



**A Mission Society ~**  
Supporting the World Mission of the  
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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

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**“ENTER, MIGHTY WORD, THE FIELD”**

God’s grace again is evident to His people at **Jesus Is Lord Mission Society**. Our fiscal year ended on June 30 after fulfilling all requests for funding that were received. Thanks to committed leadership and dedicated volunteers, our annual expense ratio is a very low 5.4%. Now we continue our journey of faith with new mission goals to be accomplished during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. This newsletter briefly describes two of the projects that were adopted by our members. The remaining projects will be highlighted in the next newsletter. More detailed information on all of the projects is available on the website, [www.jilmmission.org](http://www.jilmmission.org).

Each week we see the light of God’s love as individuals, congregations and organizations honor God with gifts for the mission fields. As in years past, with God’s help and your continued diligence in supporting His work, we are confident we can meet our total goal of \$178,832 during this coming fiscal year.

Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will continue to abundantly bless JILM in His service.

*“Enter, mighty Word, the field; ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few for the work there is to do!*

*Lord of harvest, great and kind, rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath’ring nations all see Your light and heed Your call.”*  
--“Spread the Reign of God the Lord,” stanzas 5 and 6  
Lutheran Service Book #830



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**Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET), Dapaong, Togo**

**\$94,680**



CLET Students with Staff and Visitors

Last year **JILM** supported CLET with \$32,650. This year, we have a more substantial commitment to the Lutheran Center. CLET trains pastors for Lutheran church bodies throughout French-speaking Africa, including Togo, Benin, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Congo-Brazzaville and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Some of the training  
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*Training People to Reach Their Own People*

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is done by extension in the various countries. The final training takes place on the CLET campus located in Dapaong, Togo. In addition, CLET helps prepare students for higher theological training in a Lutheran seminary. CLET instructs about 35 students each year.

After completing their training at CLET, the students begin supervised vicarages in their home churches. Some of the students have been at the CLET for two full years without having seen their families. The vicarage is a pastoral internship that can last up to four years.

This year's funding will support sending students from various countries to the CLET, with each student being funded individually. You can read more about this project at [www.jilmission.org](http://www.jilmission.org).

JILM received this letter in response to news of our additional commitment for 2011-2012:

Dear Friends,

We cannot fully express our gratitude to you on hearing of the approval to support the CLET this coming year! We're coming out of a very difficult year, having had the budget cut several times and wondering if we would even be able to finish off the school year in Togo. Men waiting to attend this year will be made up of eight students finishing up their last year and getting ready to return to their homes to do their vicarage years, and seven brand new students. Included in this group will be several men coming out of a war-torn Ivory Coast. Even now we may have to change up the roster because the church is having trouble finding the men that were ready to go.

Above all we ask that you keep these men in your prayers. I will include a list of those we know of that are attending and where they are from. Even if you can't pronounce the names we ask that you pray that God uses these years at seminary to help them become strong warriors for the Kingdom of God in Africa; men that will return to their homes ready to train others to go and share the Gospel. *[See the names of these seminary students in this newsletter under "Prayer Requests."]*

In Christ,

Beth Heiney, Project Coordinator for French Speaking Africa - LCMS World Mission

## From the desk of our President:

"WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!" With these words, our Lord rewards faithful laborers in His vineyard. "WELL DONE." That's as good as it gets. Therefore I am proud to pass on to you our Lord's "WELL DONE!" What did you do? Well, your prayers and faithful gifts of love allowed our treasurer Milton Liese to fill every request made this past fiscal year by the Mission Board to spread the Good News in India, Sri Lanka, Africa, Georgia, Argentina and the Dominican Republic. I pray that you will continue to have the vision of our Lord in seeing a ready harvest; through you JILM is sending laborers into Our Lord's vineyard at this critical time in history.

