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. <u>Transmittal</u> forms may be requested from the National WMF Treasurer.

More complete information follows for each project.



2022 WMF Projects

The WMF is a unique arm of the AFLC in that 3/4 of our projects are in support of other departments. They are 1. **Christian Education** (Parish Ed, FLBC, FLS), 2. **Home Missions,** and 3. **World Missions,**

and the 4. <u>WMF General Fund</u>. This is a faith budget, what comes in for a project goes out to that project. No one project is more important than the other; it is all the work of God. The Directors and Boards of the AFLC projects that we support know best where the funding that is sent to them could be best used. Designated funds are used for what they are designated for but sometimes the designated giving takes away from other areas in the ministry that must go unmet. To help this situation we designate that the Boards can use funds as they deem necessary. There is much gratitude expressed from those the National WMF meet with for the support that the WMF sends to the departments. Please remember to uphold these projects and missions in your prayers regularly. Mail your contributions to the National WMF Treasurer, Margie Lee, PO Box 118, Beulah ND 58523 and make checks payable to the <u>WMF of AFLC.</u>

1. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - (March, July, and November)

(includes Parish Ed, and AFLC schools)

PARISH ED – Support received will go towards the Heritage Series Vol. 6, written by Pastor Robert Lee. This book is a history of the AFLC. For more information, you can visit them at https://www.ambassador

<u>publications.org/</u> or view the catalogue or order material or gifts https://www.ambassadorpublications.org/store.

FREE LUTHERAN BIBLE COLLEGE (FLBC) – Support will go towards the dorm improvements. Keep the FLBC students, faculty, and staff in prayer. (Website: https://flbc.edu/about-flbc/).

FREE LUTHERAN SEMINARY (FLS) – Support continues for each full-time seminarian with \$100 per semester for books, and a Lutheran Ambassador yearly subscription, and the rest towards scholarships for the seminarians. Pray for the seminarians, their wives and families, the faculty and staff, and the school's Board of Trustees. (Website: https://flbc.edu/about-fls/shared with the Bible school).

2. HOME MISSIONS - (February, June, and October)

Support received will go towards the underwriting of the Home Missions Retreat, and for the Summer Teams, and the remainder as the Home Missions Board deems necessary. Please keep in prayer the Home Mission congregations, pastors, wives and families, church planting assistants and the Alaska mission with its pastors, wives and families, and the Home Missions Board. You will find a list of congregations in the WMF Resource Manual with the pastors listed and other information from Home Missions and the Alaska mission work. For more information on Home Missions go to: https://www.aflchomemissions.org/.

3. WORLD MISSIONS - (January, May, and September)

The support will be distributed to the AFLC missionaries as the World Missions Board deems necessary. Please keep aware of the missionaries that are on the field, and those who are no longer serving on the mission field, so that funding sent to World Missions can be used appropriately. Keep our missionaries and families in prayer. A list of all AFLC missionaries, those serving AFLC fields, and those on loan to other missionary organizations, with addresses and birthdays, as well as suggested mailing procedures and ideas can be found in the WMF Resource Manual. We also have under this project:

- Mission Scholarship program which is available to seminarians who are approved as missionary candidates for AFLC World Missions, Missionary Assistants (MA), and Missionary and Seminary wives who desire to continue their spiritual education. Visit the World Missions website to learn more and see our missionaries and their work at https://www.aflcworld.missions.org/.
- **2) MA Fund** (missionary assistant): for individuals approved by the AFLC Missions Board to help

serve our missionaries on the field.

4. WMF GENERAL FUND - (April, August, and December)

Support received for WMF General Fund will be used to cover necessary expenses. The National Board prepares, prints, and distributes the WMF Bible studies, Helping Hand newsletter, fall WMF Resource Manual updates and welcome packets to new congregations. Support also covers the administrative costs, salary for the Executive Secretary and stipends for the President and Treasurer and other expenses such as convention expenses, travel of officers, teleconference calls, office equipment, and supplies, communications between District and National officers. The **WOC Fund** covers the salary and travels of the Women's Outreach Coordinator, which is being filled by board members as requested. Visit our WMF website (www.aflc.org/women), and follow us on Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Womens Missionary Federation) for encouragement, resources, and WMF details.

CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

Offerings from conference will go as designated to the different projects of the WMF. Our theme for 2022 is:

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Psalm 90:14 NIV

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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 AFLC Parish Education Department to produce Biblical Lutheran Educational and Devotional materials. We recommend you use their assistance for Sunday school and Vacation Bible School ideas as well as for youth and adult educational and devotional resources. We also invite you to consider hosting a Christian Education workshop in your

congregation or district led by Parish Education staff.

Financial assistance also goes toward printing costs of Sunday school materials and confirmation books; historical, devotional, and educational books; and other teaching resources. AFLC Ambassador Sunday School Curriculum has been developed for Preschool through Level 6, and Bible studies have been produced for youth and adults.

A catalog of Christian education materials from Ambassador Publications, is available from AFLC Parish Education at 3110 East Medicine Lake Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55441, telephone 763-545-5631, email by at website parished@aflc.org, online through their or at www.ambassadorpublications.org.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Sunday School curriculum (Preschool through Level 6) use the material the Parish Education Board so carefully creates and edits to serve our AFLC congregations.
- Bible study materials (youth and adults) use the Bible studies available through the Ambassador Publications catalog.
- Check out the large variety of items that can be ordered through Ambassador Publications. In addition to educational materials, many additional resources such as Bibles and devotional books can be used as gifts for various occasions.

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 Cradle Roll packet 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, booklets for parents to share at different stages in the child's development, booklets on baptism, and family devotional books parents get to share with the children, three birthday cards and three Baptism "birthday" cards. *These packets may be ordered 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.

PRAY....PRAY...PRAY

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.

PRAY ... PRAY ... PRAY

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. You may pay for the packet when your order or be billed for it.
- 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: <u>WMF of AFLC</u>) 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 \$23 (subject to change) includes postage and handling.

In Christian Love,

The National WMF Board

undated 2022

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.

PRAY...PRAY...PRAY

HOME MISSIONS

HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH PLANTING 2022

The partnership with the Women's Missionary Federation to support home missions, and to "help churches plant new churches" is a blessing to the Home Missions Department and to all within the AFLC.

This winter's Church Planting Conference, Jan. 24-27, 2022, has been canceled. We are grateful for the support you have given for past retreats. We so much appreciate your support in other areas of the Home Missions Department.

The WMF has helped fund church planting grants and also given sponsorship to support churches like the three newest plants that have recently been established and joined our AFLC: Hope Lutheran of Killdeer, ND; Living Stone Chinese Fellowship in St. Paul, MN; and Resurrection Free Lutheran of Ramsey, MN.

Our goals for the next year include:

- 1. To work with AFLC congregations that have expressed a desire to plant a church.
- 2. To work with potential new planters.
- 3. To provide training opportunities in church planting.
- 4. To provide matching grants annually (\$12,000 and \$20,000) for new plants.
- 5. To encourage congregations to become involved in church planting in various ways
- 6. To support the Alaska Mission and encourage missionary pastors Jeff Swanson, Bob Lee, Jeremy Crowell, children's ministry worker Heather Hansen, and also come along side of the Alaska Mission's new director of maintenance, Joshua Fish.

More information is available from AFLC Home Missions 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. WMF chapters can send gifts to the children of planters, and also fund a gift card to the planter and his wife. (We recommended \$50 per child and adult) and send the package by mail or deliver in person the week before

Christmas.	PRAY	PRAY	PRAY

HOME MISSIONS CHURCH LIST

RESURRECTION FREE LUTHERAN | RAMSEY, MN

Pastor's Name: Vacant (*Alex Woodworth, seminary student leads worship*).

Church Planters: Brian and Angie Norby Sponsor Church: seeking a sponsor congregation Church Planting Assistant: Hannah St. Cyr.

