



Pray For Us Calendar

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KENYA – JUNE 1-15 Though the LCMS did not officially begin mission work in Kenya until the 1990s, a strong partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) was quickly established, and the LCMS is currently partnering with the ELCK in various witness and mercy ministries throughout the country.

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

1. for Rev. Shauen and Krista Trump, career LCMS missionaries who reside in Nairobi, Kenya's capital. As an area facilitator, Shauen is responsible for overseeing LCMS witness and mercy work and building and strengthening partnerships in Kenya and Tanzania with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

2. for Rev. Frederick Reinhardt, who serves as the area facilitator for French-speaking Central and East Africa. This region of Africa includes many countries where LCMS mission work and relationships are just beginning to develop, such as Burundi, the Republic of Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Madagascar, Malawi and more.

3. for LCMS GEO missionaries Tim and Megan Dooms. Tim is a teacher at a Lutheran intermediate school for orphans in Kisumu and Megan works with ELCK Pastor David Chuchu in the Diakonia Compassionate Ministry office, assisting Pastor Chuchu with program administration.

4. for the national staff workers who serve alongside LCMS missionaries at the Africa regional office in Nairobi, Kenya's capital. Give thanks for their knowledge and skills that provide invaluable insight and assistance to the LCMS mission in Kenya and throughout East Africa.

5. with praise and thanksgiving for the LCMS partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya (ELCK). The LCMS and the ELCK entered into altar and pulpit fellowship in 2004, and the ELCK currently has 520 congregations.

6. for the Rev. Walter Obare, bishop of the ELCK, as he provides spiritual leadership to this large church body, encourages and guides its pastors and make decisions about the appointment of limited resources. Pray, too, that the Lord would protect Rev. Obare as he travels.

7. for the 100,000 baptized members of the ELCK, 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.

8. for the 121 pastors and 200 trained evangelists of the ELCK who serve others in their daily ministries and represent the Church to communities throughout Kenya — from urban centers to isolated rural mission outposts.

9. with thanksgiving for the many short-term mission teams that serve in Kenya throughout the year, sent by the LCMS.

10. for the special partnerships that have formed between several LCMS congregations and the Kenya mission field through the Congregation Connect program. Many teams from Texas have already conducted evangelistic eyeglass clinics in the ELCK's central diocese, which provided opportunities to serve thousands of Kenyans with vision problems and to share the Gospel with those who visited the clinics.

11. giving thanks for the dedication of the first Lutheran hospital in Kenya in Kisumu (located in western Kenya) on Dec. 4, 2011. The hospital will provide health care to ELCK church workers, sponsored orphans and children at the Lutheran Special School for Mental Disabilities.

12. with thanks for the Medical Mercy Teams that have served in Kenya over the last few years, providing merciful medical care in Christ's name. Pray that more LCMS medical professionals would come forward to serve on future teams.

13. for the ministry of the ELCK's Mission Training Centers, where a small group of laymen meet for several days each month to receive biblical and doctrinal training from national Lutheran pastors. Currently, there are 18 training centers throughout Kenya. The strategy is to make these training centers self-sustaining so that they can continue their work without mission support.

14. for the ELCK seminary in Matongo, Kenya, which trains men for the pastoral ministry in a residential setting. Pray that its faculty would continue to impart truth and understanding to their students, and that the Lord would raise up more pastors to serve in His harvest fields.

15. that today would be the day of salvation (2 Corinth. 6:2) for the millions living in Kenya who do not yet have faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. May the Holy Spirit open their hearts to receive His Word, and may God provide a means for them to be connected with a Lutheran congregation.



Involvement Ideas



• Download the prayer cards of missionary families serving in Kenya. Visit www.lcms.org/prayercards to search last name.

• Visit www.lcms.org/kenya to learn more about LCMS witness and mercy work in Kenya.

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

• Learn more about the special partnership that your congregation can establish with a specific mission field through "Congregation Connect." Visit www.lcms.org/congregationconnect.

• Check www.lcms.org throughout the month of June for updates about new missionary orientation and the class of new GEO (long-term) and career missionaries who will be trained and sent to the mission field.

• Visit www.lcms.org/international to download a free map that shows the more than 90 locations and countries where the LCMS carries out witness and mercy work around the world.

Photo: Kim Purcell, a member of a short-term team from New Hope Missions Lutheran Church, Mooresville, N.C., visits with children of Lokichar Lutheran Church in Turkana, northwestern Kenya, in October 2011.

