

Praise and thanks to God for \$1 million through Jesus is Lord

Jesus is Lord Mission Society proves a small group of mission passionate people can make a big difference

Since 2002, LCMS World Mission and its global partners have been blessed through the faithful support of Jesus is Lord Mission Society. We now celebrate with JILM and give thanks for how God has used their \$1 million in gifts:

- to equip national workers, pastors, evangelists, and educators;
- to enable churches to be planted and worship centers built; and
- for the Gospel to be shared in 15 countries with many people coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Jesus is Lord Mission Society's name is taken from Philippians 2: "that every ear hear and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ Is Lord!" The independent mission society has remained a volunteer organization, directing all of its support—both prayers gifts—toward LCMS World Mission. In this partnership, JILM asks LCMS World Mission to develop a list of projects which JILM can submit to its members who joyfully support these projects

with their prayers and gifts. To date, JILM has contributed \$1 million for work in India, Vietnam, Nigeria, Kazakhstan, Afghanistan, Ghana, Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea, Russia, the United States, Cambodia, the Philippines, Kyrgyzstan, and in more than one "closed country."

Dr. Glenn O'Shoney, former LCMS World Mission executive director and Texas District president, explains the humble beginnings of Jesus is Lord Mission Society, "In 2002, four families met in my home, in Walburg, Texas, and together pledged to do something to help the mission be about its task of reaching the lost with the Good News of Christ the Savior. The mission society was born and Zion Lutheran Church of Walburg took a bold step of faith and agreed to be our 'host' congregation. From there, the founding four couples began making phone calls and writing letters—enlisting other mission passionate people. Today, we have about 550 members in 40 states; and nearly half are pastors."

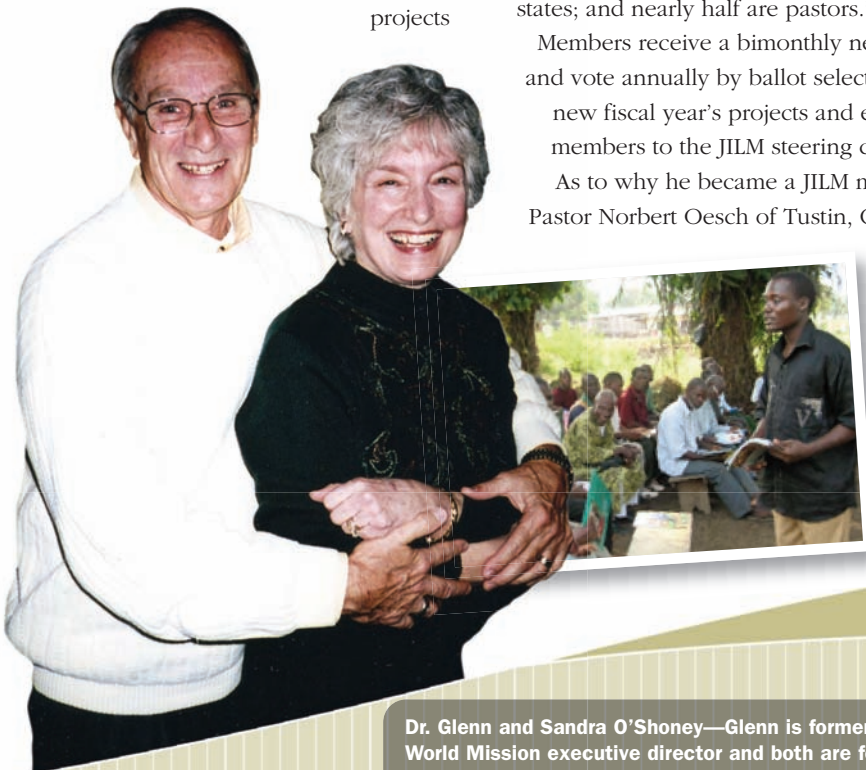
Members receive a bimonthly newsletter and vote annually by ballot selecting the new fiscal year's projects and electing members to the JILM steering committee.

As to why he became a JILM member, Pastor Norbert Oesch of Tustin, Calif.,



JILM's steering committee members include: President John Heckmann (shown second from right), John and Jane Ellwanger, Paul Howe, Greg Knippa, James Kretzmann, Milton Liese, and Dalton Noack.

explains, "My wife and I are highly committed to LCMS World Mission! We also recognize LCMS World Mission doesn't receive funds for all the work they want to do. We know JILM is directly connected LCMS World Mission; it isn't a maverick organization, but connected to the strategic plan of the Synod. We know JILM operates with next-to-no overhead and with a focus on specific projects for LCMS World Mission. And finally, I trust the leadership and know that any investment made through JILM will be handled with the greatest care."



Dr. Glenn and Sandra O'Shoney—Glenn is former LCMS World Mission executive director and both are founding members of JILM. Since 2002, JILM has contributed \$1 million for mission work around the world.

How can I get involved?

- Join LCMS World Mission in giving thanks to God for the partnership with JILM and for the JILM members' faithful commitment to reaching the lost.
- Learn more about the mission society, including how to become a member, visit its Web site at www.jilmission.org or send an e-mail to JILM president, Rev. John Heckmann, at pastor@stpaulthegrove.org.
- Request the latest JILM DVD, "First Responders," by calling 512-240-4121 or send an e-mail to the address above.

