National WMF Projects

Our purpose, as stated before, is "To awaken and deepen interest in and love for the kingdom of God, at home and abroad, and sharing the great missionary enterprise of the Christian Church through:

- a. monthly WMF bible studies.
- b. the distribution of literature and information concerning the missions of the Women's Missionary Federation.
- c. Personal involvement and financial contributions to the ministries of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations through it regularly established boards.

To unite all the women of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations into the deeper fellowship of consecrated service for the missions, the charities and the Christian Education program of our Association.

To organize missionary activities and children's missionary groups wherever possible."

With this in mind, WMF offerings go to four general missions

- Christian Education
- World Missions
- Home Missions
- WMF General Fund

The WMF budget is approved at the annual WMF conference. A copy of the current budget can be obtained by contacting the National WMF Treasurer. WMF members are encouraged to pray for each aspect of ministry, that there would be an awakening and a deeper love for the Kingdom of God at home and abroad.

Contributions from local and district WMFs should be mailed directly to the National WMF Treasurer who will distribute monies to the designated ministry of the month or according to the instructions of your local WMF. In order that your group receives proper recognition for all monetary gifts, please send all your "special/designated" gifts through the National WMF Treasurer. She will forward it wherever you indicate on your transmittal form. *Transmittal forms may be requested from the National WMF Treasurer*.

More complete information follows for each project.

YEARLY PROJECTS CALENDAR HERE

SEE YEARLY UPDATE FILE

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION includes Parish Education (Cradle Roll), Free Lutheran Bible College and Free Lutheran Seminary and promotes the teaching of Christian truths for children through adults, assists the Parish Education Board in the printing of materials, and contributes to the training of students at the AFLC Bible College (Free Lutheran Bible College-FLBC) and Seminary (Free Lutheran Seminary-FLS).

Please educate all age groups in your church about the publications of the Parish Education Department, our Bible College, and Seminary, Free Lutheran Youth Department, and Evangelism, by checking out their websites and contacting them about pamphlets and brochures from these individual AFLC departments that might be informative.

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY -- Attend the meetings of your local women's organization and use the current WMF Bible study book. It can be purchased through the WMF Executive Secretary.

PARISH EDUCATION

Preschool – Adult



Offerings designated to this mission go to support the efforts of our Parish Education Department to produce Biblical Lutheran Educational and Devotional materials. WMF offerings support the AFLC Parish Education Department. We recommend you use their assistance for Vacation Bible School ideas, Christmas programs, mission films, and other special events.

Assistance also goes toward printing costs of Sunday school materials, confirmation books, out-of-print books, and other teaching materials. AFLC Sunday School curriculum has been developed for preschool through adult classes.

<u>A catalog of Christian education materials from Ambassador Publications, is available from AFLC Parish Education</u> at 3110 East Medicine Lake Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55441, by telephone at 763-545-5631, email at <u>ParishEd@aflc.org</u>, or through the AFLC Web site at <u>www.aflc.org</u> and click on "Ambassador Publications."

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Sunday School (from age 3 to adult) use the material that the Parish Education Board so carefully creates and edits.
- Bible study materials look at the Bible studies available through the Ambassador Publications catalogue.
- Check out all the material that can be ordered through Ambassador Publications. Material that can be used as gifts for various occasions.

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CRADLE ROLL – From Birth to 3 Years

Local WMF's are encouraged to have a Cradle Roll Secretary who will be in contact with new parents and children up to age 3. This person will be your congregation's main contact with the families of young children before Sunday school starts at age three. More information about the Cradle Roll Packets and Procedures are included in this section and Cradle Roll programs and children's programs are included in section V. Ministry Resources under Program Ideas.



The WMF makes available a packet called Beginnings that provides new parents with helpful information on the physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual growth of their child from birth to three years. The packet contains newsletters, a growth calendar, a Bible story, and devotional book an audio cassette of children's songs and three birthday cards. <u>These packets may be ordered</u> from the WMF Executive Secretary.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Have a program to honor those who are recently born and newly enrolled and/or for those who
 turn three years and graduate to Sunday School (programs can be found in Section V. Program
 Ideas).
- Plan a regular time for mothers to get together. It could include speakers or videos that would present information on parenting, or it could be a time of sharing concerns and getting to know each other better.
- Encourage couples in the congregation to sign up to sponsor a child to pray for and to include in a special event.
- Honor Cradle Roll children, their parents and family at a Sunday worship service. Perhaps a small gift could be presented to the family.
- Use the Cradle Roll Packet as a tool to reach unchurched or non-attending members who have become new parents.

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Free Lutheran Bible College (FLBC)

(formerly known as the Association Free Lutheran Bible School (AFLBS))

WMF offerings to our Free Lutheran Bible College contribute to the Christian training of post high school students. There is nothing more practical for the Christian life than a solid understanding of God's Word. FLBC is a two-year Bible college designed to help students know and understand God's Word and apply it to their lives. It offers Biblical knowledge and practical training needed for a life of faith in Jesus Christ. This teaching of Christian truths and principles is of benefit not only to the young people who attend the Bible college, but also to the congregation which benefits as these graduates return to serve AFLC congregations.

For further information about FLBC go to https://flbc.edu/email_at_flbc@flbc.edu_or_call_763-544-9501.

Please consider how you can support this ministry to our young people.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- Promote a program of prayer for FLBC students, faculty and staff. Request a prayer list from FLBC.
- Consider sponsoring a high school student and parent to attend Campus Days in the fall and spring.
- Consider inviting a team or choir to visit your congregation by contacting FLBC.
- Encourage and promote FLBC to the children of your congregation as they progress through school, provide information and encourage attendance.
- Sponsor a FLBC student. Post a picture on the church bulletin board to encourage members to pray for him or her.
- Send letters and care packages to FLBC students and other college students from your congregation. A word from home is a great encouragement to any student.

Free Lutheran Seminary (FLS)

(formerly known as Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary (AFLTS))

WMF offerings to our Free Lutheran Seminary (FLS) contribute to training future pastors and Christian leaders. FLS trains men who perceive God's call to service in a local congregation, the mission field, or other areas of pastoral ministry. Seminary training at FLS includes three years of classroom instruction and the fourth year includes a one-year congregation-based internship in a Free Lutheran congregation, with an experienced AFLC pastor as supervisor.

Prayer is the greatest need for our seminary students. Through your prayers and God's Word the seminary will continue to be a fertile training ground for godly men.

For further information about FLS go to https://flbc.edu/about-fls/, email at fls@flbc.edu or call 763-544-9501.

When funds are available a WMF Mission Scholarship may be given to:

- 1) Men enrolled in the seminary who have a firm commitment to World Mission service.
- 2) Missionary wives and other women who have attended the Free Lutheran Bible College and who are furthering their education in preparation for World Mission service.
- 3) Or to the wives of Free Lutheran Seminary students to attend approved training/teaching functions.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- Promote a program of prayer for seminary students.
- Adopt a seminary student and keep in close touch.
- Send personal gifts to seminary students.
- Encourage young men of your congregation to seek the Lord's guidance about attending seminary and becoming a pastor.

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PROCEDURES CONCERNING OUR CRADLE ROLL ENROLLMENT FORMS AND CERTIFICATES

The Cradle Roll enrollment forms and certificate are included with your Cradle Roll Packet. Each packet will have an enrollment form to be filled out and sent to your District Cradle Roll Secretary IF your WMF District has one. If not then the enrollment is kept by the local Cradle Roll Secretary. Please DO NOT send them to the Executive Secretary.

The procedures will be as follows:

The Local Cradle Roll Secretary will:

- 1. Order the Cradle Roll packets from the National Executive Secretary. The enrollment forms and certificates will be sent at the same time. Please wait and pay the bill after you have received your order as there is postage cost that needs to be calculated with the price of the packet.
- 2. Fill out the enrollment forms and send them on to the District Cradle Roll Secretary (if your District has a Cradle Roll Secretary otherwise the local Cradle Roll Secretary will keep them on file.)
- 3. Fill out the certificate and present it to the parents.
- 4. Have your local treasurer pay the bill (payable to: WMF of AFLC) for the Cradle Roll packets, enrollment forms, certificates and postage. Send payment to the Executive Secretary: Dawn Johnson, 2991 30th Ave., Wilson, WI 54027. The cost is \$11 (subject to change) plus postage and handling.

NOTE: We suggest that you order your Cradle Roll packets and pay for them (by check) **after** you receive them. (We will automatically include the enrollment forms and certificates.) There will be a bill included giving the price of the packets, enrollment forms and the postage, since postage varies according to zones. This will save you from writing two checks each time you order packets.

In Christian Love,

The National WMF Board

HOME MISSIONS

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING 2021

If ever we needed to start new congregations, this is the time.

