

"Jesus Is Lord!"

MISSION

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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...**”

May 2007

Steering Committee

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Current Projects

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

Membership

+ = increase since
12/31/06

502 Families (+ 5)
955 Individuals
(+ 6)

Contributed

Mar. & Apr.

\$23,706+

To date:

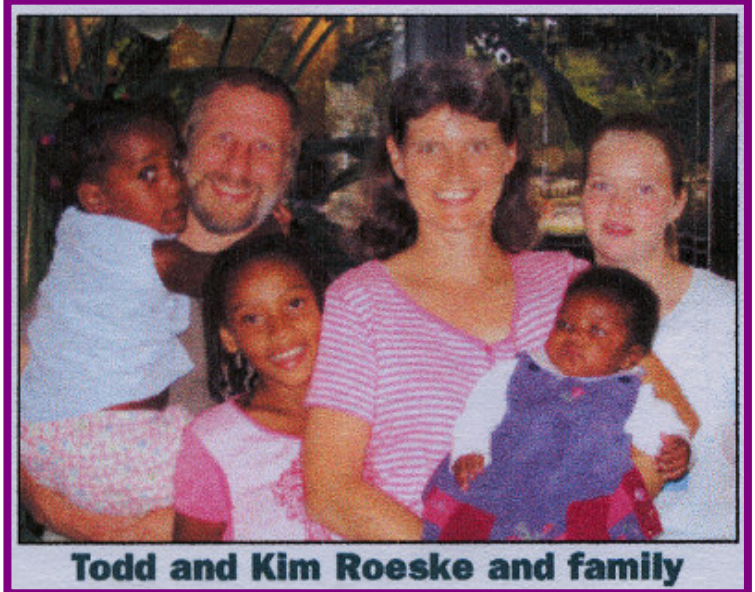
\$682,042+

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Island of Mindanao in the Southern Philippines

The Tagakaulo are an indigenous people who live on the island of Mindanao in the Southern Philippines. They are quickly losing their identity as the outside world encroaches. **Jesus Is Lord Mission** is supporting the work of Todd and Kim Roeske, in helping the Tagakaulo find their true identity—in Christ. This past year, **JILM** sent over \$9,500.00 to Synod's World Missions to be forwarded directly to the work there.



Todd and Kim Roeske and family

What has happened there recently? Your contributions were used to enable Missionary Roeske to visit seventeen villages including his mission stations, preaching the Gospel, and to attend the Tagakaulo Lutheran Church in the Philippines Board of Directors meeting to help local pastors make important decisions about how to move forward.

Other good things have happened. In Patulang, the public school invited our locally trained pastor, Joseph Dayaga, and two Sunday School teachers to teach religion to over 200 students weekly. Next year, he plans to include catechism instruction for the older students. Kim Roeske led a seminar on leading families to Jesus to over 60 women. When asked how it went, one of the attendees responded, “Good. We understood it very, very well!” The church in Katyan continues to grow and serve as a light to their community, which invited the church to hold the local school's baccalaureate service.

Pray that the newly elected officers of the Tagakaulo Lutheran Church will lead with vision, wisdom, and integrity. **Pray** for rain for the farmers, who fear a drought, with resulting hunger and a decrease in income. **Pray** that the Roeskes' leadership will continue to bring a harvest of souls that declare, “**Jesus is Lord.**”

Training People to Reach Their Own People

.....a Word from our President

My Fellow Missionaries:

There was good news at the Steering Committee's meeting in Walburg, Texas, on April 18, and a lot of excitement as the reporting began. We heard that this fiscal year, since July 2006, JILM has received over \$146,000 and sent \$120,000 to Synod's World Mission Department to be forwarded on to our projects.

Adding to the excitement, LCMS World Missions Executives from St. Louis had come down for this meeting. **Dr. Robert Roegner, David Birner, David Mahsman and Ross Stroh** were present to hear the good news with us. They presented us with some exciting possibilities for continued as well as new projects for JILM's coming fiscal year. We ask you to share with us your thoughts about supporting their suggested projects for 2007-2008: Maninka Ministry in Guinea, Theological Education Extension Program in Guinea, Tagakaulo Seminars in the Philippines, Lay Leadership Training in greater China, the Seminary in India, Church Planters in India, In-service Training in India, New Church Sites in India, In-service Training in Sri Lanka, Stipends for Ten Probationers (we would call them vicars) in Sri Lanka, the Seminary in Sri Lanka, Training Nationals in Cambodia, Theological Education in Papua New Guinea, and Training Pastors in Kyrgyzstan.

