



Pray For Us Calendar

The following prayer requests were submitted to LCMS World Mission by your coworkers in the Lord's mission around the world.

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HONG KONG – APRIL 1-15 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod began much of its ministry in Hong Kong when missionaries, who had been serving in Mainland China, fled there in the late 1940s. In 1997, Hong Kong rejoined China as a Special Administrative Region, which grants it the right to self-governance and freedom of speech and religion.

Remember the Lord's work in Hong Kong as you pray:

- for LCMS career missionaries serving in Hong Kong: Rev. John and Susan Mehl, Sandro and Michelle Cagnin, Deaconess Carol Halter, Rev. Carl and Chen-Hsi Hanson, Rev. Joel and Iantha Scheiwe and Edward and Shauna Strohschein.
- for LCMS GEO missionaries who serve in Hong Kong: Megan Birney, Persephone James, Megan Kincaid, Josh Lange, Judy Newhouse and Allen and Shirley Piepenbrink. (GEO missionaries serve in various roles around the world for one- to two-year terms.)
- for the national staff workers who serve alongside LCMS missionaries at the Asia Pacific regional office in Hong Kong — give thanks for their service and pray that the Lord would continue to use them to be a blessing to missionaries and ministries across the region.
- with praise and thanksgiving for the LCMS partnership with The Lutheran Church—Hong Kong Synod (LCHKS). The LCHKS became an LCMS partner church in 1977. The LCMS and the LCHKS partner for Gospel outreach in many ways that share the message of Christ with Hong Kong's population of 7 million people — and beyond.
- for the Rev. Allan Yung, president of the LCHKS, as he leads this church body. Pray that God would grant him wisdom, humility, discernment and enable him to encourage and inspire others to share the love of Christ in their various ministries.
- for the 8,700 baptized members and 7,000 communicant members of the LCHKS, as they worship together, share Christ's mercy, seek ways to bear witness to Him in their daily lives and serve God in their varied vocations.
- for the 30 active pastors, teachers, deaconesses, social workers, evangelists and other church-trained leaders who serve others in their daily ministries and represent the Church to the world. Give thanks for their service and pray that God would bless them.
- with thanksgiving for the many short-term mission teams that serve in Hong Kong throughout the year, sent by the LCMS. These teams play an important role in the LCMS and LCHKS mission strategy by bearing witness to Christ in Lutheran elementary and high schools.
- for the nearly 20,000 students who attend the LCHKS schools, which include seven secondary schools, six primary schools, 12 kindergartens and two special needs schools. Pray that those students who do not know Christ as their Lord and Savior would come to faith by the witness of Lutheran teachers and students in these schools.
- for the ministry of the 34 congregations and eight mission stations of the LCHKS. Pray that their pastors would remain true to biblical teaching and that their teaching and nurturing would encourage and equip their members to stand firm in their faith.
- with thanksgiving for the 35th anniversary of Hong Kong Lutheran Social Services, which the LCHKS is celebrating in 2012. They currently operate 43 social service centers.
- for Hong Kong International School, which opened its doors in 1967 and whose staff now serves more than 2,600

students. Give thanks for this educational ministry that touches a diverse community of students and their families from 40 different countries.

13. that more LCMS members would answer the Lord's call to serve in Hong Kong as a short-term individual or on a short-term mission team. Pray for the Lord to send forth workers to serve in His harvest field — there is always a great need in Hong Kong.

14. that the Lord would protect His people from the constant temptations they encounter by living in Hong Kong — its prosperity has been a blessing for residents, but its society's emphasis on educational success, economic growth, international commerce and the acquiring of earthly wealth can also be a stumbling block.

15. for the 90 percent of Hong Kong residents who don't yet have faith in Christ as their Lord and Savior — that the Holy Spirit would work through God's Word and the witness of His people in Hong Kong to bring them to faith.



Involvement Ideas

- Download the prayer cards of missionary families serving in Hong Kong and Macau. Visit www.lcms.org/prayercards to search for them by last name.



- Visit www.lcms.org/hongkong and www.lcms.org/macau to learn more about LCMS witness and mercy work in Hong Kong and Macau.

- Visit www.lcms.org/hongkong and www.lcms.org/macau and click on "mission projects" to read about projects that need financial support in Hong Kong and Macau and to give a secure gift online.

- Visit www.lcms.org/children to download the "Chinese-speaking People" version of Mission Friends, a robust mission curriculum for children. Each issue includes a multi-page children's lesson, primary children's lesson, teacher's guide and parent's guide.

- Download a map that shows the 90-some locations and countries where the LCMS carries out witness and mercy work around the world. Visit www.lcms.org/international to download this free PDF.

Photo: Rev. Eric Kolonich served on a short-term team with members of his church, Redeemer Lutheran in Manitowoc, Wis., to Hong Kong in October 2011. Here, he poses with local students at Ma Chan Duen Hey Memorial College in Po Lam, Hong Kong as he builds relationships.



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MACAU – APRIL 16-30 Macau is also a Special Administrative Region of China, but unlike Hong Kong, has a Portuguese colonial heritage. Many large casinos are based in Macau and its economy is heavily dependent on gambling and tourism.

