



LCMS WORLD MISSION

The Global Gospel Outreach of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod ✝



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At a Glance

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Eph. 2:10).

Who is LCMS World Mission?

We are the global Gospel outreach of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a confessional Lutheran church with more than 6,000 congregations and 2.3 million members in North America. In September 2010, the LCMS introduced the ‘Witness, Mercy, Life Together’ emphasis for the Church and the world. It is profoundly biblical and theological, yet also simple. Interrelated to one another, the three parts illustrate how the church lives and works together to proclaim the Gospel and to provide for our brothers and sisters in Christ in our congregations, communities and throughout the world. As the mission sending arm of the church body, LCMS World Mission finds a sure foundation in the new ‘Witness’ emphasis. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

When were we established?

The first LCMS mission board was established in 1851, just four years after the founding of the Synod. The LCMS commissioned its first overseas missionary in the 1890s to India.

What is our mission focus?

Our global mission focuses on Gospel proclamation for the purposes of outreach, church planting, leadership training, strategic mission development and global multiplication—*multiplying the number of believers sharing their faith*—centered in three primary arenas, with strategic emphases for Gospel outreach through:

International Mission

- Africa—Training National Leaders, including Pastors, Evangelists and Lay Leaders
- East Asia—Reaching People through Education and Human Care Ministries
- Eurasia—Reconnecting People to Their Christian Heritage
- Latin America—Training National Leaders and Missionaries
- South Asia—Reaching People through Human Care Ministries and Training National Leaders

Ministry to the Armed Forces

- Endorsing and supporting LCMS chaplains including: active duty, National Guard and Reserve, Veterans Administration, Civil Air Patrol and Federal Bureau of Prison Ministry
- Equipping LCMS congregations for local outreach to service people and their families (see www.operationbarnabas.org)

WORLD stats

World population 6.8 billion people

Population of Unreached and Uncommitted 4.2 billion people

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PLACES:

Supports works and relationships in:

- 90-plus countries
- see www.lcms.org/international
- 33 official partner churches
- missionaries reside in 32 countries

PEOPLE:

Our global missionary team includes:

- 103 career international missionaries
- 5 alliance missionaries—from partner churches
- 56 international educators are serving schools in 6 countries
- 110 GEO* long-term missionaries
- 208 military chaplains
- 54 short-term missionary individuals served in 2011
- 444 individuals served on short-term mission teams in 2011

*globally engaged in outreach missionaries serve one to two year terms



How is our mission accomplished?

We work through partnerships and the building up of local leadership. We do this by sending missionaries where no Christian presence exists or supporting the mission goals of partner or emerging churches. The Ministry to the Armed Forces endorses and supports LCMS chaplains in the Armed Forces and supports LCMS members currently serving in uniform, as well as veterans. We develop resources, recruit missionary personnel and train and equip congregations and individuals in order to involve the whole church in God's mission.

Who are our partners?

Relationships with national churches and other mission partners around the world are expanded and strengthened for the purpose of Gospel outreach. We currently work in partnership with:

- International Lutheran church bodies
- Emerging Lutheran church bodies
- Lutheran Hour Ministries/Lutheran Women's Missionary League
- 23 Recognized Service Organizations
- Synod entities like LCMS World Relief and Human Care and the Concordia University System
- LCMS-related Mission Societies
- LCMS districts
- LCMS seminaries
- LCMS congregations and schools
- Other mission-minded organizations

How can I find out about mission opportunities? What if I have additional questions?

Our contact and Web site information is provided below. You can also stay up-to-date with the latest good news and media via our blog, <http://blog.lcmsworldmission.org>. Search current missionary positions by visiting www.lcmsworldmission.org/searchopps.

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