AFLC Home Missions partners with the WMF to equip planters and to plant new churches. As director of church planting, I (Jim Johnson) was so encouraged to meet with the Executive Board of the WMF in October this year. Our sisters decided to give a generous gift to help fund our Church Planters Retreat (January 25-28) in Mesa, AZ this year. Your donation makes it possible for every church planter to attend (many as couples and families) at Calvary Free Lutheran Church. The keynote speakers this year are Lee Eclov, author of *Feels Like Home*; Andy Coyle, an AFLC church planter in Rapid City, SD; Jeff Swanson, a missionary pastor in Alaska; and Eric Westlake, whose church in Zumbrota, MN, this year is organizing a church plant committee to focus on starting a new congregation, in the area.

The WMF also funds church planting grants. AFLC Home Missions is investing in partner churches by giving matching grants of \$12,000 per year or \$20,000 per year for churches willing to take the risk of faith involved in church planting. If churches invest \$20,000 a year, we also invest that amount with them. With that partner approach – our mission is "to help churches plant churches" and also "to identify, equip and send" missionary planters in places needing new gospel-centered congregations.

Our goals for the year are in synch with that vision:

- 1. To help start three new AFLC congregations by the end of 2021.
- 2. To contact 900 AFLBS or Free Lutheran Bible College alumni by the end of 2021.
- 3. To host three church planting workshops during 2021.
- 4. To visit eight church starts twice a year (one by the director, the other by a mentor).
- 5. To establish a team of six volunteer pastor-coaches for planters in the next year.
- 6. To consult with every Mission Corporation member twice during the next year.
- 7. To visit 12 church councils and five districts to ask to partner with us in church planting.
- 8. To encourage planters and mentors to attend to outside church planting conferences per year.
- 9. To provide matching grants annually in the amount of \$12,000 and \$20,000, up to \$100,000 per year.
- 10. To support a coordinator for the Alaska Mission to help coordinate that village mission's ministry.

Information regarding AFLC Home Missions congregations and their pastors is available upon request from the AFLC Home Mission Director, 3110 East Medicine Lake Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55441. Phone: (763) 545-5631 or e-mail: homemis@aflc.org or on the internet at www.aflchomemissions.org.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- "Adopt a church" -- send letters and/or gifts to give special encouragement to a new congregation.
- Have your local WMF write letters to the women of the new congregation to encourage them to organize a WMF.

- Raise funds to provide Church Planting Matching Grants of \$12,000 to \$20,000.
- Send letters of encouragement to Home Missions pastors and wives; they may not have fellowship with other AFLC churches.
- Extend special invitations to the women of new organizations in your district to attend the WMF Rallies and other special events in the area AFLC churches.
- If visiting or passing through the area of a Home Mission congregation, worship with them, or if possible, send a delegation of several members on a Sunday morning.
- Provide scholarships for planters and pastors to attend the annual conference, the AFLC Church Planting Retreat or receive specialized training for church planting.
- Invite a church planter to come and speak during Sunday worship or Sunday school at your church.
- Invite a church planter to address the WMF Annual Meeting at the AFLC Annual Conference.
- Adopt a new church planter family for Christmas. New planters often have young children, and times can be lean during the holidays. What if the WMF chapter you belong to would send gifts to all the children of a planter, and also fund a gift card to the planter and to his wife. (Recommended \$50 per child and adult) and send the package by mail or deliver in person the week before Christmas.

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AFLC Home Missions



3110 E Medicine Lake Blvd Plymouth, MN 55441 763.412.2018 homemis@aflc.org

STARTS, PLANTS AND NEW CHURCHES LIST | FALL 2020

STARTS *Meeting regularly but no church constitution

HOSANNA FREE LUTHERAN | CUMBERLAND, WI

Pastor's Name: Vacant

Sponsor Church: Pastor Tom Olson and MN Valley

Planter's Address: 205 Hickory St; Farmington, MN 55024

RESURRECTION FREE LUTHERAN | RAMSEY, MN

Pastor's Name: Vacant

Church Planters: Brian and Angie Norby

Planter's Address: 8005 142nd Ave NW; Ramsey, MN 55303

HOPE FREE LUTHERAN | KILLDEER, ND

Pastor's Name: Vacant

Church Planters: Daniel and Bethany Aichele Sponsor Church: Western North Dakota District Planter's Address: PO Box 265; Killdeer, ND 58640

TRINITY SAN ANTONIO | SAN ANTONIO, TX

Pastor's Name: Pastor Matthew Ballmann

Church Planting Assistants: Julia Albright, Sarah Duffy

Sponsor Church: Abiding Savior, Sioux Falls, SD

Planter's Address: 25603 Kicking Bird; San Antonio, TX 78261

HILLTOP CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP | NAKNEK, AK

Missionaries: Pastor Jeff & Jane Swanson (on loan from LMS)

Planter's Address: PO Box 501; Naknek, AK 99633

CHINESE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP | ST. PAUL, MN

Church Planters: Holmes and Jia Zhao

Sponsor Church: Emmaus Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN

Planter's Address: 1425 Jessamine Ave W Apt 102; St. Paul, MN 55108

PLANTS *Meeting weekly, approved constitution, accepted into the AFLC.

HOPE AFLC | ENDERLIN, ND

Pastor's Name: Pastor Tom and Beth Olson

Planter's Address: 306 Grand Ave; Enderlin, ND 58027

WAIKIKI BEACH GATHERING | HONOLULU, HI

Pastor's name: Pastor Brady Arneson

Planter's Address: 3517 Wela Street; Honolulu, HI 96815

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HOPE | LOVELAND, CO

Pastor's Name: Pastor Greg and Kim Schram

Planter's Address: 1967 Rangely Ct; Loveland, CO 80538

THE SOURCE; MESA, AZ

Pastor's Name: Pastor Eric and Megan Johnson

Planter's Address: 841 N Saint Elena St; Gilbert, AZ 85234

NEW HOPE FREE LUTHERAN | SISSETON, SD

Pastor's Name: Vacant

Churches Address: 401 Veterans Ave; Sisseston, SD 57262

NEW CHURCHES *Long-term plants that will soon become established churches.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH | SPRINGFIELD, MO

Pastor's Name: Vacant (Interim: Pastor Christian Andrews)

Churches Address: 2756 S Blackman Rd; Springfield, MO 65809

ABIDING WORD FREE LUTHERAN, FELCH, MI

Pastor's Name: Erling Langness, Tom Schierkolk and Tony Pope

Churches Address: PO Box 54; Felch, MI 49831

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

*AFLC Home Missions policy is to begin new possibilities with concerned prayer groups covering the new community first.

BUFFALO, MN FARMINGTON, MN AREA WESTERN WASHINGTON BUTTE, MT

CHURCH PLANTING ASSISTANTS

- Moriah Graham | Hagerstown, MD
- Jessica Nikunen | Hagerstown, MD
- Julia Albright | San Antonio, TX
- Sarah Duffy | San Antonio, TX
- Hannah St. Cyr | Ramsey, MN
- Heather Hansen | Naknek, AK

CHURCH PLANTING IN TRAINING

• Luke and Katie Edlund (Buffalo, MN)

HOME MISSIONS – ALASKA Missionaries



Pastor Jeff and Jane Swanson

Pastor, Naknek
Missionaries on-loan to Lutheran Mission Society

Birthdays

Pastor Jeff September 8
Jane December 8

Pastor Jeff and Jane Swanson have served in Naknek, AK, since September 2007. The Swanson's have six children; the two youngest, Hope and Abigail, live with them in Naknek.

Pastor Jeff and Jane Swanson both grew up in North Central Kansas. Pastor Swanson earned

his B.A. degree from Bethany College and graduated from the Association of Free Lutheran Seminary in 1986. He served congregations in Kalispell, MT, and Newark, IL. In 2007, Pastor Swanson accepted a call to serve the two congregations at Naknek, Alaska, located about 300 miles SW of Anchorage.

Prior to accepting the full time call to Naknek, Pastor Swanson had visited as part of a work crew and interim pastor.

Pastor Swanson and his family have endeared themselves to the community through their humble service. Please keep them in your prayers.

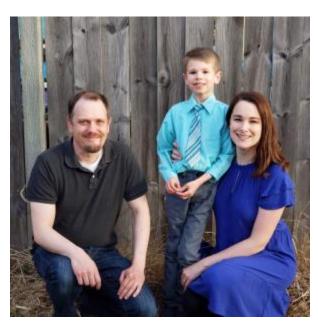
Contact Information:

Pastor Jeff Swanson PO Box 501 Naknek, AK 99633

907-246-6624

email: jswanson7@juno.com

HOME MISSIONS – ALASKA Missionaries



Pastor Jeremy and Lacey Crowell Aviation Ministries

Birthdays

Pastor Jeremy November 21 Lacey April 28 Malachi April 26

Pastor/Pilot Jeremy Crowell, serving with wife Lacey, provides valuable aviation service for the Alaska Mission. In addition to being a 2010 graduate of AFLTS, Jeremy is a flight instructor and aircraft mechanic. He also holds seaplane, instrument, and multi-engine ratings. The Crowell's will be working closely with Pastor Jeff Swanson and Pastor Bob Lee.

