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The faces of CLMS volunteers

A small CLMS team of nine individuals gladly volunteers time to make sure donor dollars work the hardest for spreading the Good News!

CLMS team

Bill Andrew, Campbell River, B.C., Bethany Lutheran Church. "I have had an interest in missionaries and mission work for most of my life beginning from Sunday School. CLMS has provided me with an opportunity to utilize my skills and experience as a chartered accountant to help those who work out in the mission field."

Terry Goertz, High Prairie, Alta., Redeemer Lutheran Church. "I volunteer with CLMS because God has given me a heart for missions and the talents and abilities to fulfill the position I hold with CLMS. I cannot be an overseas missionary but I can do my part towards the great commission by supporting the work of missionaries through the work of CLMS."

Rev. Cliff Haberstock, Edmonton, Alta., Riverbend Lutheran Church. "CLMS is an

exciting way to be involved in our church's missions. It is amazing to see what God is doing, to pray for His mission and support it."

Rev. Dr. Edwin Lehman, Edmonton, Alta., Concordia Lutheran Church. "CLMS is living proof of words spoken by veteran missionary Hudson Taylor: God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply."

Dr. Francisco Moro, Windsor, Ont., First Lutheran Church. "It's exciting to be part of the work spreading the Good News around the globe. I don't have a great deal of background in this work but God is gracious and provides me with ability and direction."

Rev. Albert Schmidt, Edmonton, Alta., Grace Lutheran Church. "I have a burning desire to win the lost for Christ, and to return the straying to Christ. I feel that with my experience in Ukraine and one stint in Cambodia, I have a good knowledge of the projects in those two fields. CLMS is doing a great deal to help the sister churches equip laborers to share the Gospel, and to teach children

and adults after they have come into the church."

Marilyn Swain, Winnipeg, Man., Peace Lutheran Church. "Although I do have a mission heart it is my feet and actions that bring Christ into the picture. He had a mission and acted upon it and so should each and everyone of His followers—Christians in Action = MISSION (now this includes PRAY, GIVE, GO)

Anne Taylor, Ottawa, Ont., St. Luke Lutheran Church. "I cannot pray 'Thy kingdom come' unless I am prepared to follow Christ's command of Matthew 28:19-20. I am not able to go abroad to fulfill the Great Commission but I have the joyful privilege of giving of my time and talents to serve Him through Concordia Lutheran Mission Society."

Charlene VanderGriendt, Waterloo, Ont., Holy Cross Lutheran Church. "The need is great and the workers are few. Whatever I can do to help in some small way is my response to my many blessings."

These volunteers, with the assistance of some other committee members, carry out all the work of the society. They have no paid staff, and work hard at keeping operational costs to a minimum. If funds are received designated for a mission project, no deduction is made for operational expenses; the entire amount is sent on to the project. Operational expenses are primarily covered by donations specified for operations, with small amounts occasionally required from funds directed to "wherever needed."

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2011 Mission Projects

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UKRAINE

More pastors...more ways to spread the Good News

• **Seminary Training, Odessa, Ukraine (Project 1101) \$22,000**

It's a joy to share the Good News. Teaching seminarian students to share the Good News and grow the church in Ukraine, as new pastors is such important work. CLMS provides the funding so the experience, knowledge and the in-depth understanding of our North American theologians can be shared at the Ukrainian seminary in Odessa. Rev. Albert Schmidt, from Edmonton, Alta., Dr. Norman Threinen of Summerland, B.C. and Dr. Jim Dimitroff of Saskatoon, Sask. are all part of the team that travels to Ukraine to help provide the training and guidance for these new pastors. We have the seminary, we have the professors...and now we have the books—praise the Lord, the **Lutheran Literature Project is fully funded.**

The young, new pastors in Ukraine are hungry for knowledge but the resources and books are not always available. This project made it possible to travel to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation warehouse in Russia to bring a quantity of

materials to the seminary for distribution to the pastors.

Hearts are opened in the open air

• **Summer Bible Camp (Project 1110) \$6,050**

Each year two summer camp programs are held by the pastors in Ukraine for children and youth. The closeness to God and the focused time learning the Word has brought many young people to Christ.

The most vulnerable need so much help

• **Orphans and Sick Children (Project 1106) \$2,420**

Funds go a long way with those in so much need. This project covers the cost of craft supplies, food, medicine, and other costs involved for orphans to attend summer camp.

• **Orphans, Aged and Prisoners (Project 1107) \$2,750**

In Matthew 25:36, Jesus says, "I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:40

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

This project helps cover travel costs to the nine mission stations to provide literature, medicines and food.

Yearning for a place to worship

• **Construction of a Church, Pervomaisk (Project 1019) \$3,082**

As the church in Ukraine is blessed with new Christians and new Lutherans, places to worship are in great need. The church construction started in 2009, continued in 2010 and will be completed in 2011.

NICARAGUA

Help put a smile on the faces of 1,000 children!

• **Vacation Bible School (Project 1102) \$6,000**

Have you, your children, or grandchildren had the joy of attending Vacation Bible School (VBS)? This project shares that joy and the Good News message with 1,000 children, who with your help, can also attend VBS.

Opening the door so children have the chance to learn

• **Children's Christian Education (Project 1105) \$7,500**

Families in Nicaragua often struggle to earn enough money to buy the essentials. Paying for school tuition at a cost of \$125 per year is out of reach for many



Childrens Christian Education Nicaragua (Project 1105)



Orphans and sick children, Ukraine (Project 1106)



Summer Bible Camp, Ukraine (Project 1110)



Van for Mission to Oromos, Winnipeg (Project 1015)



PAT Program, Canada (Project 1108)

families. This project supports 60 to 100 children to attend school.