Remember the Lord's work in Macau as you pray:

16. for missionary Sharon Owens, who serves as the volunteer coordinator in Macau, which includes overseeing GEO missionaries and providing direction for the various outreach ministries that the LCMS supports there. Ask the Lord to continue to watch over Sharon's health and to guide her children, Joanna and Peter, as they grow.

17. for missionaries Matt and Kim Myers, who serve in Macau with their children, Mark and Emily. Matt provides leadership for and manages the Concordia English Center in Macau, as well as coaching missionaries at other sites in the region about the use of English as a Foreign Language in ministry.

18. for Alliance Missionary Rev. Michael Wu and his family. An experienced pastor of the China Evangelical Lutheran Church in Taiwan, he and his family relocated to Macau in 2003 to serve there through a partnership between the CELC, the LCMS and Concordia School for Special Education in Macau.

19. for GEO missionary Alissa Asmus, who serves at the Concordia English Center in Macau as a relationship builder through English as a Second Language. Give thanks for the doors that the Holy Spirit has already opened for God to use her as a witness among her students and their friends.

20. for GEO missionary Serena Derricks, who serves at the Concordia English Center as a relationship builder through English-as-a-Foreign-Language classes. Through Bible studies and other outreach activities, she shares the Gospel with English students and their friends and families.

21. for GEO missionary John Hinkle, who also serves through an English-teaching ministry in Macau. Ask the Lord to use him as His witness no matter what the situation — in English classes, at outreach events, in free English Bible studies and more.

22. for GEO missionary Hannah Kiefer, who serves at the Concordia English Center in Macau as a relationship builder. Give thanks for the passion that God has given Hannah for sharing the Gospel, and pray that He would guide her in all her classes and activities.

23. for GEO missionary Eric Kunkel, who serves at the Concordia English Center by teaching English classes and helping with free English Bible studies and other outreach activities. Pray that Eric would remain steadfast in his faith and he would be God's instrument in this place.

24. for GEO missionary Rev. Michael Parris, who serves at the Concordia English Center and has been blessed with many opportunities to point students to the truth of the Gospel and the peace that faith in Jesus Christ brings to all who believe.

25. for Vicar Dan Ho, who serves through The Lutheran Church—Hong Kong Synod at St. Paul Lutheran Church and its mission station. Pray that God would use Vicar Dan to reach more Macau residents with the Good News of the Gospel and that He would bless him as he studies sign language in order to participate more fully in outreach to people who are deaf.

26. for St. Paul Lutheran Church, a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Hong Kong Synod, which works together with the Concordia English Center in outreach and fellowship — that it will continue to be revitalized and that many people will hear the Gospel through its members and Word and Sacrament ministry. Pray too for the new mission station of St. Paul.

27. for short-term missionaries who serve in Macau through the LCMS — these LCMS members who serve as individuals, for several months, or as members of a team, for one or two weeks at a time, are invaluable to ministry in Macau. They draw interest from new students, encourage career

and long-term missionaries and provide many opportunities for one-on-one sharing with students who enter the Center's doors.

28. for the Lord of the harvest to provide more workers to serve in Macau. Every year, many requests for short-term teams, individuals and GEO missionaries go unfulfilled. Give thanks for those who have served and pray for many more to join the team in Macau.

29. for the Chinese Christians who attend events and Bible studies at the Concordia English Center — that their faith may be strengthened through their participation and that the Lord would also use them as an encouraging witness to Chinese attendees who do not yet have faith.

30. for the Lord to protect His people in Macau from the temptations that come with the ubiquitous presence of casinos and other tourist-oriented businesses. Pray too that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of Macau's half a million residents, drawing unbelievers into contact with God's Word, so that they might hear and believe in Jesus Christ.



Missionary & Personnel Birthdays

Missionary & personnel prayer cards may be downloaded from the LCMS website at www.lcms.org/prayercards.

- April 1** J.P. Cima, Vietnam
- April 2** Sarah Berta-Somogyi, Hungary; Michael Vogel, Taiwan
- April 3** Michael Piescer, Japan
- April 10** Shauen Trump, Kenya
- April 14** Megan Kincaid, Hong Kong; Joel Scheiwe, Hong Kong; Rachel Sekki, Taiwan
- April 18** Robert Ferrin, Hong Kong
- April 20** Elliot Derricks, Macau
- April 27** Gretchen Weesner, Asia
- April 28** Andy Jones, Germany; Matthew Fick, Taiwan
- April 29** Jennifer Rasch, Nigeria
- April 30** Richard Larson, Asia

Military chaplains with birthdays in April: Chaplain Douglas Ochner, Germany; Dr. Dennis Scheck, Fort Eustis, Va.; Chaplain Jeffery Wollberg, Battle Creek, Mich.; Chaplain Derek Wolter, St. Louis, Mo.; Chaplain Thomas Waynick, Washington, D.C.; Chaplain William Yates, Air National Guard

Photos: Top, missionary Sharon Owens with her children, Joanna and Peter. Bottom, missionaries Matt and Kim Myers with their children, Mark and Emily.