Pastor Jeremy and Lacey bring with them ministry skills and a servant's heart that has great potential for expanding the Alaska outreach. They originally surveyed the AK ministry for six months of their seminary internship in 2009. God confirmed His direction and in Spring 2010 they accepted a call from AFLC Home Missions and FLAPS to serve as full time pastor/pilot for the remote areas of Alaska, beginning in August 2010.

Please Pray for this missionary couple as they begin a new chapter of their ministry.

Contact Information:

Pastor Jeremy Crowell PO Box 507 Naknek, AK 99633

907-246-7492

email: n4100u@juno.com

HOME MISSIONS – ALASKA Missionaries



Pastor Bob and Margaret Lee

KAKN Radio Station Manager

Birthdays

Pastor Bob September 22 Margaret August 11

Pastor Bob Lee and his wife Margaret also serve in Alaska. Bob is a pastor and KAKN station manager and Margaret as a teacher in Naknek. Pastor Lee is a 2010 graduate of Association Free Lutheran Seminary and began his service at KAKN in June 2010.

Prior to attending seminary, Pastor Lee also received training at California State University,

Omaha Lutheran Bible School, Concordia Seminary, Fuller School of World Mission, and the International School of Theology.

Sensing God's call back into missions, and seeing the Lord at work in Naknek, the Lee's accepted the call from AFLC Home Missions to serve in Naknek, AK.

Contact Information:

Pastor Bob Lee c/o KAKN Radio PO Box 214 Naknek, AK 99633

email: pastorboblee@gmail.com 907-246-7492

ALASKA GIFT REGISTRY



Our Alaska missionaries have limited access to stores, and their remote location often brings up needs for unique items. Similar to an online baby or wedding shower registry, Home Missions has set up an online **Alaska Hospitality Registry**. This allows them to keep an up-to-date list of needs, unnecessary duplications are avoided, and it is easy to use. Please go to the links below to see how you may serve our Alaska Missionaries.

- 1) Here is the website https://www.myregistry.com/visitors/?registryid=337412
 If you would like, there is also an option to print the registry off. The Alaska Gift Registry link is also available on the HOME MISSION website under the Ministries tab.
- 2) As you skim through the list, you'll notice a picture and the description and quantity of the requested item. When something catches your eye, click on the "View or Buy this Gift" option. That will take you directly to an online store, usually Amazon, where we've found the best prices.
- 3) There are 2 ways to purchase a gift:
 - If you decide to purchase the gift directly from the online store link and have it shipped to Alaska, proceed with an online purchase as normal, using the shipping address below.
 - If you prefer to shop at a local store, that works too. You will still need to view the
 gift item on the linked store website. When you click to close the store page, a
 screen will pop up on the myregistry.com site asking you if you have purchased the
 item. If you plan to purchase it locally, click "Yes", and the system will update the
 registry to show the item has been purchased.
- 4) **Use the USPS when shipping**; Priority mail works well. UPS shipping is not available in Naknek.

KAKN Radio P.O. Box 214 Naknek, AK 99633 (907) 246-7492

If a P.O. Box is not accepted try using KAKN Radio, 214 KAKN WAY Naknek, AK 99633

5) Please don't hesitate to <u>contact Home Missions</u> if you have any questions or problems with the registry. Thank you!

Quilts for Alaska

We so appreciate all the quilts being sent our way here in Alaska. We pass them out to people here in Naknek, as well as take them to many area villages where we fly. We have taken several boxes to a closed village (due to strong Russian Orthodox influence) and we were welcomed there solely because of quilts. We also have sent quilts to villages where there has been severe flooding and people had lost nearly everything - the quilts were received with tears. Additionally, we shared dozens of quilts last summer with international visitors to Naknek during fishing season.



WHY QUILTS?

- Great way for us to give a practical expression of God's love in this cold climate.
- People appreciate the quilts.
- It opens doors to share the Gospel.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SENDING QUILTS

- When are quilts most needed? Does it matter how many we send? Quilts are welcome year round and we never have too many.
- What type of quilts do you need?
 We especially appreciate baby quilts and larger quilts for full size beds.
- How should we ship our quilts?

 The best way to send them is through regular mail, at the cheapest rate.

 Unfortunately, we do not have UPS or FedEx in Naknek.
- How much does it cost to send quilts? Cost depends on your location.
- How long does it take to ship quilts to Alaska? They may take several weeks or more to get here.
- What address should we use?

KAKN Radio/Alaska Mission P.O Box 214 214 KAKN Way Naknek, AK 99633

The Net in Alaska



"What is the ministry of The Net? It's a Sanctuary in a sea of chaos and unrest. It's a place where strangers are treated like family. One young woman walking breathed deeply, "This place smells like love." Our table is laid with fresh coffee, hot cocoa, lemonade, water, iced tea platters of fresh baked goods and a basket of packaged snacks and candies. A few tables

with chairs, a well worn couch and coffee table invite guests to stay awhile. The walls hold bookshelves with Bibles, devotionals and Scripture tracts to feed the mind and nurture the soul. Board games and puzzles are stacked on an end table, and used clothing is piled on a table in the back room.

Everything is free. Sometimes people would come to the kitchen asking where the donation basket is. We would tell them it's all a free gift to anyone who comes, just like God freely gives salvation to those who come to Him through Christ. We also told them that the food comes from our church family and friends down in the lower 48 who care for them and the difficulty of life during this season." JULIE - A NET VOLUNTEER

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT SERVICE SHOULD I USE?

Use USPS when shipping if you're not shipping directly from a website. Priority mail or flat rate shipping boxes work best. UPS shipping/ Fed Ex are **not** available in Naknek. Our last advice? Ship early! You never know when it might get there.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- Set-up display table
- Volunteer at the net
- Get young people involved
- Purchase off of Alaska registry

WHERE SHOULD I SHIP MY ITEMS?

The Net, c/o KAKN Radio PO Box 214 Naknek, AK 99633

(If a PO Box is not accepted try using The Net, c/o KAKN Radio, 214 KAKN Way, Naknek, AK 99633

WORLD MISSIONS

WORLD MISSIONS

WMF offerings help support the AFLC World Mission work in several ways:

- Assistance with missionary salaries, housing costs, health insurance and travel.
- Subsidy for Christian education materials used by missionaries.
- A stipend and/or travel expenses for Short-Term-Assistants (STAs) volunteers who go on the mission field to assist missionaries in education, healthcare, teaching, etc.
- Provision of a scholarship for seminarians preparing to serve in World Missions.
- Subsidy for National Workers who otherwise receive a meager monthly salary. National Workers are citizens of countries where the AFLC has a mission work, most often pastors, whose salary is paid or supplemented by AFLC World Missions.

Requests for financial assistance are considered individually. Contact the National WMF President for information.

In addition to your offerings, Honorary Memberships and Memorials are a way to support our World Missionaries. Further information is provided in section V. Ministry Resources under Program Ideas. Information regarding AFLC World Missions is available upon request from the World Mission Director, 3110 East Medicine Lake Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55441. Phone (763) 545-5631 or e-mail worldmis@aflc.org. On the internet you may go to www.aflcworldmissions.org.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Write letters and send birthday Christmas cards to missionaries. **Missionary** Information with mailing addresses and birthdays follow these pages.
- Contact the individual missionaries about their ministry needs before sending packages of items such as quilts and used clothing for distribution by missionaries. For further information on sending packages see the information listed in Remembering our Missionaries found in this section.
- Send personal gifts to missionaries.
- Encourage young people to start a pen pal club and keep in touch with missionary children.
- Promote mission activities in your congregation, such as hosting a Missions Festival! (See resources section)
- Encourage people from your congregation to visit an AFLC mission field or go as a Short Term Assistant (STA). Contact the National WMF President for more information.
- Ask those who have been STAs to speak to your local WMF or church.
- Sponsor a National Worker.
- Keep informed. A Mission Secretary in your local WMF can keep your women informed about mission news as well as share needs and prayer requests. Prayer cards and newsletters, as well as a list of National Workers, are available through the World Mission Department at AFLC headquarters.

AFLC Missionaries to Brazil

Paul and Becky Abel



Paul and Becky Abel have celebrated 35 years together with ministry in Brazil and they have four children and nine grandchildren. When they started their ministry, the main goal was to plant churches in the Parana region. Four churches have been established in Curitiba, Cajurú, Bateias, and Campo Largo, some of which began as small home Bible studies and are now thriving churches lead by local pastors. The Abels have seen the grace of God open hearts through the study of his Word. Bible studies take place weekly in these churches, along with youth group and evening services. Another vital part of the Abel's ministry is Acampamento e Retiro Cristão da Associação (Christian Camp and Retreat Center of

the Association) or ARCA for short, which has drawn hundreds of campers through the year. Because of the power of the Gospel, the Abels have seen lives changed in their time in Brazil, whether health issues, home life, or education.

