

"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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500 Families &
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\$1,040,141

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Matthew: 28:5-7 The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where he lay.”

Christ Has Risen – He has risen indeed!

**During these fifty days of the Easter season, we proclaim
in nine countries –**

He is Risen Indeed! Yes, Jesus Is Lord!

Preparing the Gutnius Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea for Outreach \$13,000



Bishop David Piso installs Ezekiel David Peter as the new General Secretary for the Gutnius Lutheran Church.

An installation ceremony was held on March 2 at Peiman Lutheran Congregation at the Gutnius Lutheran Church headquarters in Irelya, New Guinea. GLC Head Bishop, Rev. David Piso, installed Mr. Ezekiel David Peter as the new General Secretary for the GLC, who was appointed by the Bishop’s Council on January 3. The installation was attended by members of the clergy and department heads, as well as leaders in the public service and the government, including the Enga Province governor, Mr. Hon Peter Ipatas, who is a GLC member.

The GLC is a member of the International Lutheran Council, and was founded by the LCMS in 1948. The church now runs three secondary schools, a hospital and six health centers, and many primary schools. In a joint arrangement with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea, the GLC runs the Martin Lutheran Seminary, Balob Teachers College, and the Madang Lutheran School of Nursing. The two former institutions will now form the Lae Lutheran University.

Training People to Reach Their Own People



From the desk of our President:

My Fellow Missionaries:

This month I have a brief thought on a matter of great importance.

April 2nd, your Steering Committee was blessed to sit down with the Rev. David Birner and Ms. Stacey Welcenbach from our LCMS World Mission board. They presented to us 11 possible projects for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$265,125. That would be by far the greatest amount of money this mission society has ever committed. After much, prayer based

discussion, it was decided that we should not agree to fund this number of projects in this amount since we are falling short in our funding of our projects for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009. After much discussion (as you will see listed elsewhere) we decided to offer to you, for your approval, 10 projects (one of them being different than the ones originally submitted) in the amount of \$210,000 which is \$16,800 less than we committed for 2008-2009.

That is "exciting stuff." Now comes the "stuff" that is difficult to share. When we met as your JILM Steering Committee in January, Mr. Milton Liese, our faithful treasurer, reported to us that we were over half way (seven months) into the Fiscal Year and had only received 48.8% of the funds needed to support our projects. At our April Steering Committee meeting we heard that we were ten months into our Fiscal Year and only 59.2% of the money needed to fully fund the projects, we as a Mission Society agreed to last June, has been received. Now, like any "good Lutheran pastor," I could tell you that you better give or we will not make our commitment. Like any "good Lutheran pastor or layperson," you know that will not work. The Law never motivates us for very long to do anything. So, I share with you the motivation of the Gospel through the words of our founding President, Dr. Will Sohns and through the Bible verse that always conclude my thoughts to you as I encourage you to look at your giving to JILM. As JILM faces this budget shortfall, it is only "the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus" that will move us. It is only "that great shepherd of the sheep," who equips us "with everything good for doing His will," that will constrain us and "work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen!" (Hebrews 13:20-21). With that in mind, I encourage you to look at your giving to JILM. Pray about how you may be able to respond to this need. If you are doing what you can that is wonderful and we praise God for you. If you can give a little more as we close out this Fiscal Year that is wonderful and we praise God for you. In whatever we do, the Lord will bless our efforts as we together strive for the day when **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)

In HIS service and yours,

Pastor John Heckmann - Hebrews 13:20-21

YOU SHOULD KNOW: THIS and THAT

Zion Lutheran Church & School - Walburg, TX

JILM recognizes the outreach strength, as a recipient of this generous spirit, in the congregational offering shared on Ash Wednesday in the amount of \$1,172, which we received with gratitude.

In addition, the leadership team of the school modeled giving by encouraging the students and their families to be JILM partners through their Chapel offerings.

Support of one of the Probationers in India

JILM member, Larue Rasmus writes, "We would like to support one of the Probationers in India for another year. Please find the check for \$1,000 enclosed. Thank you for taking on the task of

working with all of the Probationers in India. May the Gospel be proclaimed all over India.