So now that we have enjoyed the good news of success, 1 July 2011 started our new fiscal year, and I am confident we will respond to the Mission Board request to fund Lutheran Seminary Education for FIVE NATIONS in French Speaking West Africa and in Nigeria, supporting church planting in India and Sri Lanka through new seminary graduates, and closer to home in the Dominican Republic. Our new newsletter editor Joyce Best will work diligently to get pictures and stories on how your faithful support of \$178,832 is being used in winning people for eternity. In addition, every month Larry Noack updates our web site with the latest news and pictures at [www.jilmission.org](http://www.jilmission.org). Be sure to tell your friends so they can join us in this exciting outreach.

I am very proud of you and, with St. Paul, I say "Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel." I know this will be an exciting year of growth.

Your Brother in Christ,

Paul

Paul F. Howe

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## Mission Projects



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## Rev. Walter Ries in the Dominican Republic

\$52,500

The LCMS began work in the Dominican Republic in 2004 in partnership with other LCMS groups. They strive to plant the first congregation of a new church and also address the plight of people there with developmental disabilities.

LCMS World Mission, LCMS World Relief and Human Care, Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc. and the Central American Lutheran Mission Society (CALMS) through their partnership have placed both a missionary and an outreach worker in the Dominican Republic. Bethesda provides training and resources for the Home of New Hope, a small, privately funded residential care facility.

Rev. Walter Ries, Jr. is an Alliance Missionary in the Dominican Republic, through a partnership between the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (ELB) and LCMS World Mission. Since 2005 he has worked in several communities throughout the country, teaching confirmation and theological courses and serving as the pastor in Dominican congregations until national leaders can be trained. He and his wife, Ana, live in Santiago.



Five missions have been established, and more than 30 people have been confirmed and become members since the beginning of 2011. The goal for the coming year is to establish two more missions in Santo Domingo.

Funding will be used to provide support for Pastor Ries and his wife as they train leaders who will serve in the national church in the years to come.

Pray for the mission in Santiago as it begins to meet in a new location. Pray for the Group Home and the children living there—Junior, Moises, Francis, Randi, Estefani and Ramona, who were baptized on Easter Sunday, 2011.

← *Rev. Ries Leading Worship*

## From the JILM Volunteer Coordinator Dalton Noack

### Thanks!

- 1) To all **JILM** members who voted and gave their insightful/encouraging comments moving us forward in caring out God's mission in support of LCMS World Mission.
- 2) To our St. Louis team for providing **JILM** accurate information and supportive pictures relating to our newly adopted and ratified projects.
- 3) To those who continue to faithfully pray and give of the resources God has granted them thus allowing **JILM** goals to be met in His good timing.
- 4) To the Dominican Republic team for sharing 21 slides relating to the celebration of the first ordained pastor. Pastor Ries was and is very involved. See [www.jilmission.org](http://www.jilmission.org)
- 5) For the recognition from the mission fields of the vital role **JILM** has in the varied projects our members have adopted.
- 6) To Larry Noack for creatively keeping our members and friends involved via information provided on the **JILM** website.
- 7) To John Brown for providing us with his photographic skills by taking action shots at key events of **JILM**. (See [www.jilmission.org](http://www.jilmission.org))
- 8) To Joyce Best, our **JILM** newsletter editor and her partner, Barbara Biels, who offers her arrangement skills for each issue. (See all Newsletter back issues at [www.jilmission.org](http://www.jilmission.org))
- 9) To Mary Ann Brown and all faithful volunteers who eat her tasty sweets and take care of the business at hand each volunteer day.