Supporting those who provide help to others

- Deaconess Support (Project 1109) \$4,500 NOW FULLY FUNDED

Deaconesses in Nicaragua receive minimal support for the work which they do. This imposes a hardship on them, especially if they are single or must travel as they carry out their ministries. This project provides additional support to the deaconesses both monetary and through the delivery of necessary staples (rice, beans, etc.)

Finding a place to worship God

- New Mission Rent, Sabaco (Project 1112) \$1,200

After establishing congregations in the cities of Matagalpa and Jinotega, Missionary Hector Morales has now begun a new outreach program in other communities in the province of Matagalpa. A place for these new Christians to meet is very important. This project helps cover the cost of a building.

- Rental of Facilities, Rivas (Project 1114)

COSTA RICA

Making Christian learning available to many

- Rental of Facilities, Casa

Cuba (Project 1113) \$6,700

Rev. Edmundo Retana, a Costa Rica national and ordained Lutheran pastor, started his ministry in Cartago and now is reaching out in Casa Cuba. This project provides for the rental of facilities for worship and Christian education in both of these communities.

- Children's Christian Education (Project 1105) \$7,500

The work of the Lutheran Church in Costa Rica is under the supervision of Rev. Edmundo Retana, a Costa Rican national, who is replacing the informal children's programs with a formal program of Christian education in his country. Children will meet twice a week for three hours to learn Bible truth from the pastor, a deaconess and one assistant. This project will provide for 60 to 100 children attending these classes.

THAILAND

Home visits demonstrate the love of Christ.

- Missionary Rev. Suchat Chujit (Project 1104) \$8,500

Year after year, more and more Thai people are open to listen to the Gospel as Rev. Chujit visits in their homes and businesses. This project provides funding for Reverend Chujit's salary, benefits, and outreach materials for this mission in 2011.

CANADA
Where there is a will, it's important to find a way

- Van for a Mission to Oromos, Winnipeg (Project 1015) \$16,890

An immigrant group of Oromo people, in Winnipeg, finds strength in their new home through their Christian faith and worship. The challenge for the people in this special community is finding a way to their place of worship. Getting to church is very difficult when most of the people do not own their own vehicles. This project pays for a van for transportation.

Supporting church families from around the globe

- Pastors with Alternative Training (PAT) Program, (Project 1108) \$16,673

Leaders in ethnic communities from Africa and other parts of the world are being trained as pastors to reach out with the Gospel to their own people in Canada. This project will provide for educational resources and other expenses related to the delivery of the program.

Where Needed

Many donors do not specify a particular project when they donate. These unspecified donations



Missionary Rev. Suchat Chujit, Thailand (Project 1104)

account for 40 to 45 per cent of donations received each year. We really appreciate the faith shown by our donors in allowing us to apply those "Where Needed" funds to specific projects not fully funded by specified donations.

Operating Expenses

Even though CLMS is managed by a volunteer board and has no paid employees or paid fundraisers we still incur various operating expenses such as: an annual planning meeting, printing, postage and website maintenance. Most of the operating expenses are covered by donations from the volunteer board and a few supporters for these essential operating expenses for the continued operation of CLMS.

Partner with Concordia Lutheran Mission Society (CLMS) to share the love of Christ!

Mission work is proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is also a story of money carefully spent, grateful partners in far-off lands, and amazing ways the Lord works through his people! We can't all work in the mission field, but we can all support mission projects with our donations and prayers.

It's a fantastic feeling to be personally connected to the final destination of our mission dollars, seeing God at work. CLMS provides the opportunity for you to specifically choose a mission and know that every dollar given will go directly to the project.

Every dollar you donate goes directly to the project you choose!

So many places and so many ways to help....choose your project!

1. Donate online at www.concordiamissions.org
2. Use the form below

Concordia Lutheran Mission Society (CLMS), an auxiliary of Lutheran Church Canada, serves the church by promoting and supporting our church's missions and keeping the members of our synod informed of mission work carried out both on a corporate and individual basis.

If you would like to become a partner in mission kindly indicate how we may direct your donation by checking your selected mission project and returning this form along with your cheque payable to Concordia Lutheran Mission Society c/o William Andrew, 180 South Alder Street, Campbell River, BC V9W 5H8.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1102 Vacation Bible School, Nicaragua | <input type="checkbox"/> 1112 New Mission Rent, Sabaco, Nicaragua |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1103 Childrens Christian Education, Costa Rica | <input type="checkbox"/> 1113 Rental of Facilities, Costa Rica |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1104 Missionary Salary, Rev. Suchat Chujit, Thailand | <input type="checkbox"/> 1114 Rental of Facilities, Rivas, Nicaragua |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1105 Children's Christian Education, Nicaragua | <input type="checkbox"/> 1015 Van for Mission to Oromos, Winnipeg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1106 Orphans and Sick Children, Ukraine | <input type="checkbox"/> 1019 Construction of a Church, Pervomaisk, Ukraine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1107 Orphans, Aged and Prisoners, Ukraine | <input type="checkbox"/> Where needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1108 PAT Program, Canada | <input type="checkbox"/> Operational costs |

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Home Congregation _____

We are trying to make more use of e-mail to conserve on postage and paper. May we contact you by e-mail to share mission news? ___ Yes ___ No

Recent legislation requires your authorization to collect this information. CLMS has a privacy policy in place to protect your personal information. Please sign below authorizing us to use this information in accordance with our privacy policy. Our privacy policy can be found on our website: www.concordiamissions.org.

Signature _____

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