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

HOPE FREE LUTHERAN | KILLDEER, ND

Pastor's Name: Pastor Gideon & Erin Johnson Sponsor Church: Western North Dakota/Eastern Montana District Planter's Address: PO Box 265; Killdeer, ND 58640

TRINITY SAN ANTONIO | SAN ANTONIO, TX

Pastor's Name: Pastor Matthew & Natalie 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

LIVING STONE CHINESE LUTHERAN FELLOWSHIP | ST. PAUL, MN

Church Planters: Holmes & Jia Zhao

Sponsor Church: Emmaus Lutheran Church, Bloomington, MN Planter's Address: The Zhao's live at: 3018 Virginia Ave. N., Crystal, MN, 55427

HOPE AFLC | ENDERLIN, ND

Pastor's Name: Pastor Tom & 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 (Subsidy ends December 31, 2021)

Pastor's Name: Pastor Greg & Kim Schram Planter's Address: 1967 Rangely Ct; Loveland, CO 80538

THE SOURCE; MESA, AZ

Pastor's Name: Pastor Eric & Megan Johnson Planter's Address: 841 N Saint Elena St; Gilbert, AZ 85234

NEW HOPE FREE LUTHERAN | SISSETON, SD

(One Time Grant to assist in reorganization of an AFLC church)

Pastor's Name: Pastor Bill & Sally Helland Churches Address: 117 4th Street E, Sisseton SD 57262

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

BUFFALO, MN

Bible study group meets in the home of Luke and Katie Edlund, 409 9th St. NE, Apt 2, Buffalo, MN 55313 (Sponsor: Resurrection Free Lutheran, Beltrami, MN)

Cumberland, WI

Bible study group meets in the in the building formerly known as the Hosanna Free Lutheran Church in Cumberland, WI. Pastor's Name: Pastor Tom C. Olson Sponsor Church: Pastor Olson and Minnesota Valley Free Lutheran, Lakeville, MN. 205 Hickory St; Farmington, MN 55024

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

BUFFALO, MN (Sponsor: Resurrection Free Lutheran, Beltrami, MN).

RED WING, ROCHESTER, MN (Sponsor: by Our Savior's, Zumbrota, MN).

WESTERN WASHINGTON (Sponsored by the Pacific Northwest District).

SOUTH DAKOTA (Sponsor: South Dakota District).

CHURCH PLANTING ASSISTANTS

Julia Albright & Sarah Duffy | San Antonio, TX Heather Hansen | Naknek, AK

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.

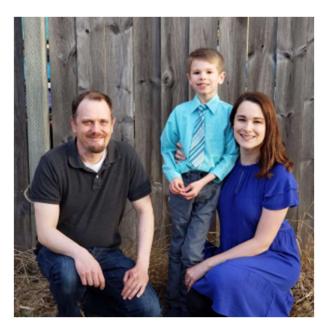
Contact Information:

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 voung woman walking breathed deeply, "This place smells like love." Our table is laid with fresh coffee, hot cocoa, lemonade, water, iced tea and 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.

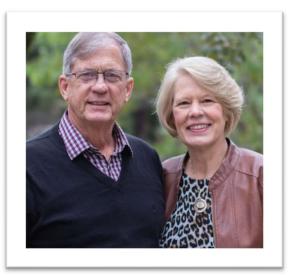
In addition to your offerings, Honorary Memberships and Memorials are a way to support our World Missionaries. Further information is provided in section V. Ministry Resources under Program Ideas. Information regarding AFLC World Missions is available upon request from the World Mission Director, 3110 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 Abel's 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 Abel's 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 of the foundational training to continue discipling healthy churches across Brazil. The Abel's

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 Abel's 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

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.
- Guidance for Jonathan as he teaches at the seminary

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 transition for various 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.

THERE ARE NO PACKAGES ALLOWED INTO THE COUNTRY AT THIS TIME. ANY PACKAGES SENT WILL BE SENT BACK TO SENDER WITH RETURN POSTAGE DUE. We will keep you informed when this changes.

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



and Hannah Lee have been John missionaries with AFLC World Missions since 2018, and their family of seven has recently moved to Campo Mourao, Brazil. After John finished seminary at FLTS, it was brought to his attention the need for faculty at Escola Biblica Teologica Associacao Das Igrejas, (also known as SETELL) the AFLC Brazil theological seminary. The Lee's 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

Field Address:

Caixa Postal 641 87300-970 Campo Mourao, PR BRAZIL, South America Ayda: August 28, 2018 Anastasia: October 2, 2019 John Jr. July 3, 2021

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, Anastasia, and John Jr.
- 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 to death 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 are AFLC missionaries to 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 relationships close with Ugandan people. In addition to ministering to the people, they specifically work with the training of pastors and leaders of the church. involved Nate is with Ambassador Institute team but is looking towards starting Free and Living congregations in the country of Uganda.