Birthdays:

Paul: October 18 Becky: October 6

Field Address:

Caixa Postal 1097 83.601-981 Campo Largo, PR BRAZIL, South America

Email Address:

paulabelfamily@gmail.com

Website:

paulabelfamily.org

Phone:

763-390-6825

(Minneapolis number in Brazil

Prayer concerns:

- For camps and retreats at the ARCA.
- For faithful commitment of church members and for their emotional and spiritual stability.
- For their children and their families; Joanna (Silvo), Christina (Daniel), Andrew (Alexi) and Matthew (Ednay).
- For Paul as he supervises the missionary work in Campo Largo and reaches out to other Free Lutheran Congregations through special weekend courses.
- God's continued provision for the work in Brazil.
- For safety and health.

AFLC Missionaries to Brazil

Jonathan and Tamba Abel



Pastor Jonathan and Tamba Abel have been missionaries with AFLC World Missions in Brazil since they were commissioned in 1992, raising four children on the mission field who are now all grown. The Abel's ministry centers around three main places: camp, the seminary, and the church. Both Jonathan and Tamba love working in camp ministry, The Abels are passionate about helping youth live out their Christian faith with boldness. A part of the faculty at the seminary in Campo Mourao, Jonathan is confident in the importance foundational training to continue discipling

healthy churches across Brazil. The Abels have planted the church they are currently serving in Maringa, along with two other congregations. Excited whenever they have the opportunity, Jonathan and Tamba share about the free gift of grace, often seeing Brazilians understand evangelical doctrines for the first time. Even in the unrest of legalism, spiritism, and broken homes, the Abels continue to daily disciple those around them and strive for souls to be saved to the Kingdom of God.

Birthdays:

Jonathan: March 11 Tamba: January 11 Michelle: July 18, 2002

Field Address

Caixa Postal 450 87001-970 Maringa, PR BRAZIL, South America

Email Address: tjabel@terra.com.br

Prayer concerns:

- Wisdom as they expand the work in Maringa.
- Wisdom for them in working with the national people and leadership.
- Health and safety as they work and travel.
- For their children: April (Elijah) Neumann, Thomas and Michelle.

AFLC Missionary to Brazil

Jonni Sliver



Jonni Sliver has served as a missionary with AFLC World Missions since 2011 in the Miriam Home located in Brazil. Unlike an orphanage, the children that come to the Miriam Home are in various transition for reasons. Sometimes it is just a place to stay while a single mother is in the hospital, other times the children are waiting for a new adopted family. Jonni and the house moms strive to bring the Lord's healing to each child that comes through the door. She affirms, "Our primary calling is to be God's tool to minister His love and His healing into the lives of

frightened and wounded children. Every kid that comes here, whether for a few days or for a year and a half, comes scared. They all have a hurt, and the One that will help them feel better is the Lord." Being used by God to share this healing with the children is Jonni's great joy.

Birthday: July 20

Field Address: Caixa Postal 641 87300-970 Campo Mourao, PR BRAZIL, South America

Email Address:

sassi.jonni@gmail.com

Things to pray for:

- For the partnerships of the staff and students in Campo Mourao and the effectiveness of their leadership.
- For clear and creative communication and relationships between the AFLC family in Campo Mourao and in the U.S. for mutual support and encouragement.
- For safety and health.

Package Instructions: We love receiving packages from our amazing WMF ladies! Most needed items - children's clothes and shoes, as well as, towels – used items are best because of customs. Address packages to: Casa Lar Infantil Miria (using address below), and it is better if Jonni's name isn't on label, unless the package is specifically for her, so that any member of the Miriam Home team can pick them up. On the packing slip, make sure to do the following instructions: 1. Box described as "used" when they are, and 2. Check the little box that says, "humanitarian donation".

AFLC Missionary to **Brazil**

John and Hannah Lee



John and Hannah Lee have been missionaries with AFLC World Missions since 2018, and their family of six has recently moved to Campo Mourao, Brazil. After John finished seminary at FLTS, it was brought to his attention the need for Escola faculty at Biblica Teologica Associacao Das Igrejas, (also known as SETELL) the AFLC Brazil theological seminary. The Lees are excited to be a part of Christ's work in Brazil. "As we have lived here," John said, "we have witnessed a growing desire by Brazilians to plant more churches in other States." John is eager to train the students at the seminary. giving them a foundation in the Word of God to be leaders in their future parishes.

The Lee's vision in their ministry also goes beyond SETELL, walking beside the laymen and women in congregations and encouraging them in their walk with Jesus Christ.

Birthdays:

John: July 23

Hannah: February 19 Bethany: April 10, 2016 Eliza: May 18, 2017 Ayda: August 28, 2018 Anastasia: October 2, 2019

Field Address:

Caixa Postal 641 87300-970 Campo Mourao, PR BRAZIL, South America

Email Address jelee89@gmail.com

Things to pray for:

- For John's seminary teaching position at SETELL
- Transition to life on the SETELL Campus in Campo Mourao and new friends
- Their children: Bethany, Eliza, Ayda, and Anastasia
- Safety and health

AFLC Missionaries to PARAGUAY

Matthew and Ednay Abel



Matthew "Mafu" and Edaney Abel have been serving as AFLC missionaries since 2015 and have two beautiful children. Zoey and Ian. Recently, they have taken the call for a new endeavor to plant churches in Paraguay. Beginning in 2019, their move to Paraguay included language training, connecting with the established church there, and finding a location for a new church. Mafu described their ministry, "To preach Jesus Christ that people might come from light—from darkness death to life...Evangelism and discipleship, this happens when people are gathered together around God's Word." On this foundation, the Abels are excited to

witness how the Lord will connect the community through the Gospel. The Abel family is looking forward to establishing Christ-centered churches in Paraguay, to partner with the church in Brazil, and to grow a strong community of believers in South America.

Birthday:

Matthew: September 29 Ednay: September 30 Zoey: July 9, 2018 Ian: January 8, 2020

Field Address:

Caixa Postal 1097 83.601-981 Campo Largo, PR BRAZIL, South America

Email Address:

mafuabel@gmail.com

Things to pray for:

- For their children: Zoey and Ian
- Church planting ministry near the city of Villarrica, Paraguay
- Bible Camp ministry at Yvytyrusu
- For their safety and health

AFLC Missionaries to MEXICO

Todd and Barb Schierkolk



Todd and Barb Schierkolk have served with AFLC World Missions since 1995, serving faithfully together in their home in Jerez, Mexico for over twenty years. Schierkolk's ministry has centered around planting and discipling their congregation at Un Lugar de Encuentro con Dios. have witnessed the transformation believers from being a participant in the pew to being active in equipping the church. Children's ministry has a special place in the heart of the Schierkolks with their vision of discipleship in their community. Todd affirms, "Children's ministry has been particularly effective in establishing lifelong relationships. It is a very good tool, with a

weekly connection with many kids." Through their years of ministry, they have been reminded of the truth that anytime someone comes to Jesus it is a miracle. The Schierkolks are convinced that everyday discipleship with their community is not a short sprint but a marathon ministry. They desire to continue serving their congregation and to strengthen believers through the study of God's Word.

Birthdays:

Todd: May 25 Barb: February 15

Field Address:

Apartado Postal 439 Jerez, Zacatecas 99300 MEXICO

Email Address:

aguadevida5@gmail.com

Things to pray for:

- For spiritual growth of youth and their families.
- For God's wisdom and open doors regarding the purchase and construction of a church building.
- For their children: Rachel (Ben) Davis, Megan (Josh) Hedstrom and Kirstie.
- For health and safety.

AFLC Missionaries to <u>UGANDA</u>

Nate and Rhoda Jore



Nate and Rhoda Jore and their children, Elijah, Judah, Hannah, Jeremiah, Julia and Evie Mae AFLC missionaries Uganda. Nate and Rhoda arrived in Uganda to begin the work there in the fall of 2006. They have been able to study the language and culture and build close relationships with the Ugandan people. In addition to ministering to the people, they work specifically with training of pastors and leaders of the church. Nate is involved with the Ambassador Institute team but is looking towards

starting Free and Living congregations in the country of Uganda.

Birthdays:

 Nate: Aug 1
 Hannah: April 24, 2008

 Rhoda: Sept 29
 Jeremiah: June 29, 2010

 Elijah: July 9, 2004
 Julia: April 19, 2012

 Judah: Nov 26, 2005
 Evie Mae: Sept. 21, 2016

Field Address:

Nathan Jore PO Box 304 Jinja, Uganda Africa E-mail:

nrjore@gmail.com

Prayer Concerns:

- Wisdom in training and raising their children.
- For protection against attacks from the evil one.
- For each of their personal, daily walks with the Lord.
- For the relationship with the soccer boys and the Bible study with them.
- For the continued work of the AFLC in Uganda.
- Vision for making disciples in the village.
- For good health and safety.

