

**"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**

Cambodia  
China & Turkey  
Guinea, W. Africa (2)  
India (4)  
Kyrgyzstan  
Papua New Guinea  
Philippines  
Sri Lanka (3)

**Membership**

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

**Contributed**

**Jan. 18 – April 17**  
\$33,234.65  
**To date:** \$871,902

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# **We Are There - INDIA!**

Dr. Herb Hoefler, the World Mission Area Director for India and Sri Lanka, recently returned from a month-long visit to India. He wrote:

The seminary gathered the 26 young men and one deaconess who are doing their probation period in church planting. They’ve been at it less than a year, and already God is working mightily through them. Almost all have people getting ready for baptism. (Usually 10 - 15, but even 100 in one place.)

**Thank you Lord for allowing us, JILM, to support the probationers in this mighty work of planting your church. We are there!**

He continues:

The refrain all along is that most others in our area are waiting to see if we will build a chapel. It’s traditional that large numbers come forward at the time of the church dedication. They want this sacred space in their village, and they want this assurance that the church is with them to stay. We have some funds for new sites and chapels, and tomorrow the IELC Board for Missions will meet to set up a priority list.

**Thank you Lord for members with a passion for the mission and for our plan to continue providing resources for land and chapel. We are there!**

Finally:

As the probationers gave their reports, I would ask them what their special joys and difficulties have been. It was so striking that they eagerly spoke their joys, but about difficulties they just said “none.” This, in spite of the fact that they have very small stipends, especially for those with families, and they have faced serious opposition and even threats of violence, especially at the start.



**Thank you Lord that we of JILM can partner in the ministry of these bold, courageous, and dedicated men and women. Yes, we are there!**

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***Training People to Reach Their Own People***

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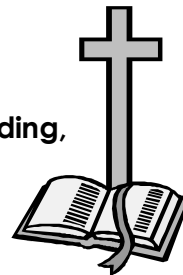
We are being asked, once again, to provide prayers and resources to our co-workers in India to fund seminary training, to purchase church sites and to fund the probationers.

And, in a “closed country”, where it is our privilege to share the good news of Christ the Savior, but not say or write too much about it, we have been able to help with the construction of a number of “training centers.” Now we are focusing on helping these centers develop the materials they need to “do” the training. We have been able to put eight books with both a teacher’s edition and a student edition for each into print. It is our challenge to make this material - for students with minimal education - solid in “law and gospel,” “justification by faith,” Christocentric Bible teaching,” and “means of grace theology and practice.”

**Thank you Lord that our gifts, large and small, combined to make this ministry in this “closed” country possible. We are there!**

**We are there and we can bring the Word of Life to so many more places!!!**

**Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet un-trodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that you hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**



### *The Steering Committee Report*

- ❖ The Steering Committee met with representatives of LCMS World Mission (Dave Birner and Ross Stroh) to review possible projects for 2008-2009.
- ❖ Your BALLOT - approval of projects and election of officers - should be in your mailbox by April 25. Your response is important - your comments appreciated.
- ❖ The JILM Newsletter will, beginning July 2008, be mailed every other month (six times a year.) We had experimented with a four time a year delivery - believe six will work better to keep you current on all the work - all the blessings!
- ❖ It was reported that sometime late this year (2008) or early next year (2009) we will receive our ONE MILLIONTH DOLLAR in gifts - your gifts. “That every ear may hear and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord”
- ❖ The Annual Meeting of JILM - June 11, 2008 -9:00am - Zion Lutheran - Walburg, TX

### **“Your Gifts and funding of JILM” for 2007 – 2008**

Since the fiscal year for JILM runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, it is important that you, the members, are kept up to date on the projects as you have funded them.

The following projects have been completed:

India Probationers	India - New Church Sites
Sri Lanka Probations	Lanka Lutheran Seminary
Papua New Guinea – Education	Concordia Seminary - India
Reaching Maninka People - Guinea, West Africa	Turkey - JILM Opportunity Fund

The remaining projects have the following balances:

India In-Service Training -	\$2,100.00
Sri Lanka In-Service Training. -	\$ 554.40
Train Cambodia Nationals -	\$3,760.05
Kyrgyzstan -	\$3,724.44
China - Lay Leader Training -	\$4,312.35
Philippines - Theological Training -	\$6,207.60

As of May 2008, we have a total of \$20,658.84 to be funded by July 1, 2008.

As of April 12, 2008 our Funds on hand are \$2,762.96.