These projects would present a real challenge, like none we have undertaken before. In a step of faith to fund these projects, we suggest a spending plan of 212,570. Details will follow in the August Newsletter. To be sure, we will need your prayers and gifts! Just imagine, our work in India would take future pastors from the time they enter the Seminary to the time they have both land and a building in which to worship with their new congregations.

In a few weeks you will have the opportunity to vote on Steering Committee members and to share with us your ideas about how to make JILM Society more effective...so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow, every tongue confess to the glory of God, that JESUS IS LORD!

In HIS service and yours,

Rev. John Heckmann
Hebrews 13:20-21

P.S. Remember, if you would like to receive forwarded e-mails from our missionaries, send your e-mail addresses to pastor@stpaulthegrove.org

.....a Word from our Steering Committee

We are making a change! For the past three years your JILM Newsletter has been sent every other month (six times a year). Next fiscal year – beginning with the next issue – we will reduce the number of mailings to four (August, November, February and May).

Mailing costs are rising. As a Society of volunteers we are determined to keep our operating costs as low as possible so that every possible contributed dollar moves to the mission.

We feel good about this decision. We plan to enlarge the newsletter just a bit – to give you more information. We plan to change the format a bit to make sure members receive timely and helpful world mission news. We plan to get your next (new) JILM Newsletter in the mail in early August. This is the important issue in which we list the mission opportunities (people and nations) we will pray for AND FUND in the months ahead.

Now, a report on our stewardship – FUNDING THE MISSION

Mission funds on hand 6/30/2006	\$ 13,096.12
Mission funds received 7/1/2006 to present	\$150,769.71
Expenses 7/1/2006 to present	\$ 10,180.11
Funds on hand 4/30/2007	\$ 33,364.72



FUNDS SENT TO WORK! (funds are sent as requested by LCMS or immediate use)

- ☑ 7/14/06 \$10,000 sent to LCMS (1/2 India land and building)
- ☑ 8/01/06 \$10,000 sent to LCMS (Balance on India land and building)
- ☑ 8/18/06 \$7,500 sent to LCMS (Theological Education, Papua New Guinea)
- ☑ 10/05/06 \$10,500 sent to LCMS (Training leaders, Lanka Lutheran Seminary)
- ☑ 12/18/06 \$3,150 sent to LCMS (Training Tagakaulo leaders, the Philippines)
- ☑ 12/18/06 \$6,457.50 sent to LCMS (Ministry Training Center, Cambodia)
- ☑ 12/18/06 \$10,500 sent to LCMS (Church site and building, India)
- ☑ 12/18/06 \$15,750 sent to LCMS (Theological Education, Papua New Guinea)
- ☑ 1/16/07 \$8,250 sent to LCMS (Theological Education, Papua New Guinea)
- ☑ 3/07/07 \$3,150 sent to LCMS (India Probationers)
- ☑ 3/07/07 \$10,500 sent to LCMS (Sri Lanka Probationers)
- ☑ 3/07/07 \$2,402.40 sent to LCMS (Ministry Training Center, Russia)
- ☑ 3/07/07 \$6,374.55 sent to LCMS (Training National Leaders, the Sudan)
- ☑ 3/07/07 \$158.55 sent to LCMS (Ministry Training Center, Cambodia)
- ☑ 3/07/07 \$6411.30 sent to LCMS (Training Tagakaulo Leaders, the Philippines)
- ☑ 3/07/07 \$942 sent to LCMS (Training National Leaders, Guinea, West Africa)

History of Jesus Is Lord Mission

We don't have a long history. In May of 2002, four families met to discuss forming a mission society to strengthen the work of our church to bring the good news of Jesus to everyone.

Deep cuts were being made in traditional funding for World Mission. Missionaries were recalled, assistance for national churches was severely restricted, and mission staff was reduced. Future funding for LCMS World Mission was not promising!

A constitution was written, a name chosen: **“that every ear may hear and every tongue confess that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, to the glory of God the Father.”**

The purpose of the Jesus Is Lord Mission Society:

- ☉ To encourage leaders of the church, past and present, on every level, to increase their passion for the mission, and to become involved in the promotion of the mission of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod personally and with exemplary financial, vocal, and prayer support.
- ☉ To support the mission of our church through LCMS World Mission – our only partner, and to be accountable to our donors.
- ☉ To be an organization of volunteers so that virtually every gathered dollar passes through our organization to the mission of reaching the lost.

Within weeks of the founding meeting, funds were being gathered, projects were accepted (Kazakhstan, Vietnam, China, Nigeria, U.S.) and, ultimately funded.

Today we number about 1000 members. Gifts, since our beginning exceed \$600,000 (close to 95% has gone directly to the mission). We have refined our project focus, funding especially the training of national workers - **training people to reach their own people!** And we celebrate how God has been able to work through us – to share the message of Life – in Russia, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Nigeria, China, Cambodia, India, Guinea West Africa, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Kazakhstan, the Philippines, and the United States.