Executive Director LCMS World Mission, The Rev. Dr. Thomas Zehnder writes:

"We celebrate the miracle of God's grace- the Word made flesh! Your gifts help us to proclaim that Word in our neighborhoods, in our nation and around the world. Our thanks go out to you for your support for LCMS World Mission! As a result of your gifts we can share hope, joy and peace with the world. I am really happy that we are working together in mission. JILM is a great Organization and we at World Mission are so grateful for what you are doing. May God's grace be with you!"

St. John Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Cypress, TX

JILM was blessed with a love offering with the

significant comment, "We are truly happy to provide this bit of help to JILM and pray that you know the love And prayers that are behind it."

JILM member, The Rev. Bernard Raabe writes:
 "In support of Jesus Is Lord Mission Society, I get the "biggest bang for the buck." Since a very small percentage of my contribution is applied to overhead or administration costs."

JILM DVD Viewing - JILM member, The Rev. Dr. Otto Hintz writes:

- DVD Very well done
- DVD Gets the point across
- DVD Content is sufficient for new members to respond first and always

The Rev. Chap. Paul Howe writes:
 "The JILM DVD was shown at a Bible Class at Faith Lutheran Church, Georgetown, TX. It was fortunate to have nine Laborer for Christ Teams, building our new church, in the class and each took the DVD and will scatter in two weeks back to their home

congregations and share the DVD in the Midwest and northern states of the U.S."

The Rev. John Selle, Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Georgetown, TX writes:
 "I pray that many new prayer partners will result from your efforts, as well as new gifts being generated for JILM."

Ms. Stacy Welcenbach, Board for World Mission executive, writes:
 "I give thanks to God for JILM's partnership and commitment."

LCMS World Mission Harvest News Publication
 JILM was given a page of publicity in the publication of The Harvest. Be sure to read all about us. It pictures our Steering Committee and our founders, The Rev. Dr. Glen and Sandra O'Shoney. Find out how you and your family can be a part of our Jesus Is Lord Mission Society.

**JESUS IS LORD MISSION SOCIETY
 Treasurer's Report April 15, 2009**

Mission funds on hand	07/01/08	\$ 18,590.59
Mission funds received	07/01/08 to 04/15/09	138,125.92
Interest		102.70
Mission project support		114,200.04
JILM expenses (4.9%)		<u>6,827.23</u>
Funds on hand	04/15/09	\$ <u>35,791.94</u>

Project Status Report for 2008 – 2009

	<u>Commitment</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Remainder</u>	<u>Complete</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	\$	\$	\$	%	
1. India-New church sites	10,500	7,875.00	2,625.00	75.0	
2. India-Probationers as church planters	21,000	10,500.00	10,500.00	50.0	
3. Papua New Guinea-Theo. ed. & bible schools	25,200	6,300.00	18,900.00	25.0	
4. Papua New Guinea-Training leaders for outreach	13,650	3,412.50	10,237.50	25.0	
5. Sri Lanka-Lutheran Seminary	10,500		10,500.00	0.0	
6. Sri Lanka-Probationers as church planters	10,500	5,250.00	5,250.00	50.0	
7. Philippines-Equipping a church for outreach	23,625	5,906.25	17,718.75	25.0	
8. Philippines-Theo. training among Tagakauol people	11,550	11,550.00	0.00	100.0	Complete
9. India-Concordia Seminary in Nagercoil	42,000	37,485.00	4,515.00	89.3	+12,285.00
10. Guinea W. Africa-Reaching the Maninka people	2,625	323.40	2,301.60	12.3	
11. Guinea W. Africa-Theo. ed. by extension	10,500	5,250.00	5,250.00	50.0	
12. Kyrgyzstan-Training evangelists & church planters	13,650	8,317.56	5,332.44	61.0	+3,363.66
13. Greater Asia-Lay leadership training	10,500	5,250.00	5,250.00	50.0	
14. Middle East & Central Asia-New mission work	5,250		5,250.00	0.0	
15. Georgia, Russia-New mission work	15,750	6,780.33	8,969.67	43.0	+2,261.13
Total projects, incl. 5%	<u>226,800</u>	<u>114,200.04</u>	<u>112,599.96</u>	50.4	<u>+17,909.79*</u>

*Sent 3/30/09

Total contributed by 4/15/09 - \$1,040,141.00

"DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR JILM BALLOT AND COMMENTS"



