



**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....**”

**September 2006**

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**Current  
Projects**

Cambodia  
Guinea, W. Africa  
India (2)  
Papua New Guinea  
Philippines  
Russia  
Sri Lanka (2)  
Sudan

**Membership**

+increase since  
07/1/06  
  
468 Families (+ 2)  
894 Individual  
(+4)

**Contributed**

**July & August**  
\$18,930+

**To date:**  
\$549,159+

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

**EXCITING NEWS FROM INDIA**

For this edition of our newsletter I wanted to share with you some names and places and facts about our work with the India Evangelical Lutheran Church as they have been shared with us by Rev. Dr. Joshua Siromony of our Concordia Theological Seminary in Nagerciol, South India.

He shares with us the exciting news that through our prayers and financial support eighteen Probationers (we would call them Vicars) have been placed in the field to begin new churches. So that you can pray for these Probationers (and so you can do a little study of geography by looking up where they are located) I would like to share their names with you. They are:

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| C. Rabi (Vathiyar Vilai)                       | A. Sunil Kumar (Thuthivilai)               |
| G. Sunil Kumar (Viala, Nilamel)                | J. Paul Theoder (Karunkal<br>Indra Colony) |
| P. Nanda Kumar (Kamagere, Kollegal)            | T. Babu (Aramboly)                         |
| M. John Bernardshah (Matrapalli and Soolagiri) | S. Paul Ebenezer Suresh (Bangarapet)       |
| V. Prem Kumar (Kothakuppam & Krishnampalli)    | S. Rabirj (Anakkarai)                      |
| Gladson Prem Kumar (Hebbal & Krishnarajapuram) | S. Pramoeth ( Venkittakuzhi)               |
| I. Prasanna Kumar (Kollegal)                   | N. Wesley Mani Kumar<br>(Unnipatti)        |
| S. Shana (Woman Worker, Ponvila Circle)        | V. Bindu (Kannur)                          |
| S. Soosan (Woman Worker, Nilamel Circle)       | S. Sunitha (Peermedu)                      |

As you look at this list of names (none of whom you know from Adam) it is exciting to know that they are taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in our name, to people we will never have the opportunity to meet this side of heaven. What a joy there will be in heaven though as we meet them for the first time.

On a related note, you saw in the list above the name of Probationer S. Paul Ebenezer Suresh who is working in Bangarapet. Allow me to share with you some of the things happening half a world away. Bangarapet is the first project of the Probationers in Ambur Synod. Bangarapet is an important area in which to work with a Nursing College only one and a half kilometers away. Some of the nursing students of this college are from Nagercoil and Kerala. Interestingly some of them are Lutheran Christians. They are looking for a church they can attend each Sunday. How exciting it will be when the church is built. What is really exciting is that most of the nursing students are Hindus and as they became friends of the Christian students many will spend their time on Sundays worshipping with their Christian friends.

Yes, my missionary friends, the Lord is doing powerful things through the Probationers, through us and through our Jesus Is Lord Mission Society.

In HIS service and yours,

Rev. John Heckmann  
Hebrews 13:20-21

**READY FOR LAND – READY TO BUILD!**

Last fiscal year we gathered \$20,000 for a church site or church building in India. It has taken some time, but our JILM funds are on the way. August 22<sup>nd</sup> we received the following email:

“Dear Dr. Herb Hoefler greetings. I visited Mr. Suresh (yes, this is Probationer S. Paul Ebenezer Suresh, also supported by the prayers and funds of JILM members) along with Rev. Freddy, President Ambur Synod. Mr. Suresh showed us three lands that are for sale. We expressed that only land suitable for church construction can be bought. Within ten days the new congregation will select the land and will inform us. Prices of the land are going



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up due to urbanization. They are interested to buy the land which is near the bus station. Rev. J. Samuel is the supervising pastor for Mr. Suresh. He will also help us in finalizing the purchase of the land. They want to use \$10,000 for the purchase of land and \$10,000 for the construction of the church. Please pray for us. God bless. V. Indrenath Stanley”

Dr. Herb Hofer is World Mission’s link with the India Evangelical Lutheran Church. He adds this about this important church site: “Bangarapet is a suburb of Bangalore, the major city of technology development in India. People from all over the country are coming there. The probationer who was sent there to plant a church is Suresh Kumar. God has richly blessed his ministry, and expectations are that this congregation of rather well-to-do members could become self-supporting rather quickly once they have a church site. One remarkable feature of this ministry is that the worship services are conducted in three languages, because of the multi-lingual nature of the congregation.”

Assisting Probationer S. Paul Ebenezer Suresh!

Partnering in the purchase of property in Bangarapet, India!

Partnering in the building of a church!

***“That every knee may bow and every tongue confess Jesus!”***

We are making a difference!

This year the JILM spending plan includes \$10,000 for land or building in India and \$10,000 for land or building in Sri Lanka. **Is it possible one family could be moved to complete either of these opportunities?**

**S P R E A D I N G the**



We hope to speak to you this Fall . . . briefly . . . to thank you for Jesus Is Lord Mission Society – to hear what you’re thinking and great things God is doing through our prayers and gifts. Twenty of your fellow members will be busy on their phones between October 1 and November 15 – placing calls to you. Can we do our work better? Tell us. Do you have questions? Ask. Is there someone we should invite to join us? Give us their name and address. We will make over 450 phone calls . . . to people passionate about the mission! ***“That every knee may bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!”***

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Also in October and November we will be send over 8,000 pieces of mail to all active and retired pastors. Trying to SPREAD THE NEWS! Dozens of volunteers – from three congregations – will fold and insert and seal and send . . . an INVITATION to every pastor of the LCMS. Join us! Have your congregation join us in the wonderful work of telling the good news of the Christ, Crucified, Risen and Living! Many of you who are already members will receive this mailing. Pass it on to a friend.

**FUNDING THE MISSION**



Mission funds on hand 6/30/2006	\$13,100.00
Mission funds received 7/1/2006 to present	\$18,930.00
Expenses 7/1/2006 to present	\$ 3,990.00
Funds on hand 8/25/2006	\$ 530.00
Funding the mission:	
7/14/06	\$10,000 sent to LCMS (1/2 payment on 2005-2006 <b>India project (land and building for Bangarapet)</b> )
8/1/06	\$10,000 sent to LCMS (balance due on 2005-2006 <b>India project (land and building for Bangarapet)</b> )
8/18/06	: \$7,500 send to LCMS for Papua New Guinea (\$31,500 total project)

LCMS World Mission requested \$10,500 for Lanka Lutheran Seminary, Sri Lanka. JILM President John Heckmann asked World Mission to send the money to the Seminary. We should have sufficient funds on hand to reimburse World Mission by mid-September.

Thanks for your Mission Passion  
 Thanks for Your Generosity  
 Consider Making a Gift to  
 Jesus Is Lord Mission **TODAY**

**Note:** This is our smallest newsletter in a long time! Roger Neeb, our volunteer editor, is on vacation. For reasons well known, he and Monie have chosen to leave the blistering heat of Texas for a few days in Wisconsin. The November newsletter will “catch up” on Special Gifts, New Members, etc.