Glenn O'Shoney

Guinea Mission Update



Missionary life in Guinea has been topsy-turvy recently! As you may recall from the February Newsletter, there were many anxious moments as our missionary families were caught in the middle of political demonstrations and violence.

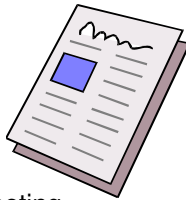
Thankfully, they were able to leave the country safely and four weeks later return to what seems to be miraculous changes, to continue the work of training leaders to share the Gospel with the Guinean people.

Our thanks to the Lord and His people for every blessing given to the Heiney, Norton and May families in addition to the support staff, Andrea Herman and Donna Meyer, during this tenuous time. **Special prayer request for Sarai**, the daughter of James and Tiina May, that God would give complete

healing to the tips of two fingers accidentally cut off and sewn back on by doctors in Guinea.

Pray also for continued political stability and safe passage for the missionaries as they travel within and outside of the country to fulfill their God-given mission objectives for West Africa. Praise God that he has blessed our church with a dedicated team working on our behalf in Guinea. We thank all JILM supporters for your prayers and funds, in backing God's world wide mission.

EDITOR'S ENTRY



When I was serving an integrated congregation in Johannesburg, South Africa, I attended a conference in the North, near Botswana. Our missionary from Botswana was also at the meeting. Botswana is a vast desert, and his parish was in the middle of it. As we talked I could see how interested he was in his ministry. He spoke about his church, his people, and his plans with great enthusiasm.

Then I asked him about living conditions. He said it was very windy there. Sand was constantly blowing into their house. No matter what they did, they couldn't keep it out. He said the electricity was off as much as it was on. Trucks had to deliver their water once a week. Their groceries also came by truck.

The conference lasted five days. I spoke with him on the last day. I was thinking how nice it was that he and his isolated family had this time of fellowship with the other families, and to enjoy the modern conveniences of the Retreat Center. Then he blew me away. He said, "I can't wait to get back to my work and my people!" We pray that all of us have that same fervor for proclaiming that Jesus is Lord.

Albert H. Miller



Special Gifts March & April

In Memory of

- † Ms. Elsie Buckhorn by Mr. Milton & Elizabeth Liese
- † Mrs. Debby Flynn by Rev. & Mrs. Robert Kuhlmann
- † Ms. Mereta Brown by Mr. John & MaryAnn Brown

- † Mr. Burton Richardson by Rev. Hubert & Judy Beck
- † Pastor Kenneth Curry by Christ Lutheran Church, Albany, NY
- † Mr. Jack Brown by Mr. John & MaryAnn Brown
- † Mr. Ray Morrison by Rev. Edward & Florence Snow
- † Mrs. Florence (Bergt) Schick by Mr. Edward & Leona Tewes
- † Ms. Marilyn Kensing by Mr. John & MaryAnn Brown
- † Ms. Betty Richardson by Ms. Ellen Frye
- † Mr. Reinhardt ("Reiny") Conrad by Mr. Bob & Lois Blanke
- † Ms. Shirley Brown by Mr. John & MaryAnn Brown
- † Mrs. Lorena Isaacks by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Biells
- † Ms. Stella Boes by Mr. John & MaryAnn Brown
- † Ms. Betty Richardson by Ms. Evelyn Watson
- † Mr. Buddy Kriegel by Mr. John & MaryAnn Brown

In Honor of

- ★ Mrs. Elva Ellermann (80th birthday) by Rev. & Mrs. John Ellermann
- ★ Dr. Richard & Ruth Schlecht (60th Wedding Anniversary) by Rev. G. K. Schmidt

In Thanksgiving for

- ♥ Mr. Paul Hatfield (80th birthday) by Mr. Curtis & Marilyn Mickan

Churches Contributing March & April

- Redeeming Grace Lutheran Church, Austin, TX
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Sealy, TX
- Zion Lutheran Church, Gatesville, TX
- Our Redeemer LLL, Houston, TX
- St. Paul Lutheran Church, Gatesville, TX
- Zion Lutheran Church, Walburg, TX
- Immanuel Lutheran Church, Giddings, TX
- Messiah Lutheran Church, Valdosta, GA
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Uvalde, TX
- Christ Lutheran Church, Overland Park, IL
- *Christ Lutheran Church, Albany, NY (New)*
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Spring, TX
- Zion Lutheran Church Glorious Circle, Walburg, TX
- *Zion Lutheran Church Dorcus Society, Walburg, TX (New)*

Thank You



New Members in March & April

- ✓ Mrs. Mamie Seeman, Giddings, TX

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!