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\*Indicates new member

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## *In Honor Of:*

A. H. D. **Besalski** (birthday)  
Harry **Dahl** (birthday)  
Ursula **Dorsey** (birthday)  
Merle **Gustafson** (birthday)  
Sally **Hillis** (birthday)  
Tim **Horn** (birthday)  
Berith Horn **Kelm** (birthday)  
Ryan **McKinney** (birthday)  
Darrel **Meinke** (birthday)  
Lois **Meinke** (birthday)

Perry and Lori **Culver** (25th wedding anniversary)  
Bryon and Danna **Gray** (wedding anniversary)  
Merle **Gustafson** (60th wedding anniversary)  
Roger and Moni **Neeb** (wedding anniversary)  
Guy and Annette **Levett** (wedding anniversary)  
Gene and Sherry **Stark** (25th wedding anniversary)  
Frank and Karla **Winter** (50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)

Bettie Ann **Bendewald** (graduating class of 1961)  
Zachary Louis **Bronkhorst** (confirmation)  
John and Mary Ann **Brown** (in thanksgiving for their service to JILM)  
**Denny and Denny** (retirement from Northwest District service)  
Eldor **Harmann** (50th anniversary of ordination)  
Robert **Holst** (retirement of presidency, Concordia University Minnesota)  
Jim **Keeling** (for his mission-mindedness)  
Tom **Orton** (retirement)  
Benjamin Kevin **Westergren** (in honor of his birth)

## **How to Allocate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars to JILM**

### **Direct Dollars Online:**

Go to **Thrivent.com/thriventchoice**

Click "Log in" at top right, enter your user ID  
and password, or click on "register now"  
if you are a new user.

After logging in, on the right side of the screen  
click "Direct Choice Dollars."

Enter the organization name, Jesus is Lord  
Mission, then Walburg, then click TX in  
the state box, then select "Other Lutheran  
Organization" as the organization type.

Select either "Direct" or "Set Up Recurring."

### **Direct Dollars by Phone:**

Call 1-800-847-4836; say "Thrivent Choice"  
when prompted.

Say or enter your Social Security number.

Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars or press 2 to hear  
Thrivent Choice terms and conditions.

A representative will speak with you to direct  
your Choice Dollars to JILM.

**Note: Choice Dollars are based on qualifying  
insurance premiums, qualifying contract values  
and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership.**

## Annual Meeting Report

Approximately 35 JILM members and guests gathered at Zion Lutheran Church, Walburg, Texas for the 2011 Annual Meeting, held on June 23. The opening devotion was given by Rev. Dr. Glenn OShoney, who encouraged everyone to "Be in Mission." President Chaplain Paul Howe thanked by name many of the volunteers who are essential to the ministry of JILM, and thanked Zion Lutheran Church in Walburg for allowing us to use their facilities. After approving the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting, Chaplain Howe introduced the newly-elected members of the Steering Committee:



Current JILM Officers from left: Paul Howe, Al Meissner, Alber Walther, Wilbern Michalk, Joyce Best, Mark Dankis, Curtis Mickan; Mary Schumann not present

Vice President/Secretary	Rev. Wilbern Michalk
Treasurer	Mr. Alber Walther
Member at Large	Rev. Mark Dankis
Member at Large	Rev. Alvin Meissner

In addition to the elected members, Joyce Best was introduced as the new Newsletter editor due to the resignation of Bettie Bendewald. Chaplain Howe thanked outgoing Steering Committee members Jane Ellwanger, Milton Liese, Gigi Klepper, and Bettie Bendewald for their dedicated service.

The new mission proposals for 2011-2012 were presented:

Center for Theological Studies (CLET)	\$90,171
India Probationers	\$22,000
Nigeria Seminary	\$ 5,646
Dominican Republic (Rev. Walter Ries)	\$50,000
Sri Lanka Probationers	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$170,317</b>

The new projects were ratified and the additional 5% administrative fee required for LCMS was approved. Treasurer Milton Liese noted that the LCMS request for funds was less than expected so we will end the year with a small balance. Final payments to LCMS World Missions have been made for the Georgia Outreach Project, Missionary Training in Argentina, and for the Dominican Republic. Milton also announced that with the current level of financial support from members, during the 2011-2012 fiscal year we should pass the \$1,500,000 mark in gifts to JILM since its inception.

