

"Jesus Is Lord!"

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...“that every knee may bow and every
tongue confess that **JESUS CHRIST IS
LORD....**”

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Current Projects

India (3)
Papua, New Guinea (2)
Sri Lanka (2)
Philippines (2)
Guinea, West Africa (2)
Kyrgyzstan
Greater Asia
Middle East &
Central Asia
Georgia, Russia

Membership

+ = increase since
07/31/07
516 Families (+ 4)
980 Individuals (+ 8)

Contributed

To date: \$902,015

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HAPPY 4TH of JULY to our members and friends
From your 2008 - 2009 Steering Committee and volunteers
of **The Jesus Is Lord Mission Society**



Front Row: Rev. Greg Knippa, Jane Ellwanger, Rev. John Ellwanger, Rev. John Heckmann
Back Row: Rev. James Kretzman, Dalton Noack, Chap. Paul Howe, Milton Liese, Dr. Glenn O’Shoney

We give thanks to the Lord, that on June 11, 2008, at our Annual Meeting, **Jesus Is Lord Mission (JILM) Society** ratified a budget of \$226,800 in support of LCMS World Mission projects in 10 countries for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The 15 projects ratified are as follows:

India	New church sites	\$10,500
India	Probationers as church planters	\$21,000
Papua New Guinea	Theological Education & Bible Schools	\$25,200
Papua New Guinea	Training leaders for outreach	\$13,650
Sri Lanka	Lutheran Seminary	\$10,500
Sri Lanka	Probationers as church planters	\$10,500
Philippines	Equipping a church for outreach	\$23,625
Philippines	Theological training among Tagakaulo people	\$11,550
India	Concordia Seminary in Nagercoil	\$42,000
Guinea West Africa	Reaching the Maninka People	\$ 2,625
Guinea West Africa	Theological Education by Extension	\$10,500
Kyrgyzstan	Training evangelists & church planters	\$13,650
Greater Asia	Lay leadership training	\$10,500
Middle East & Central Asia	New Mission work	\$ 5,250
Georgia, Russia	New Mission work	\$15,750
Total		\$226,800

Training People to Reach Their Own People

My Fellow Missionaries:

These are exciting times, with the upcoming elections, the cost of fuel, the cost of groceries, and the cost of everything else continually going up. These are exciting times as we live with the confidence that our Heavenly Father will take care of us even when we live life exhibiting little faith.

These are exciting times as we come out of a very productive Annual Meeting of your Jesus Is Lord Mission Society. Allow me to share with you why I say that.

These are exciting times as we have the opportunity to enter the 21st Century by setting up our own JILM Blog.. Blogging and Bloggers are the hallmarks of these days and we are now a part of it.

These are exciting times as we have given to the work of the Lord in foreign mission fields and here in America \$900,000 to be used by our missionaries so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow and every tongue confess that Jesus IS Lord.

These are exciting times for at the Annual Meeting we also began work in earnest on a DVD production that can be given to whoever would like to know more about the work of JILM.

These are exciting times as we realize that there still is much work to be done, not only as we strive to get partners in the 10 states in America who have no representation in JILM, but also as we look at the challenge the Lord has laid before us, of sending the most money in any given fiscal year to the mission field through our LCMS. And it is exciting that 97% of the dollars given to JILM make it directly into the hands of those on the mission field where lives are touched with the Good News of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

I could share countless other exciting things taking place in our mission society, like the powerful presentations given at our Annual Meeting by Dr. Glen O'Shoney and Dr. Wilbert Sohns about the work we are doing together, but space will not allow for that. Order our DVD for details. For now, just know that we are indeed living in **exciting times** as the Good News of Jesus Christ is being taken around the world in our name by the missionaries and Probationers we support.

In HIS service and yours,

Pastor John Heckmann
Hebrews 13:2-21

Expressions of Gratitude from Sri Lanka

Rev. Michael Sivalingam, President of the Lanka Lutheran Church, (and friend of Steering Committee member, Dalton Noack, former Educator Missionary with his wife Deanne, in the "up country") is thankful to you, God's people supporting JILM because the gifts received through the Board for Mission Services of LCMS directly affect the ministry in the country of Sri Lanka.

Pastor Michael reports because of the concern of the members and volunteers of JILM, 14 new churches have been established in what is known as "up country" in Sri Lanka. Gifts given by JILM have helped in paying a small stipend to 12 students preparing for ministry. Part of this preparation is as Probationers doing ministry. In the process of establishing the 14 churches, rooms were rented for the Probationers so they could live in the communities away from their homes. Open air meetings, a common cultural activity, were held in all communities where the new churches were established, which include food and transportation for the Probationers.

Praising God is in order, because through the partnership of the Lanka Lutheran Church with JILM, 500 people have been touched with the Good New of Jesus. They look with hope of doubling this number in the near future as God blesses this partnership effort.



JILM MEMBERS IN THE U.S.



Jesus said to them, **“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8.**

Yes, **JILM** is answering the call of the Holy Spirit, when we look at our U.S. map and pin point all our members who are working on our **JILM** team to witness to the ends of the earth. We have members in every state in the U.S. except Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia. Letters are being sent to all LCMS pastors in these states introducing them to the **Jesus Is Lord Mission Society** and God’s work of which we are privileged to be a part.

If you know someone in these states, tell them about God’s work being done by the **Jesus Is Lord Mission Society** in Walburg, Texas. Projects may be adopted by individuals, congregations, LWML societies, schools, Bible Classes and other organizations in our church. **JILM** Volunteers are available to speak for schools and any other groups wanting to know more about the **Jesus Is Lord Mission Society**.

The Bell

I KNOW WHO I AM
I am God’s child (John 1:12)
I am Christ’s friend (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price(1 Cor. 6:19-20)
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt.5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil.3:20)
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God(2 Cor.5:17-21)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit(Eph. 2:18)
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God(Rom.8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor.1:21-22)
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8: 28)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
I am God’s temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
I am God’s co-worker (1 Cor.. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God’s workmanship(Eph. 2:10)
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil 1: 5)
I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col.1:14).I have been adopted as God’s child (Eph 1:5)
I belong to God
Do you know
who you are?

May we keep the Christian bell ringing in the mission fields – at home and abroad.

May we continually praise God for our freedom to worship Him and say a humble thank you to all the men & women who have given their life so that we may be free, as Christ gave His life that we may have eternal salvation!