



# Lutheran Multicultural Mission

A Missouri Synod Outreach Ministry of Central Indiana

**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDARS**

June 28-July 6 Medical Mission Trip to El Salvador (Calvary Lutheran)
July 26-Aug. 9 Thrivent Builds Worldwide Trip to Madagascar
Sept. 6 LMM participating in Indiana District Carload Conference at Lutheran High School

## AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY



Rev. Lim and his wife

missionaries are coming to our shores, particularly to central Indiana. Rev. Ruiz is reaching out to the vast Latino population here through the Jesus of Galilee Hispanic Ministry. Rev. Udhayanesan Raji is presenting the

theran Multicultural Mission. This is a time when the Lutheran community needs to come together to fully support this opportunity for Gospel outreach. The spiritual lives of many are hanging in the balance.

Can you look through the tunnel of time? Can you see church leaders a hundred years from now sharing their spiritual heritage – that they are a part of the Kingdom because of the foundation laid in the early part of the 21st century? May God help us to do that and may we be faithful in our prayers to that end!

In Christ,  
Don Van Pelt  
LMM President/Executive Director

When the leaders of our organization were discussing a transition to multicultural ministry eight years ago, they could not have fully envisioned what was ahead. Rev. Samuel Ruiz, our missionary-at-large, comes to us from a strong Lutheran heritage. He is a pastor today because Lutheran missionaries went to Cuba in the late 1800's. Now the tables are turned –

gospel to immigrants from India through the India/Tamil Mission. Rev. Edmund Lim is seeking to evangelize the Chinese through Midwest Chinese Ministries (note article in this publication). God is at work among us and who knows what other avenues of multicultural ministry surely lie ahead.

All of this suggests an awesome opportunity for Lu-



### Beyond the Walls

Mission Festival planning will begin sometime in June. If you are interested in helping or think your church may like to host this event, please contact Jackie Whitney at [jalywhitney@yahoo.com](mailto:jalywhitney@yahoo.com). Pastor Ruiz is talking with folks at

Advent Lutheran about starting a soccer league. Pray for this possible outreach to immigrants from many nations! LMM representatives are going out to our congregations sharing about our mission and vision. If we haven't been to your congre-

gation yet we hope to be there soon. We are also looking for some great fund raising events. Please feel free to pass on any ideas! Please visit our website at [www.lutheranfederationindy.org](http://www.lutheranfederationindy.org)

# MIDWEST CHINESE MINISTRIES

We praise God for the vision of multicultural ministry that is unfolding in central Indiana. Midwest Chinese Ministries (MCM), Indiana District, LCMS, was formed in 1996 by a group of pastors and lay people from Ft. Wayne who had a heart for outreach to the Chinese. Among the founders was Rev. Edmund Lim, who continues as an important leader of this mission effort.

MCM in Indiana are Ft. Wayne, West Lafayette (Purdue), and Indianapolis. Their mission purpose is "to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Chinese people, to encourage and assist them in a personal relationship with Jesus as their Savior, and to train them for Christian discipleship." They intentionally reach Chinese people and build relationships in a variety of ways, including the use of ESL classes.

Rev. Lim and his family are from Singapore and now reside in Indianapolis. Besides his work with MCM, he continues part time parish responsibility at Christ Lutheran Church in Irvington and has taught at Lutheran High School. Any church or individual seeking to know more about this ministry or to become involved in its financial support can contact Rev. Lim at 317-894-6455 or edmundlim@sbcglobal.net.

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## LWML GRANT

A check for \$5000 was presented to Lutheran Multicultural Mission on Sunday, May 18, at Emmaus Lutheran Church, the remaining half of a \$10,000 grant by Lutheran Women's Missionary League. These dollars are designated for Hispanic ministry and Rev. Samuel Ruiz as he recruits and trains lay leaders in Central Indiana through the Center for Hispanic Studies.



LWML presents a check to LMM. From left to right: Rev. Samuel Ruiz, Missionary, Kathy Ford, Zone & Society President Indy East LWML Zone, Ruth Thomas, Indiana District LWML President, Don Van Pelt, LMM President/Executive Director.

