

"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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Membership

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

Contributed

To date: \$926,135

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WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!!

One of our **Jesus Is Lord Mission Society** members recently wrote, “Tell me how my gift to JILM is making a **difference**. Help me to smile then laugh then cheer and even cry tears of joy that **God’s Mighty Saving Word** is being shared and men, women and children of every “Nation and people and tribe and language” are hearing and accepting and confessing that Jesus Christ Is Lord!”

TELL ME HOW WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CHINA

I was invited to have lunch with one of our workers assigned to China. After we had eaten, he reached into his briefcase and handed me two small books written in Chinese. “These”, he said, “are books we use in the Bible Schools in one Province of China. The titles, translated, How to Preach the Faith and How to Teach the Faith. “Then he answered my question before I could ask it. “Yes,” he said, “**Jesus Is Lord Mission** paid for the translation and printing of the books. “

(\$ 50,000 project, 2004-2005). Then he handed me the photograph. “Here’s a photo of just one of the classes that has been blessed with this material.”



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(Contributed by Dr. Glen O'Shoney)

Training People to Reach Their Own People

My Fellow Missionaries:

Our President, Rev. John Heckmann, has relinquished his "Words of Wisdom," to Rev. Robert Roegner, Executive Director of the LCMS Board for World Mission:

June 30, 2008

The Rev. John Heckmann, President
Jesus Is Lord Mission
1110 County Road 341
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Dear John,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We at LCMS World Mission place a great deal of emphasis and importance on partnership, on what we can do better together with others than any of us can do alone. You and JILM are significant partners with us in God's mission, and we are grateful for that.

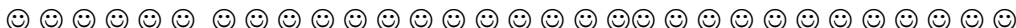
With this letter comes my sincere appreciation and that of LCMS World Mission for the support JILM has given us over the past year. What's more, we are excited about the opportunities ahead and about our continuing partnership as we move forward together toward sharing the Good News about Jesus with 100 million un-reached or uncommitted people by the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

Again, thank you for joining us in the missionary task. May our Lord continue to bless you, JILM, and the work we do together, all to His glory and for the expansion of His kingdom!

In His service... and yours,

Bob
The Rev. Dr. Robert M. Roegner
Executive Director

Note: Rev. Heckmann is recovering from a broken leg. Prayers are requested for patience during his time of healing.



Tell Me How We're Making a Difference... Through Our Giving:

How's this? We accepted a projects challenge of \$202,570 from LCMS World Mission for last fiscal year (July, 07-June, 08) and sent them \$198,790.92, for gospel outreach in India, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Papua, New Guinea, Kyrgyzstan, China, The Philippines, Guinea and Turkey. We sent every penny requested! And our cost of operation, about 3%. Virtually every dollar you contributed went to church planting or training people to reach their own people with the saving, Life-bringing Word.

Making a difference	Mission funds on hand, 6/30/07	\$ 28,765.04
	Mission funds received 7/ 1/07 to 6/30/08	\$194,705.37
	Interest	\$ 349.19
	Mission project support	\$198,790.92
	JILM expenses (%)	\$ 6,043.09
	Funds on hand 9/1/08	\$ 40,061.79

That's the power of a Christ-centered, mission passionate, organization! Thank you ...

Note: Your volunteer office staff is praying for and looking forward to receiving the **one millionth dollar** gathered by JILM (best estimate, this will happen at one of our "countings" in November).

God has graciously allowed us to **Make a Difference!**

WE WERE THERE !!!!

June 27 - 29, 2008, found our Jesus Is Lord Mission Society representatives, Joyce Heckmann and Bettie Horn Bendewald, in the Exhibit Hall of the Marriott Hotel in Houston, Texas during the Texas State Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention.

Many organizations and Universities had their exhibit tables and representatives answering questions from the delegates and guests attending the convention. Your representatives for the Jesus Is Lord Missionary Society, answered many questions about our JILM Society helping the delegates and guests understand our society's mission work.

The table was covered with our cloth proclaiming "**Jesus Is Lord Mission**", and was laden with insert sheets, "Who Are We?" "What Do we Do?" "What is our Focus?" "What Can we Do For You?" and "What Have We Done?" We explained our relationship with the LCMS World Mission and how membership can be obtained for individuals, families, churches and organizations.

Seventy-nine conventioneers signed our guest lists; they were mailed the JILM newsletter and information for membership. They were given pencils with bible verses, and mints wrapped in packages, also with bible verses.

YES, WE WERE THERE!!!



Tell Me How We're Making A Difference In The Philippines and Kyrgyzstan

Missionary Rev. Todd Roeske, whose work among the leaders of the Tagakaulo Lutheran Church of Christ in the Philippines is funded by us, members of the Jesus Is Lord Mission. The exciting thing is that the pastors are not just talking about starting new congregations, they are taking action. Everywhere I went I heard: 'These are the men who want to start a church in Columbio' and 'We want you to go with us to Malinis' and 'After we get the church going in Tabuwan, then we can get a church started in my own village.' They have a goal to start at least three new churches a year for the next five years!" We are making a **difference!**

During the past year, more than 240 people have attended TEE classes in more than 41 different groups. The nine original tutors have trained an additional five new leaders

who have started five groups with a total of 34 students. Initially, the TEE program was meant to provide theological training to church members, but at least 15 groups have been functioning as house churches, not related to the existing church." Wonderful things are happening in Kyrgyzstan . . . the **Mighty Word** is being shared . . . and **Jesus is Lord Mission** is there, making a **difference.**

Tell Me How We're Making a Difference in India

For the past four years **Jesus Is Lord Mission** has been a partner with the India Evangelical Lutheran Church:

- Training the future pastors and evangelists at the seminary.
- Providing salaries for the "Probationers" involved in church planting.
- Providing funds to purchase church sites.



This picture was taken during the dedication of the church site the **JILM** purchased in Bangarapt. They are worshiping in four languages. The pastor Rev. Suresh Kumar told Rev. Herb Hoefer, he is thinking of moving to two or three services in order to build up the attraction to each language group. This is an area of mass baptisms. (Contributed by Rev. Herb Hoefer)

Why the emphasis on purchasing sites?

The Probationers, (funded by **JILM**) upon completion of their seminary studies, are assigned to locations where there is little or no Christian presence and asked to plant a church! President Samuel says, "once land is purchased these fledging congregations can put up a temporary shed for their worship and demonstrate to their village that they are here to stay."

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