Special Gifts
March & April 2009

In Memory of

- † Emma Quirom by Edwin & Marilyn Londenberg
- † Nathan Maier (Son) by Myrtle Maier
- † Addie Schlimper by John & Mary Ann Brown
- † The Rev. Luther Meinzen by The Rev. Ted & Katherine Michalk
- † Erwin Michalk (Brother) by The Rev. Ted & Katherine Michalk
- † Joseph Klepac, Martin David Jones, Jr., Royce Glen Pietsch by Edwin & Marilyn Londenberg
- † The Rev. Arnold Strohschein by David & Vivian Meyer
- † The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Hobus by Alice Hobus & sons, Paul, David, Steven & Michael
- † Claude & Lorena Isaacks by Larry & Barbara Biels (Barbara's parents)
- † Otto Knippa, Marie Clark by John & Mary Ann Brown
- † Lois Scholz (Birthday of late wife) by Alfred Scholz
- † Marvin Andres by Virginia, Robert, Lita & Savannah Andres
- † Loraine Moeller by Dalton & Deanne Noack
- † Dr. Lester Bayer, Dorothy Zielke, James Moritz by Woodie & Margie Arp
- † Leland Lawson, K. O. Dewey by Rev. Robert & Eloise Kuhlmann
- † Marcella Wagenknecht by Dr. Milton & Joan Riemer
- † Chris White by Milton & Peggy Turnipseed
- † Mrs. Adrid Bell, Mrs. Laverne Vonbehren, Mrs. Esther Finningsmeyer, Ms. Denelle Hilgendorf by Bettie Horn Bendewald

In Honor of & Thanksgiving for

- ❖ The Rev. Phil & Sheila Ilton - 50th Wedding Anniversary by Bettie Horn Bendewald
- ❖ Frances Kube by Dalton & Deanne Noack
- ❖ Curtis & Marilyn Mickan by The Rev. William & Paula Otto
- ❖ The Rev. John & Cheryl Selle - 40th Wedding Anniversary by Bettie Horn Bendewald
- ❖ Mrs. Sharon Schwarz-Roncace – Birthday, Mrs. Jackie Zehnder – Birthday by Bettie Horn Bendewald

New Members

- The Rev. Darowin & Janet Cordes
- The Rev. William & Paula Otto
- Kelsey Menke

New Organizations

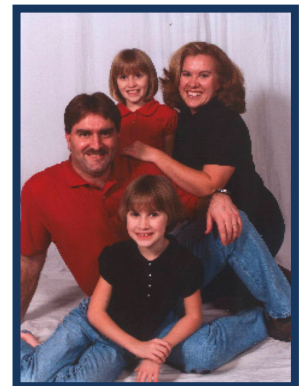
- Ascension Lutheran Church - Women's Guild - St. Louis, MO
- Trinity Lutheran Church - LWML - Casper, Wyoming
- St. Paul Lutheran Church - LWML - Gatesville, TX

Stipends for 12 Probationer-as-Church Planters in Sri Lanka - \$10,000



LCMS World Mission continues to provide funding for stipends for probationer-as-church planters in Sri Lanka. This funding provides basic support for their ministries during their three-year probationary period as they continue to work on distant tea plantations. Most of them must commute from their homes daily for one to two hours by bus and on foot. Additional project funding will help to build mission stations for each of them so that they can eventually live among their people. The building design is a parsonage-cum-community hall where worship, education, pre-school, tutoring, and other activities can be conducted. They receive training in cottage industry skills so that they can be self-supporting, knowing that their congregation members cannot provide a living wage, especially at the beginning. The Lanka Lutheran Church ordained these probationers in August 2008.

Paul, Noel Rupprecht & Family



Yes, we give thanks for all the work, Noel Rupprecht and her family, gave to JILM, setting up the first JILM web site.

It is time for a special expression of appreciation and thanksgiving for Noel Rupprecht, who initiated the JILM web site and faithfully maintained it. She was drawn to doing this important work for JILM because her parents, The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Muench told her "that JILM was being started and that it would be nice to have a web site." Responding to this loving parental nudge Noel said, "Things just grew from there." Just look at jilmission.org to see the creative fruit of her voluntary labor of love. Out of consideration for Noel, at a time when health issues of necessity are priority, she has agreed to transfer the management of the web site over to Larry Noack. Our thanks to Noel and Larry for working to make this a smooth transition.

We praise God for Noel and her special family. Our best wishes and prayers will be with Noel, Paul and their children as they deal with Noel's health issues.