Birthdays:

Nate: Aug 1 Rhoda: Sept 29 Elijah: July 9, 2004 Judah: Nov 26, 2005

Field Address:

Nathan Jore PO Box 304 Jinja, Uganda Africa Hannah: April 24, 2008 Jeremiah: June 29, 2010 Julia: April 19, 2012 Evie Mae: Sept. 21, 2016

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 young men that Nate is discipling
- For the church start in the village of Navukosi
- Vision for making disciples in the village.
- For good health and safety.

AFLC Missionaries to **Uganda**

Brent and Emily Raan



Brent and Emily Raan accepted the call as AFLC missionaries in 2016 and are now serving in Uganda, Africa with their four children: Amalea, Sarala, Isaiah, and Amari. The main focus of their ministry has been to partner with the national leaders in the advancement of Ambassador Institute. The program is solidly founded on importance of Scripture, using oral teaching to share doctrinal truths. Brent and Emily are preparing to plant a new church in a region of Uganda that has had little opportunity to hear the gospel. Although war torn by the atrocities of Joseph Kony, the town of Gulu, in northern Uganda, has seen a population growth with people starting to return in the last five years. The Raan family anticipates the opportunity to share the hope of Jesus Christ with hurting people.

Birthdays

Brent: March 13 Emily: June 21

Amaleah: July 30, 2014

Sarala: December 20, 2016 Isaiah: November 12, 2018 Amari: August 8, 2021

Field Address:

PO Box 824 Jinja, Uganda Africa

Email Address:

brentraan@gmail.com

Prayer Concerns:

- For their children: Amaleh, Sarala, Isaiah, and Amari
- Transition to life in Gulu and investment in the community
- Language learning
- Church planting ministry in 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

Field Address: PO Box 304 Jinja, Uganda Africa **Email Address:**

rokenbrm@csp.edu

Prayer Concerns:

- For provision for continued prayer and financial support.
- For language learning.
- For guidance and protection as he travels between the ministries in Gulu and Jinja
- 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:

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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 are serving State-side with Lutheran Bible Translators. Josh is the Partner Technology Support Coordinator. He travels extensively to encourage and support LBT's international partners (such as Bible Societies and church bodies) in effective use of technology for translation, Scripture engagement, and administration.

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

Field Address:

Josh & Ruthie Wagner 1317 Honey Locust Drive Northfield MN 55057

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.

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 three children, Mariah, Selah and Eliana.

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 Eliana: March 16, 2021

Field Address:

PO Box 52 Nansio, Ukerewe TANZANIA

Send Packages to:

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

Email Address:

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

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

16-Eliana Olson (2021)

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

3-John Jr. Lee (2021)

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)

8-Amari Raan (2021)

9-Michael Rokenbrodt

28–Ayda Lee (2018)

SEPTEMBER

21–Evie Mae Jore (2016)

29-Rhoda Jore

29-Matthew Abel

30-Ednay Abel

OCTOBER

2-Anastasia Lee (2019)

6–Rebecca Abel

9-Elizabeth Wagner (2017)

18–Paul Abel

NOVEMBER

12-Isaiah Raan (2018)

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

June

1–Jonathan & Tamba Abel

11-Brent & Emily Raan

15-John & Hannah Lee

July

28– Todd & Barb Schierkolk

August

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

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1317 Honey Locust Drive Northfield, MN 55057

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</u>
 address need to be exactly the same on the customs sheet. Also, many of
 the WMFs do (but not all), <u>specify that the contents are used clothes or</u>
 shoes and under value they write "no commercial value".