NEW MISSIONARIES – JUNE 16-30 Missionaries about to enter the field are attending New Missionary Orientation in St. Louis, Mo., from June 24 to July 6. Join in praying that God would accompany and sustain them in their work around the world.

Remember God's work through new LCMS missionaries as you pray:

16. for God to bless the efforts of the new missionary orientation, which will take place in St. Louis, Mo., this month. Missionaries will receive intensive training in many areas.

17. praising God for those who have left their homes, places of work, families, and comfort zones to support the ministries of partner churches and LCMS mission fields around the globe.

18. for God to send forth His resources to those He is calling as these new missionaries raise support to cover their salaries or stipends, insurance, room and board and other expenses. The amounts vary from less than \$10,000 to more than \$100,000. Also, prayerfully consider if God is calling you to financially support a missionary on a monthly, quarterly or yearly basis.

19. that God would grant peace and comfort to the loved ones who are saying "good-bye" to those who are being sent out. While many family members and friends are supportive, some may be hurt or scared to have so many miles between them.

20. asking God to send His holy angels to guard and protect the footsteps, ground travel, flights and other transit of new missionaries as they prepare to journey abroad.

21. that God will sustain the health of these new missionaries as they undergo much stress and that He would work through all measures to keep them in good health as they face new illnesses and environments. Pray that God would prepare and protect them for service as they undergo physical examinations and vaccinations.

22. for the Lord to provide what is needed at the right time for each of these new missionaries as they encounter feelings of helplessness, loneliness or anxiety in their new settings.

23. with praise to God for the prayer, financial and physical support of LCMS individuals and congregations who send out missionaries. May God bless the relationships between missionaries and their supporters so that more people can hear the Gospel and more can be involved as mission senders.

24. for encouraging fellowship and support among the new missionaries, staff and other facilitators who begin new missionary orientation today — so that they might be strengthened for their service to the Lord and be assured of their important role within the body of Christ.

25. that God would send His hand of protection to keep missionaries safe around the world as they serve. Pray that all would use good judgment as they carry out their ministries.

26. that new missionaries would be able to effectively learn important components of the language and culture where they are serving, so that Jesus' love would be clearly proclaimed through their words and actions.

27. for Jesus' love to boldly shine through all LCMS missionaries and personnel in the friendships they form. LCMS personnel serve in many capacities, from

medical personnel to relationship-builders through teaching English to theological educators, but a main emphasis of their service is always building relationships with the unchurched as well as with local Christians.

28. that new missionaries would maintain frequent communication with family, friends and supporters. It is important to tell what God is doing around the world, and also important to share prayer requests, but it is often initially difficult to write home about people, places and events that can hardly be described.

29. for the children of missionaries, affectionately called "Missionary Kids," who will be facing culture shock and unknown challenges — that God would protect their young bodies and keep them healthy. Praise God for the special role that children play in building relationships with new people and for their unashamed witness that Jesus' love is real.

30. for the worship and sending service that will be held on July 6 for new missionaries, staff and local supporters — may it be a time of celebration and singing heartfelt praises to the Lord of the harvest, with thanksgiving for calling more workers to serve in His fields.



Photo: New missionaries chat at the welcome picnic on the first day of New Missionary Orientation in July 2011. Each year, new GEO (Globally Engaged in Outreach) and career missionaries attend orientation for training and fellowship.

Missionary & Personnel Birthdays

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

- June 4** Sarah Wall, Peru
- June 7** Kevin Baker, South Korea; Carl Hanson, Hong Kong
- June 8** Chen-Hsi Hanson, Hong Kong
- June 11** Tony Booker, Czech Republic
- June 13** Ted Engelbrecht, Asia
- June 14** Mary Ettner, Vietnam; Janet Moeller-Abercrombie, Hong Kong
- June 16** Allen Piepenbrink, Hong Kong
- June 18** Deborah Going, Indonesia
- June 24** Andrew Schaff, Taiwan
- June 26** Christine Bickel, South Korea
- June 27** Judy Newhouse, Hong Kong
- June 28** Mark Wolfram, Taiwan
- June 29** David Pfeifer, Thailand; Iantha Scheiwe, Hong Kong

Military chaplains with birthdays in June: Chaplain Sean Ballard, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; Chaplain Walter Diekroger, Chillicothe, Ohio; Chaplain Randy Loux, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Chaplain Carl Muehler, Norfolk, Va.; Chaplain Matthew Prince, Parris Island, S.C.; Chaplain Timothy Rosenthal, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Chaplain Robert Stroud, MAF Committee; Chaplain Mark Tews, Afghanistan; Chaplain Arleigh von Seggern, Nellis AFB, Nev.