



Pray for the Mission

Winter 2016-2017

Pray for our Missionaries and Mission Outposts of The Minnesota South District:

- Pray that our 245 mission outposts, their 125,000+ members, and friends in the MNS District will grow in their efforts to be intentionally engaged in the Mission of God in creative and unique ways
- Ask God to give you opportunities to introduce Jesus to others, and that you will notice and take advantage of these opportunities
- Pray that God would frustrate the schemes of the Evil One, who desires to destroy God's kingdom and derail the mission efforts of people and congregations, while moving His kingdom forward. Pray for mission zeal, stamina, wisdom and discernment for all of our mission workers.

Long-Term and Career Missionaries from the MNS District:

- Rev. Dr. Thomas Aadland, Kenya
- Rachel Cassada, Ghana, West Africa
- Rev. Dr. Daniel and Dr. Joan Jastram, Northern Asia
- Rev. Ryan and Emily McDermott, Ghana, West Africa
- Rev. Mark and Susan Moss, West Africa
- Rev. Rex and Linda Rinne, Europe

Staff of the Minnesota South District:

- Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, President
- Mr. Rick Marko, District Treasurer/Business Manager
- Mr. Kurt Fuhr, LCEF Vice President
- Rev. Dr. William Utech, Assistant to the President for Missions
- Dr. Phil Johnson, Assistant to the President for Mission Formation (Regions 1 & 2)
- Rev. Fred Hinz, Assistant to the President for Mission Formation (Regions 3 & 4)
- Mr. Sean Martens, Assistant to the President for Education and Commissioned Ministers
- Mr. Billy Schultz, Director of Communications and Mission Support
- Mr. Matt Steiner, Gift Planning Counselor
- Support staff: Gae Ash, Julie Bigler, Linda Bradford and Debra Connolly
- LCEF Staff: Maria Hendrickson, Jocelyn Polley and Dick Swedean

Prayer Requests From Our Missionaries:

Rev. Lusenie Fofana, Christ Evangelical Ministries, St. Paul

Rev. Francis Stephanos, Evangelical Mekane Yesus, St. Paul:

Please pray for the peace of Ethiopia. For the tents of Cush is overwhelmed by trouble. (Habakkuk 3:7)

Pray for our congregation that is steadily growing slowly, the open mic program that is attracting musicians and solo singers for worship, witness and supporting one another through prayer.

Rev. Demelash Oumer, Emmaus Oromo Ministry, St. Paul:

Remember us in your prayer our mission work here in Minnesota and all over the world. AS I mentioned above pray for the Oromo gathering and the program the Church will have in Concordia University.

Vicar Chong Toua Vang, Our Saviour's Hmong Lutheran, St. Paul

John and Maryam Gayed, People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO), Rochester

Nader and Georgette Alaraj, POBLO, Bloomington

DCO Kurtis Smith, LINC-Twin Cities:

Pray with us at 10:00am everyday for the sustenance of LINC Twin Cities' ministry in God's mission.

Pray that LINC Twin Cities' growing relationship with LINC International is fruitful to expand the reach of LINC here and across the world. Include in this prayer wisdom for Mark Junkans as he leads the search for our next LINC Twin Cities' executive director.

Pray for the second "Harvest Incubator for Mission" cohort as they are making disciples in their particular relationships and neighborhoods.

Pray that Christians throughout Minnesota become passionate about making disciples of all nations in their own neighborhoods.

Pray for the Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society as they experience the joys and challenges of a steep curve of growth and learning about life and ministry in America. Prayer for the Oromo people is very important as their people have recently suffered a lot and some have been killed for protesting the current ruling government of Ethiopia.

Rev. Chad Kirchoff, ReDO Fitness, Hastings:

Pray that we receive a donation for the asphalt paving services needed for the entry parking lot

(Very much needed) Please pray that we receive a donation of \$4K for a media system to act as the Music/Celebration Director

Please pray that SOTV has support from stronger churches until they are self-supporting

Pray that multi ethnic groups gather united as Christians and take ownership

Rev. Andy Audette, Remedy Church, Oakdale (New Church Incubator)

Pray for some generous hearts to help fund the mission to which we have been called.

Pray for the continued growth of the launch team.

Pray for more opportunities for outreach and service to the community of Oakdale.

Pray for our first baptism as a church.

Rev. Ken Harste, Samaritan's Hill, Otsego

Pray for God's hedge of protection around all of us

Pray for our continued growth spiritually and numerically

Pray for our newly formed Programming Team that they might take the leadership mantle

Rev. Yia Vang, St. Stephanus Hmong, St. Paul:

Pray for more opportunities and volunteers to share the Gospel among Hmong people

DCO Sue Hewitt, UpWorks, St. Paul

Praise God for continuing to open doors for Life Advocates.

Pray for God to bring the right new full-time team member to serve Him and UpWorks in the role of Communications & Program Administration.

Pray for Kevin Saunders, Dan Haupt and Sue Hewitt to be strengthened and encouraged as they continue to seek God's direction, and serve God by serving others.

Dr. Jim Seemann, District Prison Ministry Coordinator

Campus Ministry Missionaries

DCE Shelly Schwalm, Concordia University, St. Paul

For restfulness and healthy rhythm for our staff

For baptisms and people to come to know Jesus here

Praising God for all he did in our students and continues to do through our weekend at Beautiful Feet

For peace and love on our campus after elections – that our diverse campus would be an example of listening and loving across differences and being our sister's and brother's keeper

Rebecca Schaff, University Lutheran Chapel

Please pray for not only us but all those who proclaim Christ on campus, that we all may do so rightly. The Jesus we want to students to know and trust in is the Jesus of the Bible, God and man, savior and redeemer. Pray for those with whom I interact, that the Holy Spirit guide them to faith and salvation in Christ Our Lord.

Sarah Mikul, Hosanna Highland

Continued connections with students both in the ministry and outside of it. Pray that those students that we connect with that would probably never set foot in the church has a softening of hearts to God as well as to our church community.