



**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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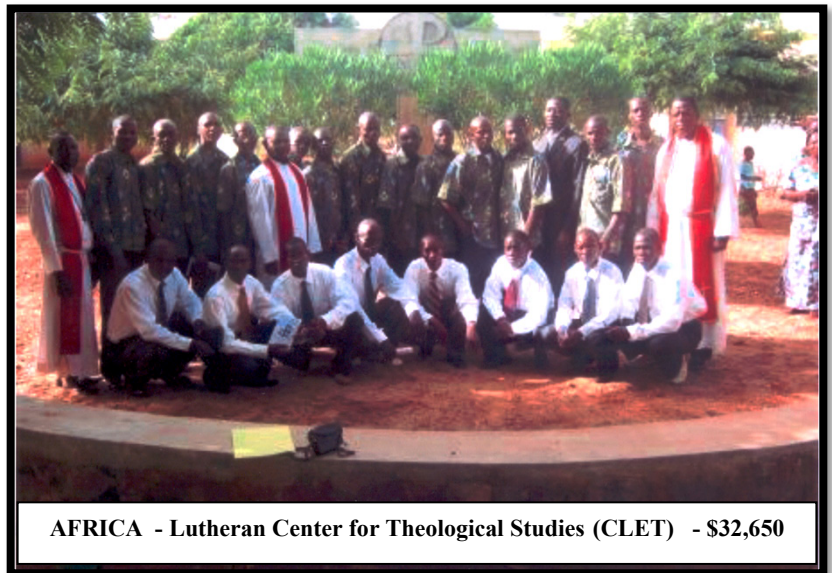
**The Great Command**  
**Matthew 28:19**



**Go then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples:  
baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;  
and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I  
will be with you always to the end of the age.**

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JILM’s fiscal year begins July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. We began supporting our seven projects July 1, 2010. Therefore, we are beginning to work on God’s Great Command along with you our fellow JILM missionaries. Let us reach all peoples with our seven new projects this fiscal year. Together, with God’s help, we can reach our goal of \$178,285 this fiscal year.



**AFRICA - Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) - \$32,650**

The Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) trains church leaders so that they can return to their churches and be catalysts for evangelism throughout the villages, cities, and regions where they will be doing ministry. CLET

currently trains church leaders from six different Lutheran churches throughout French-speaking Africa. Its secondary purpose is to prepare students for higher theological training in a Lutheran seminary. With an average of 12 students per class, CLET is able to instruct a total of 35 students each year. LCMS World Mission funding helps to support the cost of running the program (faculty and staff salaries, utilities, property maintenance, supplies, equipment, etc.). \$32,650 is JILM’s commitment.

Scholarships are available, which provide the students with medical assistance and the necessary supplies and books for success in classes and future ministry and mission. Amounts are calculated according to the student’s family situation.

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

## **From the desk of our President:**

### **A LOOK BEHIND:**

I am thankful as I look back and see how our Lord blest JILM to go from a vision to a major force in sending the Gospel world wide. God has blest JILM with outstanding leaders like past President John Heckmann , Greg Knippa and Dalton Noack who just completed their time of Steering Committee Service, plus a host of gifted volunteers. God has used these leaders to you to support the many Mission Projects on 5 Continents and raise over \$1,278,566. **TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY!**

### **A LOOK AHEAD:**

I am excited as you voted to approve the 7 new opportunities that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Mission Board asked you to consider for our new fiscal year, July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. I am confident that our Lord will do great things through your prayers and gifts. It is a joy to work with you.

### **LET'S STAY CONNECTED:**

Bettie Horn-Bendewald does an outstanding ministry in our quarterly Newsletter. Through this great publication, you can see how we are doing with reports and pictures from the Mission Projects we are supporting. If you have a computer, be sure to look at our web page [www.jilmission.org](http://www.jilmission.org) as Dalton Noack, our Volunteer Coordinator will post the Steering Committee Minutes and update the reports of the JILM Volunteers who meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. We also post letters, pictures and reports as they are received from our supported Mission Projects. This way you are always up to date and can encourage your friends to join us in sharing the Good News of our Savior.

Thank you again for your "Partnership in the Gospel" and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at the contact points below. I look forward to working with you in sharing the GOOD NEWS!