*Special Gifts*  
*Jan. 18 – April 17,*  
*2008*

**In Memory of**

- ◆ Rev. Donald Bendewald (founding member of JILM)
  - † by Rev. Marvin & Shirley Henschel
  - † by Rev. John & Ellie Scholz
  - † by Rev. Walter & Jane Tietjen
  - † by Mrs. Erna Siewert
- ◆ Ms. Sally Stuewe by Rev. Walter & Ellen Harms
- ◆ Rev. Arnold Vehling by Mrs. Bettie Horn Bendewald
- ◆ Rev. Gerhardt F. Kempff by Rev. Erhart & Anita Bauer
- ◆ Dr. Jane V. Zeile by Dr. & Mrs. Walter L. Zeile
- ◆ Mrs. Karen Bjornstad by Mr. Dalton & Deanna Noack
- ◆ Ms. Margie Record by John & Mary Ann Brown
- ◆ Mr. Ernest Horn by Rev. Rodney & Vera Loose
- ◆ Rev. Charles Born by Rev. Walter & Ellen Harms
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- ◆ Mr. Doug Cunningham
  - † by Mr. John & Mary Ann Brown
  - † by Mr. Charles & Bettie Horn
- ◆ Mr. Jimmy Koch by Rev. Walter & Ellen Harms
- ◆ Mr. Lou Kappler by Mr. Dalton & Deanne Noack
- ◆ Mr. Carl Wachsmann by Mrs. Bettie Horn Bendewald
- ◆ Mr. Robert E. Young by Mrs. Carolyn Young
- ◆ Rev. Vic Albers by Rev. Wesley & Edith Kuhn
- ◆ Mr. Paul Vricella by Mr. John & Mary Ann Brown
- ◆ Mr. Warren Brugge by Rev. Walter & Ellen Harms
- ◆ Mrs. Jeaninne Helmstetter by Mrs. Bettie Horn Bendewald
- ◆ Mr. Sean Graham by Mr. Dalton & Deanne Noack
- ◆ Mr. Phil Landers by Mrs. Bettie Horn Bendewald
- ◆ correction : a gift from Rev. Richard & Ruth Schlecht was In memory of Rev. Gerhardt Schmidt

**In Honor of**

- ☆ Rev. Tim & Rita Nickel by Dr. Arnold & Caroline Krompardt
- ☆ Miss Hannah & Mrs. Tonya Loesch by Rev. Nathan & Marian Loesch
- ☆ Mr. Curtis & Ruth Doehring ( 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) by Ms. Leona Kokel

**In Thanksgiving for**

- Mrs. Bettie Horn Bendewald & all volunteers in JILM service by Rev. Walter & Jane Tietjen
- Mrs. Karen Bjornstad (ministry) by Chaplain Paul & Lois Howe

*Churches Contributing Feb. – Apr. '08*

- Dorcas Society of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Austin, TX
- Redeeming Grace Lutheran Church, Austin, TX
- Zion Lutheran School, Walburg, TX
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Spring, TX
- Dorcas Society of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Austin, TX
- LWML - Anna Society, Fishers of Men Lutheran Church, Port Isabel, TX
- Christ Lutheran Church, Orlando Park, IL
- Zion Lutheran Church, Walburg, TX

*Thank You*

*To God Be the Glory!*

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*New Members*

- ☑ Mr. Charles & Bettie Horn, Cedar Park, TX
- ☑ Mr. Gary & Karin Laneman, Austin, TX
- ☑ Mr. Howard & Mary Voelker, Walburg, TX
- ☑ Dorcas Society, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Austin, TX
- ☑ St. John's LWML, Cypress, TX

*Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!*

.....a *Word from our President*

My Fellow JILM Missionaries:

When you get your ballot for officers and mission projects in a few weeks, you will see that your Board has suggested that we step out in faith to fund even more of the mission around the world. As we step out in faith we trust our Heavenly Father will lead us to meet our goal with much success.

With that in mind I want to share an idea with you. In the coming months, depending on the last numbers of your Social Security Number, most of us will be receiving a check from the U.S. Treasury as a part of the stimulus plan to get this great nation of ours back on its feet.

How about putting some or all of that check back into the economy by sending it to our Jesus Is Lord Mission Society to fund the mission of telling untold numbers of people about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Think of what would happen if our 500 plus members each gave \$100 or \$200 of that check to JILM. Think of the impact that this money would have on our mutual ministry and what it would mean to those who are working in our place on the mission field as 97% of that money (and all of our gifts) go directly to the projects we support.

Just something to think about as you consider what to do with your rebate check as we strive together to reach the goal **“that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”**   **Philippians 2:10-11**

*Pastor John Heckmann*  
Hebrews 13:20-21



David Birner & Ross Stroh from the LCMS Board of Missions,  
and Rev. John Heckmann, President of JILM