AFLC Missionaries to Uganda

Brent and Emily Raan



Brent and Emily Raan have been called as full time missionaries to Uganda. Their first year is spent helping Ambassador Institute and reaching out to the Ugandan nationals. Brent and Emily will also be praying over a strategic location to carry out the mission that they are called to. The Raans are being sent with the vision of planting free and living Lutheran congregations.

Birthdays

Brent: March 13 Emily: June 21

Amaleah: July 30, 2014 Sarala: December 20, 2016 Isaiah: November 12, 2018

Field Address:

PO Box 824 Jinja, Uganda Africa

Email Address:

brentraan@gmail.com

Prayer Concerns:

- For their children: Amaleh, Sarala, and Isaiah
- Their upcoming move from Jinja to Gulu
- Language learning
- Church planting ministry near Gulu.
- For their safety and health

AFLC Seasonal Missionary to **Uganda**

Michael Rokenbrodt



Michel Rokenbrodt is a seasonal missionary, working with Ambassador institute in Uganda for half the year and home as a student at the Free Lutheran Seminary for the rest of the year. Originally a teacher, he traveled to Uganda and has felt called back ever since. He was commissioned as an AFLC missionary in 2018. From January to May, Michel is in Uganda serving in his role as a support to the national leaders and the full-time missionaries. Recently, Michael has used his teaching gifts to assist with Ambassador Institute, going into any church that desires to receive the training. "Teaching with Ambassador Institute," Michael stated, "I get to continue to keep all the wonderful aspects of teaching that I love, all for the glory of God." Michael affirmed that the oral approaches to

teaching from Ambassador Institute brings to life the reality of faith coming through hearing the Word of God.

Birthday August 9

Address:

4170 143rd Street Chippewa Falls WI 54729

Email Address:

rokenbrm@csp.edu

Prayer Concerns:

- For provision for continued prayer and financial support.
- For language learning.
- For health and safety.

AFLC Missionaries on-loan to Wycliffe Bible Translators

Serving as IT Project Manager

Steve & Glenda Kvale



Steve and Glenda are currently with Wycliffe USA and have been members of Wycliffe since 2006. Steve serves as a business intelligence analyst from his home in MN, with the Information Technology team at the Wycliffe USA headquarters in Orlando, FL. Glenda support Steve's assignment however needed. They serve in family ministry sharing about missions with Wycliffe in churches and schools. We invite you to be a part of our prayer and

financial partnership team as we facilitate the translation of God's word around the world through information technology.

Birthdays:

Steve June 1 Glenda Nov 30

Anniversary: August 25, 1990

Field Address:

1539 County Road 5, Balaton, MN 56115 507-734-2424 home 507-401-0023 Steve's cell 507-530-4077 Glenda's cell

Email:

steven_kvale@wycliffe.org glenda.kvale@outlook.com

Website:

www.wycliffe.org

Prayer Concerns:

• That Bible-less people groups hear the Gospel.

PERSONAL NOTE:

Gifts: (designated to Kvale's on loan to Wycliffe Bible Translators) and mailed to AFLC World Missions office.

(or)

(Designated to Steve & Glenda Kvale, ministry account #200316) and mailed to Wycliffe Bible Translators, PO Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862

AFLC Missionaries on-loan to <u>Lutheran Bible Translators</u>

Serving in Sierra Leone

Josh and Ruth Wagner



Missionaries **Josh and Ruthie Wagner** share a common heart and love for people, and for seeing God worshiped among the nations.

Josh and Ruthie met at a Bible translation meeting and married in 2009. Josh has been working as Scripture Engagement Advisor and Ruthie as Translation Advisor among the Themne people in Sierra Leone since fall 2013. They have four children: Elijah, Isaiah, Josiah and Elizabeth.

Please pray that God's Word would go forth and speak to the hearts of over two million Themne speakers!

Birthdays:

Josh – December 24 Ruthie – August 6 Elijah –June 21, 2012 Isaiah – July 9, 2014 Josiah – December 21, 2015 Elizabeth – October 9, 2017

On Medical Leave, working remotely from:

1317 Honey Locust Drive Northfield MN 55057

Field Address:

Josh & Ruthie Wagner Makeni Post Office PO Box #15 Makeni, Sierra Leone

Email Address:

Josh-Ruthie.Wagner@LBT.org

Facebook Page:

http://facebook.com/groups/wagnerupdates

Google Voice Number: 612-208-7680 (Works in USA and Sierra Leone)

Prayer concerns: Pray for them as they work on translation projects to bring the gospel to people of Sierra Leone.

Package Mailing: (Please write "non-profit" on the box/envelope and don't add insurance on the package to minimize the impression that we are importing items for resale and needing to pay tax on it.)

AFLC Missionaries on-loan to <u>Lutheran Bible Translators</u>

Serving Tanzania

Andrew and Alexis Olson



Rev. Andrew and Alexis Olson are excited and honored to serve the Lord their Savior through assisting with Bible translation work in Tanzania, East Africa.

Andrew and Alexis were married in 2015. They have two children, Mariah and Selah.

It's about Jesus "God desires that all people everywhere come to know Him," says Andrew. "As each person uses their gifts and abilities to serve His kingdom,

more and more people can come to know Christ as their Savior. 2 Corinthians 4:5 says, 'For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.' It's all about Jesus and declaring what He's done for people of every nation and tongue."

Birthdays:

Andrew – November 28 Alexis – January 22 Mariah –August 8, 2016 Selah – March 18, 2018

Field Address:

PO Box 52 Nansio, Ukerewe TANZANIA

Email Address:

emptypipe@gmail.com
andrew-alexis.olson@lbt.org

Send Packages to:

Andrew and Alexis Olson 3026 Virginia Ave N Crystal, MN 55427

Prayer concerns: Pray for them as they work on translation projects to bring the gospel to people of Africa.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES from World Missions

JANUARY

8—Ian Abel (2020) 11–Tamba Abel

22-Alexis Olson

FEBRUARY

15-Barb Schierkolk 19-Hannah Lee

MARCH

11-Jonathan Abel

13-Brent Raan

18-Selah Olson (2018)

APRIL

10-Bethany Lee (2016)

19-Julia Jore (2012)

24-Hannah Jore (2008)

MAY

18-Eliza Lee (2017) 25-Todd Schierkolk

JUNE

1-Steve Kvale

21-Emily Raan

21-Elijah Wagner (2012)

29-Jeremiah Jore (2010)

JULY

9–Elijah Jore (2004)

9-Isaiah Wagner (2014)

9-Zoey Abel (2018)

18-Michelle Abel (2002)

20-Jonni Sliver

23-John Lee

30-Amaleah Raan (2014)

AUGUST

1-Nate Jore

6-Ruth Wagner

8-Mariah Olson (2016)

9-Michael Rokenbrodt

28-Ayda Lee (2018)

SEPTEMBER

21-Evie Mae Jore (2016)

29-Rhoda Jore

29-Matthew Abel

30-Ednay Abel

OCTOBER

6-Rebecca Abel

9–Elizabeth Wagner (2017)

18-Paul Abel

NOVEMBER

26-Judah Jore (2005)

28-Andrew Olson

30-Glenda Kvale

DECEMBER

20-Sarala Raan (2016)

21-Josiah Wagner (2015)

24 – Joshua Wagner

ANNIVERSARIES

May

23-Andrew & Alexis Olson 26-Paul & Becky Abel

<u>June</u>

1–Jonathan & Tamba Abel 11–Brent & Emily Raan

15-John & Hannah Lee

July

28- Todd & Barb Schierkolk

<u>August</u>

9–Matthew & Ednay Abel 25–Steve & Glenda Kvale

November

21 Josh & Ruth Wagner

December

14 - Nate & Rhoda Jore

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Email: emptypipe@gmail.com

Josh & Ruth Wagner

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Field address:

Makeni Post Office PO Box #15 Makeni, Sierra Leone

Email: Josh-Ruthie.Wagner@LBT.org

Miriam Home

Caixa Postal 641 87300-970 Campo Mourao, PR Brazil (Packages can be sent by US Mail)

AFLC Missionaries Furlough Mailing Address

3110 E Medicine Lake Blvd Plymouth MN 55441

Mission Home—Osceola WI

2344 30th Ave Osceola WI 54020 Phone:715-294-1686

NEW PACKAGING DIRECTIONS FOR BRAZIL PACKAGES TO MIRIAM HOME

We received this message from Jonni Sliver mid December 2013 concerning packages sent to Brazil and the Miriam Home. **PLEASE NOTE** if you are sending packages.