In Christ,  
Paul

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## **Rewarding: JILM Congregational Representation**

For growing our membership, the suggestion that came from our membership was to ask members to volunteer to represent JILM in their respective congregations or to recommend someone they feel would be willing to serve in that capacity. Your volunteer JILM coordinator, Dalton Noack, has written a letter honoring this suggestion. Praise the Lord with us, we have already been rewarded with sound commitments (Examples: Rev. Erhart Bauer (Portland, OR.), Rev. Benjamin Rathgeber (Cleburne, Tx.), Dale and Sandra Saville (Uvalde, TX.) and prayers relating to this important topic. As of this date 351 members in 15 states and two foreign countries have received the letter. As volunteers have time to send out the letters all members will be contacted. Being a volunteer simply means, you become as thoroughly informed about JILM as possible by going to the JILM Website at [www.jilmission.org](http://www.jilmission.org) and using your creativity.

Also, be willing to share that information and invite your family and friends in your congregation to join you in our ministry to support LCMS World Mission. Just imagine what God could do through us if each of us intentionally shared the goal JILM has in support of LCMS World Mission with people you know in your special setting. May God bless this call for congregational representatives. We know, for a fact, that some have already gone beyond the congregational level due to their sphere of influence. Let God lead and above all give all praise and honor to Him! Serving as a JILM Congregational Representative is a very rewarding experience. Please direct your commitment or any comments to Dalton in any of the following contact points: Dalton Noack, 109 Covey Lane, Georgetown, Tx. 78626-6366.

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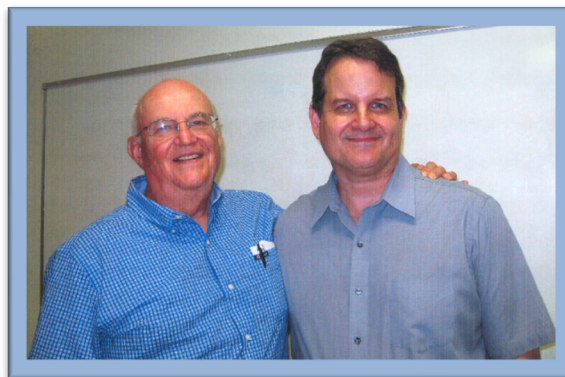
**India Probationers/Church Planters - \$23,100**

The next class of probationers-as-church planters will be going out in June. They are expected to start a congregation during their probation period, and those who do so are given priority in receiving ordination. Many people are being baptized because of the evangelistic efforts of these men. The number of new probationers is expected to continue to rise in the future, as well as their program costs. Funding of this project will provide them with a stipend for living expenses until they are ordained and placed in a congregation.

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The Rev. Matt Heise, our Missionary in the Republic of Georgia, has been on our prayer list and mission support for two years. Missionary Matt is in the USA to attend a seminar for his Doctoral Studies at St. Louis Seminary, and a quick visit with his family before returning to Georgia in September. Forty one JILM members gathered on short notice to meet Matt in person and learn first hand how the Lord is blessing the work in Georgia through YOUR prayers and financial support.

All were encouraged to see how Matt relates with the lay people in Bible Study and Witness Training to share their faith in daily life. Economic times are very tough in Georgia, and many do day labor as unemployment is rampant and enough bread for daily life is indeed a way of life. Matt lives very simply, only uses public transportation and shares life's hardships in a way that makes his love real to the people. As in the Book of Acts, I report with joy **THE WORD OF THE LORD GROWS IN GEORGIA** and we thank God for Matt **and FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL.**



Rev. Paul Howe & Missionary Matt Heise

**Words of thanks have been received from the following:**

**Stacey Welcenbach** - LCMS World Mission Board Staff person and co-worker who was responsible for setting up the JILM Booth at the Synodical Convention in Houston, TX. Stacy says, "Thank you for being a first responder for LCMS World Mission! It was a joy to meet you all in Walburg. Thank you for your ongoing support. I praise God for you all! I give thanks to God for JILM's partnership and commitment!"

**The Rev. Dr. Thomas Zehnder** - Past Executive Director of the Board for World Missions wrote in the summer Newsletter The Harvest News: " 'Jesus Is Lord Mission Society' recently voted to fund LCMS World Mission ministries in the amount of \$180,000 for the coming fiscal year! JILM operates out of Walburg, Texas, but its donors are world wide! Since its inception in 2002, JILM has surpassed \$1,000,000 in total offerings for LCMS World Mission!"

**Missionary Matt Heise** - Thank you so much for your dedicated support for the work of the Gospel in Georgia and now beyond its borders. As St. Paul said more eloquently than I, "I truly thank God for you" and so do your brothers and sisters in the land of Georgia. God's blessings and peace be with you!

