



Pray For Us Calendar

These prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord's mission.

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NEW MISSIONARIES — JUNE 1-15 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has been sending missionaries around the world since 1895, when the Synod's first missionary traveled to India. Today, the LCMS trains, sends and supports called and appointed career, long-term and short-term missionaries in various countries around the world where there are mission stations, partner churches, schools or mission relationships.

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

- 1.** with thanksgiving for the approximately 20 new missionaries who are expected to attend New Missionary Orientation later this month.
- 2.** for missionary families who are in the process of building their network of support. Although this is a necessary step toward their deployment to the field, this time can be stressful on families.
- 3.** for missionary families who are in the process of learning a new language for their upcoming service. Pray that God would provide perseverance for this task and skilled teachers to guide and encourage them.
- 4.** for new missionaries as they prepare to move overseas. There are many things to take care of during this transition, including visas, vaccinations, earthly possessions, pets, and housing and schooling options in a new place.
- 5.** for all missionaries who are settling into new surroundings. Pray that God would send new friends and understanding helpers during this time.
- 6.** that God would sustain the health of new missionaries and their family members as they face stressful situations and new illnesses in new places.
- 7.** for missionaries who are struggling with visa issues that are preventing them from settling in their country of service. Please ask God to either smooth the way or open up new opportunities in another location, according to His will.
- 8.** for the children of new missionaries, who will face culture shock and unknown challenges. Praise God for the special role that children play in building relationships with new people and for the simple way they witness to their friends and neighbors about Jesus Christ.
- 9.** that the Church would embrace the Synod's missionaries. Pray that through LCMS members, God would provide what is needed at the right time.
- 10.** for Jesus' love to shine boldly through all LCMS missionaries and personnel as they meet new people and make new friends.
- 11.** for safe travels for those attending New Missionary Orientation, which starts June 12 and runs through June 24 in St. Louis, Mo. Orientation provides intensive training in many different areas of the missionary experience.
- 12.** that orientation would energize, encourage and equip these missionaries for their new roles on the international mission field.
- 13.** that these new missionaries would find fellowship and support among the other new missionaries and the regional teams they will be working with overseas.
- 14.** that God would grant peace and comfort to the loved ones who are saying "goodbye" to those who are being sent. Pray that God would relieve feelings of anxiety and sadness over separation from family and friends.
- 15.** that God would raise up even more missionaries to serve Him through acts of witness and mercy around the world.



New missionaries Gabriel Fickenscher, Sean Baker, Tyler McMiller and Kristin Lange are commissioned in a "Service of Sending" July 2, 2015, at the LCMS International Center chapel.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Meet the Synod's missionaries at lcms.org/missionaries. From this web page, you can find information about how to pray for and support the Synod's missionaries, as well as learn about current opportunities to become one!
- Do you have a week or two to help with a Bible camp in Poland or do outreach in Uganda? Browse open opportunities for short-term mission work at servenow.lcms.org.
- Are you a medical professional who wants to help people around the world? Learn more about the Synod's Mercy Medical Teams at lcms.org/mercyteams.

SHORT-TERM TEAMS — JUNE 16–30 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (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 God's work through short-term teams as you pray:

16. for the members of the LCMS Mercy Medical Team who are serving in Kenya until June 26. Please pray for their safety as they perform tangible acts of mercy and share the Gospel with people in a remote area of the country.

17. for upcoming Mercy Medical Team trips to Uganda and Madagascar in July and August. Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts and minds of these workers for what they are about to experience.

18. for the first national Mercy Medical Team trip, which will take place in Philadelphia in August. Pray that this team will enhance and bless the ministry already taking place there.

19. for the people served by Mercy Medical Teams, that through these acts of Christian care they might be open to receiving the Gospel message of eternal hope and healing.

20. that all short-term volunteers would brightly shine the light of Christ's love, no matter where they serve or what tasks they are doing.

21. for short-term teams working on construction projects, that the Lord would send His holy angels to guard team members as they dig wells, construct buildings or do other tasks.

22. 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.

23. with thanksgiving for the many LCMS members who have participated in a short-term mission trip, either in the United States or abroad.

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

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

26. that God would raise up even more short-term teams to lead English Bible camps in Europe. Each year, there are more opportunities than there are teams available.

27. for missionaries who serve as volunteer coordinators 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.

28. with thanksgiving 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.

29. with thanksgiving for LCMS partner agencies and Recognized Service Organizations that are sending teams to mission fields around the world this year. May the Lord use their presence and ministry as a blessing in the places where they serve.

30. that the Lord would use all short-term team members, when they return home and share their experiences, to encourage fellow believers to become involved in God's mission.



Elga Heintzen, a nurse from Hinsdale, Ill., who attends First St. Paul Lutheran Church, works with a Kenyan health worker to treat an elderly woman at a June 2014 Mercy Medical Team clinic in Kenya.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from lcms.org/prayercards.

- June 1** Tina Matro, Papua New Guinea
- June 2** Blake Warren, Dominican Republic
- June 5** Heather Ruesch, Puerto Rico
- June 7** Kevin Baker, South Korea; Carl Hanson, Hong Kong
- June 8** Chen-Hsi Hanson, Hong Kong
- June 12** Suzanne Kaster, Ghana; Linda Rinne, Czech Republic
- June 15** Levi Karth, Peru
- June 16** Micah Odemba, Kenya
- June 17** Gretchen Trinklein, South Korea
- June 18** Janet Froh, Kenya; Deborah Going, Japan
- June 19** Charles Ferry, Southern Asia
- June 23** Craig Donofrio, Czech Republic; Cheryl Naumann, Dominican Republic
- June 24** Amy James, Sri Lanka; Andrew Schaff, Taiwan
- June 25** Susan Rohlfling, Czech Republic
- June 26** Christine Bickel, South Korea
- June 28** Amanda Gale, Peru; William Lohmeyer, Dominican Republic
- June 30** Eliza Askins, Hong Kong

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE:

Chaplain Arleigh von Seggern, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.; Chaplain Carl Muehler, Chicago; Chaplain Jeremy Davis, Kuwait; Chaplain Sean Ballard, Laughlin AFB, Texas; Chaplain Timothy Rosenthal, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.; Chaplain Matthew Prince, Portsmouth, Va.; RADM James Doebler, LCMS Military to the Armed Forces Committee chairman.