During the last few months we have had a problem with several of the boxes that come from the States being stopped by customs and a large tax being applied (just in the last month it has been 5 boxes) This is very unusual, we went eight months without any being stopped, and it might just be that customs is being especially picky because of the amount of packages that come in at the end of the year. We are able to appeal the tax, but there are a few changes in how the boxes are labeled and in how the customs sheet is filled out that we think will greatly reduce how many boxes are stopped, and will make it easier to appeal the tax if we need to. I can't even tell you how precious and important the boxes sent are to us.

- The first thing is the change is in the name up until now we have just used the English version, but when customs stops a box, because the name is in English it is often treated as if it is coming to a business, not a children's shelter. It is better to use the Portuguese name of the Miriam Home Casa Lar Infantil Miria. Also, my name doesn't need to be in the address (it is actually better it isn't, unless the box is specifically for me, because then others can pick up the box), but if my name is included please use Jonni Lynn Sliver, so when I show my identity card the name is exactly the same.
- The second area to pay attention to is the <u>customs sheet</u>. The <u>names in the address need to be exactly the same on the customs sheet</u>. Also, many of the WMFs do (but not all), <u>specify that the contents are used clothes or shoes and under value they write "no commercial value".
 </u>

Those are both very important details and helps customs not bill us (it also helps us justify our appeal if we need to make one).

 One new (and good!) addition to the form is that the <u>sender can designate the</u> <u>box as a humanitarian donation</u> (it is field #5, there are 8 boxes to choose from and Humanitarian donation is definitely the right choice).

Jonni Sliver

REMEMBERING OUR MISSIONARIES

Supporting our missionaries is a vital part of Women's Missionary Federation. WMF members are encouraged to remember missionaries and their families daily in prayer. The apostle Paul admonished believers to "pray without ceasing." (1 Thessalonians 5:17) Missionaries are empowered to do their work as faithful supporters uphold them in prayer. Particular needs and prayer requests are published regularly in their newsletters. These newsletters and *Our Family Album* booklets with their pictures are available upon request from AFLC World Missions, 3110 Medicine Lake Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55441 or worldmis@aflc.org.

To keep our missionaries on the field, the most important support is the budgeted expense for our missionaries day-to-day living – send this support to the WMF Treasurer. Additionally, there are some other supplies that are helpful for missionaries that may be shipped by boat or by air.

Here are a few more suggestions that may help those who wish to remember missionaries in a special way:

- Send birthday cards, perhaps with a note and scripture signed at a meeting by WMF members. (When sending birthday cards to the missionary children it's fun to include a little something flat in the card, like a balloon or a stick of gum, or a \$1 bill, or stickers. The kids get a lot more excited about receiving a card when there is a surprise inside!
- Letters from WMF members sharing news about church or WMF, family or daily life help keep missionaries in touch.
- Boxes of used clothing to Brazil. Quilts are appreciated in both Brazil and Mexico.

Although postage may seem high, missionaries assure us that the contents are worth the cost. Instructions for mailing are listed elsewhere on this sheet. Please read carefully.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR CARE PACKAGES

PERSONAL ITEMS---

- Dryer sheets (PLEASE DO NOT PACKAGE IN SAME BOX AS FOOD ITEMS—SEPARATE BOX TOTALLY)
- CD's
- Good books for adults or children
- Country, Country Women or Reader's Digest magazines
- Videos of good programs or a segment of your church activity
- Small gift items such as small cars or dolls, coloring books, barrettes.

FOOD ITEMS---(please put food items in zip-lock bags)

- Cake mixes and ready-made frostings
- Marshmallows and instant puddings
- Seasoning packages for tacos, spaghetti, salad dressings, Chinese, Sloppy Joes, Chili, Kraft Macaroni and Cheese packets, etc.
- Chocolate chips, butterscotch or peanut butter chips (in spring or autumn they melt if sent in summer or winter)
- Special teas or coffees and Kool-Aid packets
- Flavored coffee creamer
- Muffin mixes
- Peanut butter
- Nuts.
- dried fruit,
- chocolate
- Parmesan cheese

ENVELOPE STUFFERS---(suggestions for items you can enclose in greeting cards)

- Gum, balloons, Kool-Aid, stickers
- Notice of a subscription to a magazine for a year
- Magazine or newsletter articles
- Small potpourri or sachet envelopes

FOR THE DORCAS ROOM---(provides clothing as extension of ministry in Brazil)

- Clothing for newborns, children, teenagers and adults
- Jeans for all ages
- Sweaters for all sizes and ages
- Quilts are distributed, usually one per family, to those who have need. (Thin, lightweight ones are adequate and cost the least to send.)
- Bedding (crib, twin and full sizes), towels and tablecloths
- Used curtains
- Baseball hats
- Toys, stuffed animals, sweets (M&M's, animal crackers, fruit roll-ups, etc.)

LAYETTES--(Wrap items in one of the blankets and secure with the pins)

2 receiving blankets 2 sleepers 1 wash cloth

2 shirts 4 diapers 1 bib 1 plastic pants 2 diaper pins 1 sweater

CRAFT ITEMS--- to Mexico and/or Brazil

- Simple ideas or projects to do with ladies' groups or children are appreciated. Please include instructions and a sample of the completed project.
- Construction paper
- Any variety of pens, markers, colored pencils, crayons, yarn, crochet thread, old jewelry, felt, wooden spools and crochet hooks
- Beads and cords for jewelry are popular
- Cross stitch supplies, including floss, needles, Aida cloth and patterns
- Craft and game idea books for the missionaries are a great help
- Scissors, glue, glitter, etc. are very useful for our VBS activities

FIRST AID SUPPLIES---

- Band aids, gauze (square or rolls), adhesive tape, antibiotic salve, vitamins (children and adults), toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.
- Also, Advil (Ibuprofen), generic Tylenol—Paul and Becky use these a lot in outreach to the poor.
- Generic Tums

MIRIAM INFANT HOME---(These are on going needs.)

- Vitamins-chewable, liquid
- Sheets and pillow cases (twin)
- Used back packs
- Used Tennis shoes, all sizes
- School supplies
- Used clothes, all sizes

PLEASE DO NOT SEND:

- Lice shampoo (it is too weak for the heavy infestations)
- Playtex baby bottles, or baby powder (due to bronchial problems)
- Stuffed animals are fine for the Dorcas Room, but they collect a lot of dust for the children at the Miriam Infant Home.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND BOOKS IN ENGLISH!

• It is illegal to mail clothes to Mexico.

Whatever is sent is used.

The hard work and love that go into these boxes are always appreciated.

Helpful items for the Schierkolks that can be sent to Mexico

- Instant puddings (vanilla, chocolate or pistachio)
- Peanut butter
- Walnuts
- Sliced almonds
- Nuts of any kind
- Dried fruit (raisins, apricots, etc.)
- Spaghetti seasoning
- Coffee
- Hot chocolate/cocoa
- Packets of apple cider
- Children's multiple vitamins
- Theraflu packets or Tylenol cold (or equivalent)
- Scented candles
- Pretty stationary and thank you cards
- Seasonal napkins
- Hair accessories for girls
- Cream of wheat
- Malt-o-meal
- Dream whip packets
- Chocolate chips
- Brown sugar (sealed in a Ziploc bag)
- Uncle Ben's Wild Rice ©
- Scented Glade refills
- Packets of dried soup
- Cake mixes
- Muffin mixes
- Bisquick

For Kid's Clubs:

- Craft supplies: washable markers, construction paper, crayons, kid's scissors, glue sticks, etc.
- Little prizes for Kid's Club like the prizes kids get in McDonald's Happy Meals
- Bandaids
- Little tubes of toothpaste
- Green, red, black pens
- Spiral notebooks
- Construction paper
- Protractors (helpful prize for kids in school)
- Writing notebooks for children learning how to write
- Erasers
- Easy to do crafts for 100 kids
- Focus on the Family DVDs in Spanish (Adventures in Odyssey, Story Keepers, etc.)
- Veggie Tales DVDs in Spanish

THANK YOU!!!!!!!

FOUR WAYS TO ENCOURAGE MISSIONARIES

By Clair Rene Hinrichs

With personal words of encouragement

Send a response upon receiving their correspondence. It doesn't have to be lengthy. A short e-mail message would do just fine.

Tell them if/when they've made a difference in your life, no matter how insignificant It may seem to you. It won't be insignificant to them.

Let them know you're thinking about them – by e-mail if possible. One church puts out blank note cards with a sign, "Send a note to. . ." Parishioners can write individual short notes to be bundled together and sent.

Missionaries need to hear the Truth. Repeat those Bible verses and truths of God's Word even if you're tempted to think you'd be out-of-line preaching to them.

When you do correspond, lessen pressure by assuring them that you don't expect a reply right away.

With helpful material

Send tapes of home church worship services, seminars, Christian radio programs,

Etc. Missionaries hunger for spiritual nourishment in their own "heart language."