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

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, Strandquist 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



2022 WMF Projects

The WMF is a unique arm of the AFLC in that 3/4 of our projects are in support of other departments. They are 1. <u>Christian Education</u> (Parish Ed, FLBC, FLS), 2. <u>Home Missions</u>, and 3. <u>World Missions</u>,

and the 4. <u>WMF General Fund</u>. This is a faith budget, what comes in for a project goes out to that project. No one project is more important than the other; it is all the work of God. The Directors and Boards of the AFLC projects that we support know best where the funding that is sent to them could be best used. Designated funds are used for what they are designated for but sometimes the designated giving takes away from other areas in the ministry that must go unmet. To help this situation we designate that the Boards can use funds as they deem necessary. There is much gratitude expressed from those the National WMF meet with for the support that the WMF sends to the departments. Please remember to uphold these projects and missions in your prayers regularly. Mail your contributions to the National WMF Treasurer, Margie Lee, PO Box 118, Beulah ND 58523 and make checks payable to the <u>WMF of AFLC</u>.

1. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - (March, July, and November)

(includes Parish Ed, and AFLC schools)

PARISH ED – Support received will go towards the Heritage Series Vol. 6, written by Pastor Robert Lee. This book is a history of the AFLC. For more information, you can visit them at https://www.ambassadorpublications.org/ or view the catalogue or order material or gifts https://www.ambassadorpublications.org/ store.

FREE LUTHERAN BIBLE COLLEGE (FLBC) – Support will go towards the dorm improvements. Keep the FLBC students, faculty, and staff in prayer. (Website: https://flbc.edu/about-flbc/).

FREE LUTHERAN SEMINARY (FLS) – Support continues for each full-time seminarian with \$100 per semester for books, and a Lutheran Ambassador yearly subscription, and the rest towards scholarships for the seminarians. Pray for the seminarians, their wives and families, the faculty and staff, and the school's Board of Trustees. (Website: https://flbc.edu/about-fls/shared with the Bible school).

2. HOME MISSIONS - (February, June, and October)

Support received will go towards the underwriting of the Home Missions Retreat, and for the Summer Teams, and the remainder as the Home Missions Board deems necessary. Please keep in prayer the Home Mission congregations, pastors, wives and families, church planting assistants and the Alaska mission with its pastors, wives and families, and the Home Missions Board. You will find a list of congregations in the WMF Resource Manual with the pastors listed and other information from Home Missions and the Alaska mission work. For more information on Home Missions go to: https://www.aflchomemissions.org/.

4. WORLD MISSIONS - (January, May, and September)

The support will be distributed to the AFLC missionaries as the World Missions Board deems necessary. Please keep aware of the missionaries that are on the field, and those who are no longer serving on the mission field, so that funding sent to World Missions can be used appropriately. Keep our missionaries and families in prayer. A list of all AFLC missionaries, those serving AFLC fields, and those on loan to other missionary organizations, with addresses and birthdays, as well as suggested mailing procedures and ideas can be found in the WMF Resource Manual. We also have under this project:

- 2) Mission Scholarship program which is available to seminarians who are approved as missionary candidates for AFLC World Missions, Missionary Assistants (MA), and Missionary and Seminary wives who desire to continue their spiritual education. Visit the World Missions website to learn more and see our missionaries and their work at https://www.aflcworld missions.org/.
- **2) MA Fund** (missionary assistant): for individuals approved by the AFLC Missions Board to help serve our missionaries on the field.

4. WMF GENERAL FUND - (April, August, and December)

Support received for WMF General Fund will be used to cover necessary expenses. The National Board prepares, prints, and distributes the WMF Bible studies, Helping Hand newsletter, fall WMF Resource Manual updates and welcome packets to new congregations. Support also covers the administrative costs, salary for the Executive Secretary and stipends for the President and Treasurer and other expenses such as convention expenses, travel of officers, teleconference calls, office equipment, and supplies, communications between District and National officers. The **WOC Fund** covers the salary and travels of the Women's Outreach Coordinator, which is being filled by board members as requested. Visit our WMF website (www.aflc.org/women), and follow us on Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Womens MissionaryFederation) for encouragement, resources, and WMF details.

CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

Offerings from conference will go as designated to the different projects of the WMF. Our theme for 2022 is:

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Psalm 90:14 NIV

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2022 TRANSMITTAL FORM

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of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations

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