**Bruce Wall - Area Facilitator, Carribean and Peru - LCMS World Mission**  
 I write this letter with much joy and thanksgiving. JILM is a blessing to the Church and to God's Mission around the world. As the LCMS Area Facilitator for the Dominican Republic, Panama, Jamaica, and Peru, I would like to thank you on behalf of our mission team for your support of the mission projects in Peru and for your 2010-2011 support of Rev. Walter Reis, missionary pastor from Brazil to the Dominican Republic. It was almost a year ago that I was blessed to speak to the members of JILM in Texas on behalf of LCMS World Mission. Since that time I have left my role in St. Louis and now serve in Latin America living in Panama. You are wonderful partners in ministry and I look forward to serving with you in the future.



*Special Gifts*  
*May, June, July,*  
*August, 2010*

*In Memory of:*

Franklin Birnbaum  
Allen Buchhorn  
Dustin Chaney  
Eunice Dunk  
Martin Eifert  
Mrs. John Feierabend  
Johnny Fischer  
Skeeter Fox  
Herman Frinke  
Adeline Geistmann  
Margaret Gingerich  
Mike Goers  
Rev. Elmer Griese  
Rev. Eugene Gruell  
Ella Hanson  
Richard Hilgendorf  
Elda Holcomb  
Richard Hooper  
Juraine Hornig  
Stella Johnson  
Rev. A. Dean Kelm  
Allyne Krueger  
Gerald E. Kuhn  
Don Lanford  
Mrs. Lillian Leps  
Clarence Liese  
Wayne Lindsay  
Dr. Stephen Lutz  
Mike Marburger  
Mrs. Martino  
William Martino, Sr  
Esther Menzel  
Rev. Dr. Eldor Meyer  
Francis Pieper  
Rev. Ron Reinhardt  
Ellalene Reynolds  
Myrtle Schade  
Janet Stelzer  
Irene Teinert  
Vergie Vicknoir  
Rev. Dr. E. P. Weber  
Alfred Wheeler  
Bob Wilt  
Stanley Wright

*Thanksgiving for Birthdays:*

Mary Ann Brown  
Nan Cole  
Ursula Dorsey  
Merle Bendewald Gustafson

Tim Horn  
Berith Horn Kelm  
Vicki Lindsay  
Darrell Meinke  
Lois Meinke  
Faith Horn McKinney  
Bobby Neitsch - 90th Birthday  
Dalton Noack  
Moni Neeb  
Deanne Noack  
Dr. Glenn OShoney  
Sandra OShoney  
Ardelle Peterson - 90th Birthday  
Alma Rottmann - 80th Birthday  
Agnes Swenson - 90th Birthday

*Thanksgiving for:*

The ministry and example of **John and Mary Ann Brown's** work as volunteers for JILM.  
The ministry and mission support for JILM of **Bettie Horn Bendewald**.  
For **Ruth Gastler's** faithful service at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Austin, TX, farewell.  
For the ministry of the **Rev. Jonathon Blanke**  
For the Marriage of **Pastor Kevin Westergreen and Tammy Ferguson** at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Austin, Texas. Congratulations!  
John and Mary Ann Brown - 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
George and Eunice Dunk - Wedding Anniversary  
LaRyn and Doris Dewitte - Wedding Anniversary  
Leland and Jeanette Frese - 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Jarvis and Lois Haverland - 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
"Doc" and Jo Ann Holliday - Wedding Anniversary  
Tim and Cathy Horn - Wedding Anniversary  
Paul and Becky Krenz - Wedding Anniversary  
Terry and Beth Lowrey - 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Jim and Marilyn Meinke - 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Roger and Moni Neeb - Wedding Anniversary  
Dalton and Deanne Noack - 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Al and Karen Taylor - Wedding Anniversary  
Erward "Chic" and Leona Tewes - 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (WOW)  
What a blessing for this faithful and dedicated couple and members of JILM Congratulations!  
John and Irene Wright - 68<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - Congratulations!  
Rev. James and Rita Wiese - 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Kenneth and Gladys Zoch -  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

*New Members*

Steve and Janelle Kappler - College Station, Texas  
Brian and Laura Miersiovsky - Walburg, Texas  
Terry and Becky Tieman - Cordova, Tennessee

*New Organizations*

Trinity Lutheran Women's League -  
Casper, Wyoming

*Donors in May, June, July,  
& August 2010*

Woodie & Margie Arp  
Rev. & Mrs. Erhart Bauer  
Bettie Horn Bendewald  
William & Gloria Bouchard  
John & Mary Ann Brown  
Evelyn Buchhorn  
Al & Dru Buuck  
Charles & Ruth Collier  
Wayne & Sharon Compton  
Jane Ellwanger  
Leland & Jeanette Frese  
Ralph & Louise Genz  
Rev. & Mrs. O. A. Gerken  
John & Debra Heckmann

