



Lutheran Multicultural Mission

A Missouri Synod Outreach Ministry of Central Indiana

SIGNS OF GROWTH

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS**



Rev. Ruiz performed two baptisms at Messiah Lutheran

<p>February 14 Rev. Alan Scott installed at St. Paul's</p>
<p>February 21 Our Shepherd dedicated new church & school</p>
<p>March 20 LuFest</p>

It is clearly evident that God is blessing efforts to multiply His kingdom through multicultural ministry. On a recent Sunday Pastor Ruiz baptized one child at Emmaus Lutheran Church and two more in a service at Messiah Lutheran, and as many as 140 gathered together in worship at Christmas through the Jesus of Galilee fellowship. The numbers are

also growing for Pastor Raji as he reaches out to India immigrants through his monthly Tamil service at Calvary and through numerous weekly home Bible study groups.

Though our focus is local ministry, there is a much wider perspective related to this form of outreach. Rev. Alan Scott and I were privileged to attend the Multi-Ethnic Symposium February 1-2 on the campus of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Nearly 100 participants from around the country came together to dialogue about the past, present, and future of ethnic minorities within the LCMS. Latinos, Black Americans, African Americans, Native Americans, and Hmong

were among the groups represented. This is a good reminder for those of us from a German Lutheran background that our heavenly Father wants to draw **ALL** men to Himself!

“There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.” Rev. 7:9

In Christ,
Don Van Pelt
LMM President/
Executive Director

SPREADING THE FACE OF LMM

Lutheran Multicultural Mission is not new to the Lutheran community in Central Indiana, but the LMM board is seeking to expand awareness. Our missionaries Rev. Samuel Ruiz and Rev. Uday Raji, along with cross-cultural consultant, Rev. Alan Scott, are available to visit our congregations on Sundays to participate in worship ser-

vices and Bible classes. Speakers Rich Wilson, Don Van Pelt, and other board members are also available to make presentations. These can be long or short, in front of large groups or small, through the week to meet with a church mission board or other group, or on a weekend. Gospel outreach is taking place with immigrants

now living among us and the goal of this initiative is to share the story of this mission with as many Lutherans as possible. If you are reading this newsletter and you would like your church to know more about this effort, please contact Don Van Pelt at: 317-862-5184 or donvanpelt@sbcglobal.net.



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LMM ANNUAL MEETING

More than thirty delegates, officers, and guests gathered together on Thursday, January 28, at Calvary Lutheran Church, to consider numerous agenda items. A presentation was made regarding a \$20,000 Domestic Development Grant that was submitted to Lutheran World Relief. As of this publication no word has yet been received regarding grant award notification. Rev. Alan Scott, who will be serving as a cross-cultural consultant on behalf of LMM, was also introduced to the group. Note the separate article on Rev. Scott. Many reports were shared, both in written and oral form, by our missionaries and LMM leaders. For the business portion of the meeting, a motion was submitted to amend our Constitution and Bylaws so that a new position would be added to the Board of Directors: the Vice-President for Human Care. This was approved. Delegates also approved the fiscal budget (Feb. 1, 2010 - Jan. 31, 2011) and then elected officers for the new year: President - Don



LMM annual meeting group

Van Pelt, VP for Multicultural Ministry - Rev. Alan Scott, VP for Human Care - Jane Smith, VP for Finance - Roger Vandrey, VP for Communications - Jackie Whitney, Secretary - Marilyne Pena, Treasurer - Paul Queck, and Executive Director - Don Van Pelt. Rev. David Shadday remains Pastoral Representative and Rev. Samuel Ruiz the Missionary Representative. Anyone seeking further information from this meeting should contact Don Van Pelt.

Praise & Prayer

Lutheran Multicultural Mission needs Lutheran prayer warriors for the sake of our total mission, Pastor Ruiz & Hispanic Ministry, Pastor Raji & India Missions, and all other multicultural ministries currently active in central Indiana.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms...pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." Ephesians 6:12, 18.

PRAISE GOD

1. For an encouraging LMM annual Meeting
2. For Rev. Alan Scott and the expertise he brings to LMM
3. For the growth of multicultural ministry here and throughout the synod

PRAYER

1. For anticipated approval & receipt of the domestic development grant
2. For effective leadership by newly elected officers of the board
3. For expanded awareness of our mission and for greater "hands-on" involvement

REV. ALAN SCOTT

Rev. Scott and his wife, Corrie, moved to Indianapolis approximately eighteen months ago, but they did not do so as strangers. Alan was once a student at Concordia, Ann Arbor, with Pastor Shadday and Corrie's mother is an area resident. His missionary experience started early with an LCMS Call out of the seminary to Nigeria, West Africa. He served in Bible translation and literacy with the Ogoni people there. Later he served congregations in Arizona and gained further multicultural experience through interaction with Latinos

and Native Americans. More recently he completed his Doctorate in Missiology at the Ft. Wayne seminary, and that study included

a concentration upon the Islam religion. Much of his ministry has been as a "worker priest" and that is the case now as he works full time with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. Rev. Scott was recently installed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church as Associate Pastor. This enables him to continue in some level of parish ministry and, at the same time, exercise his missionary heart in partnership with LMM. His expertise as a cross-cultural consultant is a significant asset in furthering the cause of multicultural mission in central Indiana!



Rev. Scott and his wife Corrie at his installation