Video series are welcome

Christian growth, relationships, children's materials

Christian literature

Recent books, articles, tracts

Magazine subscriptions or publications

"Discipleship Journal," "World," "Christian History," "Christianity Today" Old magazines, videos, software can be "M bagged" for a less expensive media rate.

With financial gifts

Adopt a special, specific project or area of ministry to support.

(See World Missions approved list)

Ear mark a gift to a specific missionary as "special gift" and mail it to the WMF Treasurer who will forward it directly to the missionary.

The #1 way to encourage a missionary?

Of course! With PRAYER.

This is at the top of every missionary's need list. It is a tremendous encouragement to them when you step beyond the "I'm praying for you" to "This is HOW and WHAT I'm praying for you."

Are you claiming one of God's promises for your missionary?

Has an article you've read or a recent sermon sparked a prayer concern?

Tell them.

MORE OF WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR MISSIONS

Some Suggestions...

- Learn all you can about the work where our missionaries are located the people, government, climate, etc. Read the papers. Listen to the news. In some instances, English written newspapers from abroad are available on the web.
- Equip yourself with prayer fuel by requesting a Newsletter from our missionaries. Some of our missionaries have websites that they update frequently. Simply type their names into your on-line computer.
- Use maps that show country boundaries and check the library for data about the countries geography, history & religions, flags, maps & photos. Check Encyclopedias and atlases on CD Rom.
- Read books about missions past & present
- Attend missionary meetings/conferences.
- Offer hospitality to missionaries who are traveling on furlough.
- Correspond with our missionaries asking them for their prayer needs.
- Share the vision of supporting missions through prayer and practical means with others.

PRAYER FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Sunday **EMOTIONAL NEEDS**

- An assurance of the Father's love
- A sense of Christ's presence
- Time to smell the flowers

Monday PHYSICAL NEEDS

- General health
- Safety
- Financial supply

Tuesday RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER MISSIONARIES

- Ability to submit to one another
- Honesty and openness
- Appreciate strengths of others

Wednesday **EFFECTIVE MINISTRY**

- Open doors for evangelism
- Ability to communicate
- Good use of time

Thursday FAMILY LIFE

- A healthy marriage
- The children
- Older parents in the homeland

Friday **RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

- Consistent and profitable devotional life
- Awareness of God's power
- Good times in the Word

Saturday RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONALS

- Ability to adapt to the culture
- Fluency in the language
- Learn from national workers

WMF GENERAL FUND

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The GENERAL FUND defrays the financial overhead of the National WMF which supports the local and district women through publishing, printing, and mailing. The WMF Bible studies, the president's newsletter, pastors' wives newsletter, the Fall Resource Packets, Welcome Packets for new congregations, Cradle Roll Packet supplements and the WMF Handbook begin the listing. Additionally there is a subsidy given to the Lutheran Ambassador magazine for printing the Women's Page.

The GENERAL FUND is also used for Annual WMF Day expenses, office equipment, supplies, postage, board meetings, travel, communications between District and National Officers, the WMF website www.aflc.org/women, and other administrative costs.

Salaries of the Executive Secretary (ES), speaking fees for the Women's Outreach Coordinator (WOC, pronounced "walk"), and stipends for the National President and Treasurer are also paid from this fund. For a short time we are also supporting the AFLC Director of Development each month until the end of 2015.

When contributions exceed costs, the additional funds may be given to other ministries that have not reached their projected goals.

The <u>Helping Hand</u>, is sent to all district and local WMF presidents to be shared at WMF meetings or copied for your church's newsletter. AFLC missionaries, administrators, and pastors' wives also receive a copy. <u>WMF e-news</u>, a blog that is available electronically http://wmfenews.blogspot.com/. The <u>Heartline</u> blog is posted bi-monthly for pastors' wives and missionary women.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Pray for officers, give encouragement at the local, district and national levels. Respond to their requests and offer to assist in any way possible.
- Send items of interest from your WMF to the National WMF President for publication in the Helping Hand newsletter.

PRAY....PRAY...PRAY

WOMEN'S OUTREACH COORDINATOR (WOC)

The Women's Outreach Coordinator position was established by the WMF to promote the ministry of the WMF among the women of the AFLC. At the present time this position is being filled by WMF Board members.

The Women's Outreach Coordinator is available to visit WMF Groups on the local or district level. If you are a new congregation or a congregation that has just come into the AFLC we would encourage you to invite a WOC visit. She will explain what the WMF is, how we operate, and the benefits of having an active WMF in your congregation. She will also be available to offer an inspirational message for you and answer any questions that you may have.

If you are an older congregation in the AFLC your WMF may need some revitalizing. Perhaps a WOC visit would be a real encouragement to those of you who have been very faithful and it might help to encourage those who have not been participating to become part of your group.

District WMF's are encouraged to have a WOC visit your district meeting and present the work of the WMF. The focus of the WMF hasn't changed over the years but their may be some information that gets overlooked. As always the WOC will present an inspirational message to your ladies.

There is a promotional CD that each congregation will receive that helps explain the WMF and it is also posted on our WMF home page at www.aflc.org/women.

WMF PROJECT TOOLS FOR GIVING

WMF DIVISION BY DISTRICTS

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Central Tri-State District

Christ is Lord Lutheran, Onalaska WI Dell Lutheran Church, Frost MN Emmanuel Lutheran, Kenyon MN First Lutheran Ellendale, MN Hauge Lutheran, Kenyon MN Holmes Ev. Lutheran, Clarion IA Hosanna Lutheran, St. James MN Mount Sion Lutheran, Kasson MN Our Savior's Lutheran, Cannon Falls MN Our Savior's Lutheran, Zumbrota MN Salem Lutheran, Radcliffe IA Stavanger Lutheran, Garden City IA St. Paul's Lutheran, Jewell IA Trinity Lutheran, Boscobel WI Word of Life Lutheran, Mankato MN Zion Lutheran. Dexter MN

Eastern District

Christ Community Church, Hagerstown MD
Living Faith Lutheran, Boyertown PA
Mt. Zion Lutheran, Landisburg PA
Paradise Lutheran, Canfield OH
Peace Lutheran, Canal Winchester OH
Peace Lutheran, Cresent City FL
Ruthfred Lutheran, Bethel Park PA
St. John's Lutheran, Newark OH
St. John's of Lovi Ev. Lutheran, Cranberry
Township PA
St. Matthew Lutheran, Millerstown PA
St. Paul's Free Lutheran, Hagerstown MD
Stronghold Lutheran, Trenton MI
Tressler Memorial Free Luth., Loysville PA

Eastern North Dakota District

Bethany Free Lutheran, Abercrombie ND Bethany Free Lutheran, Binford ND Bethel Free Lutheran, Grafton ND Christ Free Lutheran, Devils Lake ND Ebenezer Lutheran, Northwood ND Grace Free Lutheran, Edinburg ND Grace Free Lutheran, Valley City ND Hope Lutheran, Enderlin ND Living Faith Free Lutheran, Larimore ND Living Word Lutheran, Edmore ND Middle Grove Lutheran, Larimore ND New Hope Free Lutheran, Jamestown ND New Luther Valley Lutheran, McVille ND Ny Stavanger Free Lutheran, Buxton ND St. Paul's Free Lutheran, Fargo ND Trinity Bergen Lutheran, Starkweather ND Trinity Free Lutheran, Grand Forks ND Trinity Free Lutheran, Minnewaukan ND Valley Free Lutheran, Portland ND Victory Free Lutheran, Park River ND West Prairie Lutheran, Leonard ND Zion Free Lutheran Valley City ND Zoar Free Lutheran, Hampden ND

Illinois District

Bethany Lutheran, Brodhead WI Bethlehem Lutheran, Morris IL Christian Free Lutheran, Wheatland IA Cornerstone Lutheran, Argyle WI Faith Lutheran, Metropolis IL Faith Lutheran, Mineral Point WI Fox River Lutheran, Sheridan IL Freedom Lutheran, Ottawa IL Grace Lutheran, Bensenville IL Grace Free Lutheran, Dekalb IL Grace Ev. Lutheran, Morris IL Good Shepherd Lutheran, Lincoln IL Helmar Lutheran, Newark IL Lisbon Bethlehem Lutheran, Lisbon IL Newark Lutheran, Newark IL St. John's of Schwer Lutheran, Milford IL St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran, Indianapolis IN St. Mark's Ev. Lutheran, Whitetown IN St. Olaf Ev. Lutheran, Montgomery IL St. Paul Lutheran, Gifford IL St. Peter Lutheran Melvin IL St. Petrie Lutheran, Leland IL St. Stephen Lutheran, Metropolis IL Trinity Free Lutheran, Janesville WI Zion Evangelical Lutheran, Ashkum IL