Doyle & Jo Ann Holliday  
Lorene Hornig  
Jimmie & Nancy Horton  
Paul & Lois Howe  
Harry & Gigi Klepper  
Verda Krause  
Paul & Carol Kreyling  
Tillie Kurio  
Steve & Janelle Kappler  
Wesley & Edith Kuhn  
Micky Lanford  
Clifton & Vicki Lindsay  
Milton & Betty Liese  
LaVerne Mattiza  
Fred Meinke  
Jim & Marilyn Meinke  
Janet Meyer  
Elmo & Francis Miertschin

Dalton & Deanne Noack  
Larry & Bonnie Noack  
Marvin & Sophie Pampell  
Ben & Sadie Raschke  
The Sem Six:  
Bob & Elaine Besalski  
Al & Pat Boysen  
Milt & Jan  
J. C. & Shirley Henning  
Benny & Lois Rathgeber  
Katrina Ann Simon  
"Chic" & Leona Tewes  
Alber & Adeline Walther  
O'Neal & Edna Weigelt  
Marvin Woolbright



**THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:**

- ❖ **Kurt Buchholz - LCMS World Mission interim Executive Director** As of August 1, 2010, Buchholz began serving as LCMS World Mission's interim executive director as planned in advance of Dr. Thomas Zehnder's July 31 retirement. Prior to this role, Kurt has filled many LCMS positions. Prior to serving in the LCMS World Mission office, Kurt and his wife, Jenny, served as missionaries for more than seven years in Taiwan as English-as-a-Foreign-Language teachers, school evangelists, Christian school planters, and in various leadership roles.
- ❖ **The Rev. James Kretzmann** - Steering Committee member, has accepted a call to Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Raymondville, TX. He has resigned from the JILM Steering Committee. God go with you James!
- ❖ **Dr. Herb Hoefler**, India writes "Dr. Sam Meshack has accepted the call to serve as Principal of Concordia Seminary, Nagercoil, India." Dr. Meshack writes, "I am very much looking forward to serving IELC through Concordia Seminary in Nagercoil, India".
- ❖ **JILM made it's presence known at the LWML Texas State Convention in Austin, Texas.** Our booth was set up for all to see, hear and learn what the "**Jesus Is Lord Mission Society**" does in partnering with the Board for World Mission Services. Over a hundred conventioners stopped to inquire and support our work. Jane Ellwanger and Bettie Horn Bendewald managed the booth with the help of many JILM volunteers.



Bettie Horn Bendewald & John Brown

**JILM Presence at Church Conventions**  
**The Lutheran Women's Missionary League**  
**Texas State Convention**  
**In Austin, Texas &**  
**The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod National Convention**  
**In Houston, Texas**

A JILM display booth was set up at the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod National Convention held in Houston, Texas. Jane Ellwanger and Bettie Horn Bendewald managed the booth with the help of Rev. John Heckmann's family and Betsy Martino, a JILM member from Hope Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas.

**Annual Meeting - June 9, 2010**

Past President Heckmann introduced our speaker, Rev. Dr. Tom Zehnder, Executive Director LCMS World Missions. Dr. Zehnder's opening comments were "Thank You" repeated TEN times! He said he had learned that you need to repeat something seven times in order to remember it...he thanked JILM ten times for good measure. He expressed the sincere gratitude of LCMS World Missions for the work that JILM is doing.

He brought Dalton and Deanne Noack to the front and presented to Deanne a beautiful artistically designed ornament and an "Ablaze" cap to Dalton. He acknowledged and appreciated the Noack's years of devoted ministry in the mission fields and continuing into their retirement.

Dr. Zehnder spoke of his seminary days when he learned that the Zehnders would be serving in the mission field in Japan. Though that was not his preference, he said his mission service changed his perspective on life as he learned to share the Gospel with people in another land and culture.

The new way to support missionaries is NSM (Network Support Missionaries). Through this program, LCMS World Missions trains missionaries and puts them in touch with congregations, groups, etc. to seek support. In the last three years, twenty nine missionaries have been placed through NSM. The amazing thing is that in the last fiscal year, even with a weak economy, World Missions revenue has increased 7%. God is blessing our stewardship.

