



Lutheran Multicultural Mission

A Missouri Synod Outreach Ministry of Central Indiana

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 9 Special LMM Dialogue Meeting
June 25 - 26 Indiana District Convention of LCMS
June 27 - July 5 Calvary Lutheran medical missionary trip to El Salvador
July 24 - August 2 Thrivent Builds Worldwide: El Salvador

GOD AT WORK



Testimony of John Bright with Pastor Raji in the Background

Is there any greater blessing than to see the Lord at work in our life and in the lives of those around us? This has certainly been true recently for those of us connected with Lutheran Multicultural Mission. At the Spring Mission Festival on May 17, hosted by Emmaus Lutheran Church, pow-

erful testimonies were given by Humberto Castro and Silvia Chaljub of the Hispanic Mission and by John Bright and Prabhakar of the India Mission. Lives are being impacted through Missionaries Ruiz and Raji by the Spirit of God! In addition, LMM has experienced serious financial challenges the past few months, but God's people have responded to alleviate the immediate concern. It remains a high priority, however, to stabilize and grow the financial resources for on-going outreach.. More information will be shared later in this issue.

A special LMM delegate meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 7 p.m., at St. John Lutheran Church. The agenda is pure dialogue. Though it is primarily intended for pastors and lay delegates from our member congregations, anyone can attend and help LMM carry forward its vision and plan for multicultural ministry.

We PRAISE GOD for his ever abiding presence in our mission!

In Christ,
Don Van Pelt
LMM President/
Executive Director

LMM NEWSLETTER FORMAT CHANGE

Beginning with this issue, this newsletter is switching to a two page format and will be published every other month.

Reducing the size will make it more manageable for our congregations and hopefully facilitate distribution. The change will

make this publication an easier read for some of our Lutherans. More frequent publication will also mean more current articles and over the course of a year the total content shared will remain the same. A gracious thank you is ex-

tended to all who responded to a previous survey regarding this change. Comments from our readers are always welcome and can be passed on by contacting Don Van Pelt at 317-862-5184 or donvanpelt@sbcglobal.net.



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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 God's provision that LMM is being sustained in a difficult economy
2. For an uplifting and positive response at the Emmaus spring mission festival
3. For the opportunity of our missionaries to re-visit their home countries

PRAYER

1. For the widespread support of many to carry out the Vision and Plan of LMM
2. For the planning of more information & fundraising events on behalf of LMM
3. For achieving the minimum total goal of \$1000/month from individual donors

PROMOTING THE GROWTH OF MULTICULTURAL MINISTRY

We have abundant evidence that our Lutheran community in central Indiana should be involved in multicultural ministry. Various facets of the Vision and Plan for this type of mission were shared at the annual LMM meeting in January. A special "dialogue" LMM meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 7 p.m., at St. John Lutheran Church, to encourage as much discussion as possible toward the implementation of this mission. This is a group effort and the more churches and individual Lutherans that become involved, the more that can be accomplished for the sake of the kingdom.

One of the strategies currently underway by Lutheran

Multicultural Mission is to sponsor a series of informational and fundraising events. The first so-called mission festival at Emmaus Lutheran Church on May 17 was most successful with over a hundred people gathered together for the German meal. Their free-will offering amounted to nearly three hundred dollars on behalf of the Emmaus School Scholarship Fund and more than \$2000 was collected to benefit the mission of LMM.

The budgets of LMM member churches are the primary source of current income for the support of multicultural ministry. Additional income is needed, however, to stabilize and grow the mission. A minimum goal of \$1000 per month in total individual pledges is being sought for this purpose. The response at Emmaus was



Testimonies from Silvia Chaljub (right) and Humberto Castro (left) on behalf of Hispanic Ministry

a good beginning toward accomplishing this goal. Additional gatherings are in the planning stage around the central Indiana area.

Anyone seeking further information about this effort, whether to become a prayer partner or individual pledge donor, can contact Don Van Pelt at 317-862-5184 or

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