Lake Superior District

Augustana Lutheran, Duluth MN
Good Shepherd Lutheran, Virginia MN
Our Redeemer Free Lutheran, Superior WI
Our Savior's Free Lutheran, Mason WI
St. John's Ev. Lutheran, Finlayson MN
St. John's Free Lutheran, Duluth MN
St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran, Cloquet MN
Tamarack Lutheran, Tamarack MN

Minneapolis District

Amery Free Lutheran, Amery WI Christ the King Lutheran, Wilson WI Emmaus Lutheran, Bloomington MN Faith Free Lutheran, Shakopee MN Faith Free Lutheran, Colfax WI Faith Free Lutheran, Minneapolis MN Good Shepherd Free Lutheran, Cokato MN Grace Free Lutheran, Maple Grove MN Hope Lutheran, Minneapolis MN King of Glory Lutheran, Shakopee MN Living Hope Lutheran, Elk River MN Living Word Lutheran, Eagan MN Minnesota Valley Free Lutheran, Lakeville MN Solid Rock Lutheran, Anoka MN Sunnyside Free Lutheran, Stacev MN Timberland-Ringebu Free Lutheran, Barronett WI True Vine Lutheran Church, Mora MN Vision of Glory, Plymouth MN

Nebraska-Kansas-Colorado District

Abiding Word Lutheran, Deshler NE Faith Lutheran, Fairbury NE Lutheran Church of Hope, Loveland CO Mission Lutheran Church, La Junta CO Peace Lutheran, St Francis KS United Lutheran, Laurel NE

North Central Minnesota District

Alida Lutheran, Bagley MN
Bethany Free Lutheran, Bemidji MN
Bethesda Lutheran, Mizpah MN
Calvary Free Lutheran Fosston MN
Dovre Free Lutheran, Winger MN
Faith Lutheran, Blackduck MN
Grace Free Lutheran, Bagley MN
Hope Lutheran, Northome MN
Landstad Free Lutheran, Shevlin MN
Maple Bay Free Lutheran, Mentor MN
Mt. Carmel Free Lutheran, McIntosh MN
Resurrection Free Lutheran, Beltrami MN
Rice Free Lutheran, Bagley MN
Trinity Free Lutheran, Bemidji MN
Trinity Free Lutheran, McIntosh MN

Northern Michigan District

Abiding Word Lutheran, Felch MI
Calvary Free Lutheran, Eben Junction MI
Christ Lutheran, Shingleton MI
Escanaba Free Lutheran, Escanaba MI
Grace Free Lutheran, Pelkie MI
Hope Free Ev. Lutheran, Ishpeming MI
Maranatha Free Lutheran, Houghton MI
Redeemer Free Lutheran, Ontonagon MI
St. Peter Lutheran, Posen MI

Northwest Minnesota District

Abundant Life Free Lutheran, Thief River Falls MN Alma Lutheran, Argyle MN Badger Creek Free Lutheran, Badger MN Christ the King Free, East Grand Forks MN Hegland Free Lutheran, Strandguist MN Norland Free Lutheran, Salol MN Oiland Free Lutheran, Badger MN Our Savior's Lutheran, Argyle MN Our Saviour's Lutheran, Thief River Falls MN Reiner Free Lutheran, Goodridge MN Rose Free Lutheran, Roseau MN Roseau Free Lutheran, Roseau MN Spruce Free Lutheran, Roseau MN United Free Lutheran, Greenbush MN Westaker Free Lutheran, Newfolden MN

Pacific Northwest District

Atonement Free Lutheran, Arlington WA
Bethany Lutheran, Astoria OR
Calvary Lutheran, Everett WA
Elim Lutheran, Lake Stevens WA
Faith Free Lutheran, Kalispell MT
Lord of Life Lutheran, Mt Vernon WA
Our Redeemer Lutheran, Kirkland WA
Our Savior's Lutheran, Dillon MT
Spencer Creek Lutheran, Eugene OR
Stillwater Free Lutheran, Kalispell MT
Trinity Lutheran, Brookings OR
Triumph Lutheran, Ferndale WA

South Central District

Christ Free Lutheran, Stover MO
Crown of Life Lutheran, Tomball TX
Ebenezer Free Lutheran, Humboldt TN
Faith Lutheran, Durant OK
Faith Lutheran, Weslaco TX
Faith Lutheran, El Campo TX
First Lutheran, Oklahoma City OK
Free Lutheran Fellowship, Brownsville TX
Gloria Dei Lutheran, St Louis MO
Good Shepherd Lutheran, Pleasanton TX
Immanuel Lutheran, Springfield MO
St. Paul's Lutheran, Mansura LA
CrossRoads Christian Fellowship, Bastrop TX
Word of Truth Lutheran, Kopperl TX
Zion Lutheran, Silverhill AL

South Dakota District

Abiding Savior Free Lutheran, Sioux Falls SD Amazing Grace Free Lutheran, Mitchell SD Bethany Lutheran, Viborg SD Bethel Lutheran, Faith SD Buffalo Lake Lutheran, Sisseton SD Calvary Free Lutheran, Arlington SD Calvary Free Lutheran, Wallace SD Christ the King Free Lutheran, Pipestone MN Egeland Church, Waubay SD Emmanuel Lutheran, Eagle Butte SD First American Lutheran, Tripp SD Good Shepherd Free Luth., Madison SD Grace Free Lutheran, Bruce SD Hope Lutheran, Delmont SD Immanuel Free Lutheran, Centerville SD Living Word Free Lutheran, Sioux Falls SD New Hope Free Lutheran, Sisseton SD Ortley Free Lutheran, Ortley SD Pukwana Free Lutheran, Pukwana SD Redeemer Free Lutheran, Canton SD Salem Lutheran, Freeman SD Shiloh Free Lutheran, Rapid City SD Skrefsrud Lutheran, Beresford SD Slim Buttes Lutheran, Reva SD St. Olaf Lutheran, Chamberlain SD St Peter Lutheran, Armour SD Tabor Lutheran, Webster SD

Southwestern District

Calvary Free Lutheran, Mesa AZ
Community Lutheran, Oceanside CA Cross
and Crown Lutheran, Montebello CA
Good Shepherd Lutheran, Camarillo CA
Good Shepherd Lutheran, Manteca CA
Joy Christian Community, Fountain Hills AZ
Our Saviour's Lutheran, Patterson CA
Reformation Lutheran, El Cajon CA
St. Ansgar's Lutheran, Salinas CA
The Source Church, Mesa AZ
Triumph Lutheran, Nogales AZ
United Lutheran, Manteca CA
Waikiki Beach Gathering, Honolulu HI

West Central Minnesota District

Abiding Faith Free Lutheran, Ortonville MN Bethany Free Lutheran, Sebeka MN Calvary-Stiklestad Luth., Fergus Falls MN Chippewa Free Lutheran, Brandon MN Elim Free Lutheran, Clinton MN Good Shepherd Free Lutheran, Brainerd MN Green Lake Lutheran, Spicer MN Maranatha Free Lutheran, Glyndon MN Maranatha Free Lutheran. Ulen MN Minnewaska Lutheran, Starbuck MN Scandia Free Lutheran, Glenwood MN Sunburg Free Lutheran, Sunburg MN Tordenskjold Free Lutheran, Underwood MN Word of Life Lutheran, Upsala MN Zion Free Lutheran, Wadena MN Zion-Sarpsborg Free Lutheran, Dalton MN

West North Dakota/East Montana District

Beaver Creek Lutheran, Ray ND Bethel Free Lutheran, Culbertson MT Bethel Free Lutheran, Minot ND Calvary Lutheran, Bismarck ND Emmanuel Lutheran, Williston ND Faith Free Lutheran, Brockton/Culbertson MT First English Free Lutheran, Stanley ND Golgotha Lutheran, Golden Valley ND Immanuel Lutheran, New Leipzig ND Our Savior's Lutheran, Dickenson ND Our Savior's Free Lutheran, Stanley ND Prince of Peace Lutheran, Beulah ND St. Paul's Lutheran, Dodge ND Taylor Lutheran, Taylor ND Trinity Bethany Lutheran, Harvey ND Trinity Lutheran, Mott ND Zion Free Lutheran, Tioga ND

WMF Divided into Zones

Each District is assigned to a zone and each zone has a different month for their support of the projects. This was set up this way to help distribute the funding for the projects more evenly through the year. Please pay attention to what zone your WMF belongs in and use the appropriate prayer calendar and Transmittal forms. If you have any questions contact the National Treasurer or the Executive Secretary.

ZONE 1

Central Tri-State
Lake Superior
Minneapolis
North Central Minnesota
West Central Minnesota

ZONE 2

Nebraska-Colorado-Kansas Northwestern Minnesota South Dakota Western North Dakota/ Eastern Montana

ZONE 3

Eastern
Eastern North Dakota
Illinois
Northern Michigan
Pacific Northwest
South Central
Southwestern

YEARLY PRAYER PROJECT CALENDAR And TRANSMITTAL FORM HERE