of a lifetime of mission involvement and support.*

12. *for team leaders as they organize details and support their teams before, during and after each short-term trip. Give thanks for team leaders' willingness to serve in this capacity.*

13. *for God to grant short-term mission teams and Mercy Medical teams safety and good health as they travel to all corners of the world and follow rigorous schedules during their trips.*

14. *that God would use the Mercy Medical Teams as they serve people who might not otherwise have access to any basic health care — that those who they serve would be comforted by their acts of mercy and would come to know that God loves them unconditionally.*

15. *for short-term mission teams who lead English Bible camps in Central Europe. Pray that these teams would have opportunities to clearly share the Gospel with children and their families who do not yet know Jesus Christ as their Savior.*



Photo: LCMS missionaries David and Radka Fiala stand with a short-term team and English Bible camp participants in the summer of 2011 in Zilina, Slovakia. The children's t-shirts proclaim the camp's theme, "He is alive!"

ARGENTINA – JULY 16-31 The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina (IELA) is a partner church of the LCMS. The first Lutheran congregation was chartered in 1905, and since then, the IELA has grown to include 30,000 baptized members and operate its own Concordia Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina's capital.

Remember God's work in Argentina as you pray:

16. *with thanks to God for His faithfulness to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina (IELA) for more than 100 years. Give thanks for the IELA's 30,000 members, 265 congregations and its ministries that share the Gospel of Christ with the people of Argentina.*

17. *that the Lord would bless the ministry of Concordia Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina, which is the only confessional Lutheran Spanish-speaking seminary in the world. Pray that God would continue to bless this institution that trains workers from countries throughout Latin America for the pastoral ministry.*

18. *for God to bless and encourage the faculty of Concordia Seminary, which includes six full-time professors. Pray especially for Seminary Director Rev. Sergio Fritzier as he leads the staff and students.*

19. *for the students who hail from other countries and are studying at Argentina's Concordia Seminary or through its online distance learning program. Their countries of origin include Bolivia, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela. Ask God to grant them perseverance in their studies as they are far from home and the grace and patience to adapt to cultural differences.*

20. *for the Rev. Carlos Nagel, who serves as president of the IELA. Ask the Lord to grant him grace and discernment as he provides leadership for the pastors and congregations of the IELA and encourages them in the expansion of mission and ministry, so that more Argentinian people will hear the Gospel of salvation in Christ Jesus.*

21. *that God would bless the IELA's mission efforts in less-reached areas of Argentina, including the cities of Rosario, Salta and Tucuman. Pray for vibrant congregations to be established in these large cities, where many people have not*

heard the true Gospel of salvation through faith alone.

22. *for ongoing efforts to provide effective training for women who are serving as deaconesses in the IELA or who desire to do so. Pray for the Lord to provide additional training through the seminary or through intensive week-long courses.*

23. *with thanksgiving for the 4,000 students in the IELA's seven elementary and high schools. Give thanks for the opportunities for Gospel witness and Christ-centered teaching that the Lord provides through these schools, which enroll many students who come from unchurched families.*

24. *for the Lord to bless the "Missionary School," a ministry of the IELA's Concordia Seminary that provides additional training for pastors serving in mission posts and helps train current seminarians to serve in church-planting or other non-traditional settings.*

25. *that God would comfort and encourage IELA pastors who are serving multiple congregations — some pastors serve up to nine separate congregations that are grouped together into one parish. These pastors are often stretched thin in their care for the many families who are geographically spread out and unable to devote as much time and attention as they'd like to each congregation.*

26. *that the Lord would raise up more men from Argentina and other Latin American countries to begin training for the pastoral ministry, so that vacant congregations may be served by faithful servants of the Word and new congregations may be planted.*

27. *for the IELA to expand into more urban centers and other less-reached areas of Argentina through the planting of new congregations and the use of various outreach methods, including*

mass communication tools like radio and the Internet.

28. *that God would encourage IELA congregations who currently have pastoral vacancies. Pray that the Lord would sustain them through the time that they are without a permanent shepherd and that their members would continue firm and steadfast in their faith and their study of the Word.*

29. *for the ministry of Cristo Para Todas las Naciones, or Christ for All the Nations, as Lutheran Hour Ministries is known in Latin America. Give thanks for this ministry focused on reaching out with the Gospel through mass communication methods and pray that unchurched people who are reached with this message would become quickly connected with an IELA congregation where they can learn more about their Savior, Jesus Christ.*

30. *for the children and youth of the IELA — that they would remain faithful to the teachings that they were taught by their parents, pastors and Sunday school teachers as they grow into adulthood.*

31. *for the people of Argentina — that they would have faith in Jesus Christ alone as their Savior and path to salvation. The majority of Argentinians identify with the Roman Catholic Church because of its cultural and historical influence, but many do not understand the basic tenants of biblical Christianity.*



Missionary & Personnel Birthdays

Download missionary and other personnel prayer cards from the LCMS website at www.lcms.org/prayercards.

July 13 Peter Pfaff, South Korea

July 14 Jane Kalmmer, Asia

July 15 Connie Larson, Asia

July 17 Megan Birney, Hong Kong;
Michelle Gerlach, Asia;
Stephen Oliver, Taiwan

July 18 Juliana Hirsch,
Czech Republic

July 19 Jonathan Muhly, Russia

July 24 Joel Zielke, Asia

July 26 Kevin Foley, Taiwan

July 28 Melissa Karges, Hungary

Military chaplains with birthdays in July:

Chaplain Matthew Boarts, Shaw AFB, S.C.; Chaplain Jon Conroe, San Diego, Calif.; Chaplain Kevin Cramm, Homestead AFB, Fla.; Chaplain Gregory Lucido, Fort Gillem, Ga.; Chaplain Kelly-Ray Meritt, New York City, N.Y.; Chaplain David Reedy, United Kingdom; Chaplain Patrick Riley, Spain; Chaplain Ryan Rupe, Norfolk, Va.; Chaplain James Watson, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Chaplain Edward Wright, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Photo: From left to right, Concordia Seminary students Arturo Maita, Venezuela; Esdras Orozco, Guatemala; and Vladimir Mendoza Saravia, Bolivia celebrate the seminary's 70th anniversary on May 1, 2012.