He reviewed the history of Mission work in the LCMS. The LCMS was founded in 1847 and in 1895 sent out our first missionaries to India. He spoke of the secular nature of our society and the continued need for missionaries in North America as well as abroad. Dr. Zehnder mentioned that one of the ways we are spreading the Gospel now is through partnering with Lutheran Church bodies in other nations, creating a Global Lutheran movement.



Dalton Noack, Dr. Tom Zehnder, Rev. Paul Howe



**Back** – James Kretzmann, Curtis Micken, Paul Howe, Dalton Noack  
**Front** – Jane Ellwanger, Bettie Horn Bendewald, Gigi Klepper, Mary Schumann

**In the 2010 Annual Meeting the 2010-2011 Steering Committee was ratified.**

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| President                | The Rev. Paul Howe       |
| Vice-President/Secretary | Jane Ellwanger           |
| Treasurer                | Milton Liese             |
| Member-at-large          | The Rev. James Kretzmann |
| Member-at-large          | Gigi Klepper             |
| Member-at-large          | Curtis Micken            |
| Member-at-large          | Mary Schumann            |
| Newsletter Editor        | Bettie Horn Bendewald    |
- (Note: At a later date, the president appointed the Rev. Wilbern Michalk and the Rev. Mark Dankis as members-at-large.)

**JESUS IS LORD MISSION SOCIETY**  
**Fiscal Year 2009-2010**  
**(7/1/09 – 6/30/10)**

**Annual Treasurer's Report**  
**June 30, 2010**

	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Beginning funds on hand	\$ 13,319.93
Funds received	194,483.46
Interest	137.08
Project support	198,053.73*
Expenses	<u>8,525.31</u> (4.3%)
Ending funds on hand	\$ <u>1,361.43</u>

**Project Status Report for 2009 – 2010**

	<u>Commitment</u>	<u>Funded</u>	<u>Remainder</u>	<u>Complete</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	\$	\$	\$	%	
1. Africa Mobile Mission Training Centers	42,000	42,000.00	0.00	100.0	Complete
2. Georgia (formerly USSR) New Mission Work	15,750	15,504.16	245.84	98.4	Comp. Rqst.
3. Honduras New Mission Work	2,100	2,100.00	0.00	100.0	Complete
4. Hong Kong Synod Holy Word Ablaze! Outreach	10,500	10,500.00	0.00	100.0	Complete
5. India Probationers as Church Planters	31,500	31,500.00	0.00	100.0	Complete
6. Peru Relief Efforts and Church Planting	42,000	23,358.54	18,641.46	55.6	Comp. Rqst.
7. The Philippines - Tagakaulo Seminars	10,500	8,075.00	2,425.00	76.9	Comp. Rqst.
8. Sri Lanka – Stipends for Ten Probationers as Church Planters	10,500	10,500.00	0.00	100.0	Complete
9. Sri Lanka Seminary	10,500	10,500.00	0.00	100.0	Complete
10. U.S. - Okanogan County/Methow Valley, Washington, Outreach	10,500	10,500.00	0.00	100.0	Complete
Santiago, Chile, Mission	26,296	18,148.10	8,148.10**	69.0	Incomplete
Net Project Exchange: Honduras for Chile	<u>(2,146)</u>			<u>(2,146.20)</u>	
Total projects, including 5% admin.	<u>210,000</u>	<u>182,685.80*</u>	<u>27,314.20</u>	87.0	

\* Funds totaling \$15,367.93 sent to LSMS World Mission 07/16/09 are included in the 2009-10 balance but excluded from the project status table above.

\*\* Remainder of funding requested 06/24/10 deferred and carried over to 2010-11 as potential funding commitment.



### Current Projects



**Africa**  
**India**  
**Sri Lanka**  
**Eurasia**  
**Chile**  
**Argentina**  
**Dominican Republic**

### RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

### JILM Newsletter Editorial Staff

Bettie Horn Bendewald  
Barbara Bielss  
John Brown  
Gigi Klepper  
Roger Neeb  
Dalton Noack  
Glenn OShoney

### Steering Committee

Paul Howe, Pres. (Pastor)  
Jane Ellwanger, VP/Sec. (Layperson)  
Milton Liese, Treas. (Layperson)  
Gigi Klepper, (Layperson)  
Curtis Mickan, (Layperson)  
Mary Schumann, (Layperson)  
Bettie Horn Bendewald,  
(Newsletter Editor)  
Wilbern Michalk, (Pastor)  
Mark Dankis (Pastor)

### Membership

570 Families & Organizations

### Contributed

To date: \$1,278,566

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