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### PRAISE & PRAYER

Lutheran Multicultural Mission needs Lutheran prayer warriors for the sake of our total mission, Pastor Ruiz & Hispanic Ministry, and all other multicultural missionaries and 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 the filling of all positions on the LMM board
2. For the LMM presentations in our churches to create mission awareness
3. For additional opportunities evolving toward multicultural ministry

### PRAYER

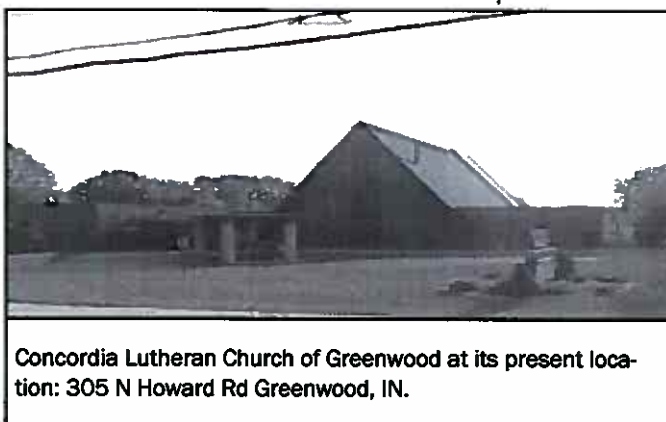
1. For mission minded Lutherans to serve with LMM on the advisory teams
2. For additional congregations to approve the new Constitution
3. For enhanced financial support to meet all the needs of our mission

## MULTICULTURAL MISSION HISTORY

According to LMM records, when the LMM council met on April 9, 1956 it was reported that the Mission was expanding into the New White-land and Greenwood areas. Apparently, as these areas were being canvassed approximately 50 interested people were found. This marked the beginning of what would lead to the February 10, 1958 incorporation of the Concordia Lutheran

Church of Greenwood into the LMM.

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Concordia's membership in the LMM.



Concordia Lutheran Church of Greenwood at its present location: 305 N Howard Rd Greenwood, IN.

## LWR SPRING PROJECT

A longstanding project of Lutheran Multicultural Mission is the annual in-gathering for Lutheran World Relief. This year's event took place Thurs., May 22. Quilts, school kits, and other items arrived from as far south as Jasper and the Seymour area, and as far north as

South Bend and Elkhart. Throughout the morning, volunteers helped load more than half of a semi-trailer.

The rest of the trailer is filled by Church World Service, the partner sponsor for this project. It is then driven to the LWR warehouse in New Win-

dsor, Maryland for distribution throughout the world.

Lutheran congregations in Ft. Wayne and Valparaiso conduct similar projects in the fall. Contact Don Van Pelt at 317-862-5184 or donvanpelt@sbcglobal.net for further information.

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LWR work crew – volunteers from Calvary, St. John, and St. Paul.

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## GETTING ORGANIZED

Praise God that all positions on the LMM Board of Directors are now filled. Rich Wilson (Calvary) was approved as **Vice-President for Multicultural Ministry** at the April delegate meeting. Rev. David Shadday (St. Paul) is in the approval process by fellow pastors as the **Pastoral Representative**. This is an important milestone in our transitional history. We are thankful for all the dedicated officers who will lead the charge of our Lutheran community into multicultural ministry!

Also, we now have over half the congregation approval letters necessary for full implementation of the new Constitution. We are hopeful that all the letters we need will be received by the end of the summer.

Even after the minimum number has been reached, we will continue to seek the partnership of as many LCMS congregations as possible.

The engine of our mission train is loaded and ready to go. We need to add some cars for ministry at the grass roots level. If you believe in taking the Gospel to "every nation, tribe, people, and language," consider joining one of our advisory teams for **Multicultural Ministry, Finance, or Communications**. We also need individuals at the local level who help ensure their congregation is a part of this train. For further information about opportunities to serve contact *Don Van Pelt* at 317-862-5184 or [donvanpelt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donvanpelt@sbcglobal.net).

## Mission Festival Update

We are still looking for volunteers to help plan our third annual mission festival. This is a great opportunity to find out what local LCMS churches are doing in the mission field, both locally and abroad. We hope to have this event sometime in October. Much of this work will be by e-mail and phone calls so that volunteers will not have to tie up a lot of time driving long distances or sitting through long meetings! And even if you can't volunteer but have a great idea for us or know of a mission group that might like to participate please pass that information on to us. Please feel free to e-mail either Jackie Whitney at [jalywhitney@yahoo.com](mailto:jalywhitney@yahoo.com) or Don Van Pelt at [donvanpelt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donvanpelt@sbcglobal.net)



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