Guest speaker was Rev. Matthew Heise, who read from Acts chapter 2, the story of Pentecost. Missionary Heise told of LCMS work in Mongolia and Georgia. He spoke of the Mongolian people rediscovering who they are after 70 years of communist rule. He mentioned that Christianity came to Georgia in 337 AD. The country has a large Eastern Orthodox influence but the people do not show an understanding of their religion. They are "cultural Christians" in that they wear the hat with crosses on it but do not understand what it means.

After the meeting members and guests enjoyed a fajita lunch. Mary Ann Brown provided wonderful baked goods for the morning coffee and coordinated the lunch and decorations with John Brown, Bettie Bendewald and Jane Ellwanger.



Matt Heise, Guest Speaker

**Fiscal Year 2010-2011 (7/1/10 – 6/30/11)  
Annual Treasurer's Report  
June 30, 2011**

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Beginning funds on hand	\$ 1,361.43
Funds received	161,602.93
Interest	23.03
Project support	144,551.66
Expenses (5.4%)	<u>8,793.82</u>
Ending funds on hand	<u>\$ 9,641.91</u>

**Project Status Report for 2010 – 2011**

Remarks	<u>Commitment</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Remainder</u>	<u>Complete</u>
	\$	\$	\$	%
1. Africa-The Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) in Dapaong, Togo (Complete)	32,650	32,650.00	0.00	100.0
2. India-Stipends for probationers as church Planters (Complete)	23,100	23,100.00	0.00	100.0
3. Eurasia-New mission work in Georgia (formerly Russia)	15,750	9,775.08	5,974.92	62.1
4. Chile-Planting a new mission in Santiago	29,400		29,400.00	0.0
5. Sri Lanka-Stipends for 10 probationers as church planters (Complete)	10,500	10,500.00	0.00	100.0
6. Argentina-Support for missionary training school (Complete)	14,385	14,385.00	0.00	100.0
7. Dominican Republic-Support Rev. and Mrs. Walter Reiss as they minister and train future church leaders	<u>52,500</u>	<u>45,993.48</u>	<u>6,506.52</u>	87.6
 Total projects, including 5% administrative fee	 <u>178,285</u>	 <u>136,403.56</u>	 <u>41,881.44</u>	 76.5

\* Funds totaling \$8,148.10 sent to LCMS World Mission 08/31/10 were requested 06/24/10 but unfulfilled due to lack of available funds. They are included in the 2010-11 balance but excluded from the project status table above.

**Requests for Prayer  
Students in the CLET Program  
in Togo, West Africa:**



**Burkina Faso – EELBF:**

**Marcel Nitiema**

**Miyemba Thiombiana** (just chosen as the president of the church in Burkina after the sudden death this past year of President Rufus Kormah)

**Congo – Brazzaville:**

**Ndomba**

**Ndampacka**

**Cote d'Ivoire:**

**Samuel Grei Dahi** (was to be a new student, but will be replaced)

**Anatole Glon Guehi** (new student)

**Kokou Attitso**

**Democratic Republic of the Congo:**

**Rushumukana Mbotwa** (new student)

**Masumbuko Saranga** (new student)

**Guinea – EELG:**

**Jacob Millimouno**

**Martin Tonguino**

**Norbert Mamadouno**

**Togo - ELT**

**Damidjoen Lare** (new student)

**Doiguibe Kolani** (new student)

**Kayetibe Piari** (new student)



### Current Projects



**Togo, West Africa**  
**Nigeria**  
**India**  
**Sri Lanka**  
**Dominican Republic**

### RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

#### **JILM Newsletter Editorial Staff**

Joyce Best  
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#### **JILM Volunteer Coordinator**

Dalton Noack

#### **JILM Website Manager**

Larry Noack

#### **JILM Website P.R. Material Manager**

Betty Liese

#### **Membership**

623 Families and Organizations

#### **Contributed**

To date: \$1,439,437  
July 2011: \$12,316

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