



# Lutheran Multicultural Mission

A Missouri Synod Outreach Ministry of Central Indiana

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| <p><b>October 17</b><br/>LWR Collection in Ft. Wayne</p>                   |
| <p><b>October 25</b><br/>4 P.M. Reformation Service at Advent Lutheran</p> |
| <p><b>November 15</b><br/>Supplemental Gifts Deadline</p>                  |
| <p><b>January–February</b><br/>LMM Annual Meeting (TBA)</p>                |



## PRESSING ON



A stirring testimony by Blanca at St. Paul's Celebrate the Mission event.

*“I press on toward the goal.”  
Phil. 3:14*

Christians generally recognize this word from St. Paul. Just as we individually seek the heavenly prize in Christ Jesus, so we pray that as many as possible realize this same prize. That’s

what Lutheran Multicultural Mission is all about. The free gift of eternal life is available to every nation, tribe, people, and language, and so we seek to expand the kingdom, particularly through our local missionaries: Rev. Samuel Ruiz (Hispanic Ministry) and Rev. Udhay Raji (India Missions).

Though we are in the middle of another busy harvest season, we look forward to the area-wide Reformation Service later this month. What a privilege to pause and celebrate our

Lutheran heritage, and renew our commitment to Gospel proclamation! We are also excited about the prospects for expanded mission in 2010 through human care ministry. LMM is applying for a domestic development grant offered by LCMS World Relief and Human Care, and we are seeking avenues of partnership with Orphan Grain Train.

Reformation Blessings in Christ,

Don Van Pelt  
LMM President/  
Executive Director

## REFORMATION SERVICE

LMM will sponsor its annual, area-wide Reformation Service on October 25, 2009, 4 p.m., at Advent Lutheran Church, 11250 N. Michigan Rd., Zionsville. Dr. Rich Bimler, President Emeritus Wheat Ridge Ministries, is the featured guest preacher. The “Savior of the Nations” theme will be apparent with a special twist

on Scandinavian languages and Reformation history. This worship experience will be further enriched by the Advent Brass Ensemble and Adult Choir. A light meal will be provided by LMM for additional fellowship following the service.

As in past years, the service offering is dedicated to local multicultural ministry.

This offering will be supplemented \$1 for every \$3 by the South Marion and Johnson County Chapters of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (TFL) up to \$6600. Donations received at the service and through congregation door offerings by November 15th will qualify. LMM is praying for a generous response.

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## DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Early in 2009 LMM became aware of a domestic development grant offered by LCMS World Relief and Human Care. Up to \$20,000 can be applied for to assist with local human care needs. Much of the ministry by missionaries Rev. Samuel Ruiz and Rev. Udhay Raji to recently arrived immigrants involves human care, so the decision was made to apply for this grant. The application deadline is November 1, 2009 and approaching quickly, but we are happy to report that many of the provisions for grant submission are complete. Letters of support

from area congregations on behalf of the grant is one of the requirements, and these are being received by LMM.

This grant will provide several key advantages to mission in 2010. Primarily, it will mean a financial boost to the budget so that current missionary activity can not only continue, but expand. Objectives in the grant include building upon the support base to establish a strong financial foundation for many years to come. Secondly, a plan is included to develop and coordinate community resources in order to maximize the opportunity for human care outreach. Finally, it intentionally seeks to involve our congregations and individual Lutherans in direct, hands-on, ministry.

### 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 the privilege of "pressing on" to draw others into the Kingdom
2. For the local chapters of TFL which will supplement gifts to LMM
3. For prospects to expand our mission in 2010 through human care ministry

### PRAYER

1. For blessings at the Reformation Service and generous support
2. For completion and submission of the domestic development grant
3. For expansion of the LMM mission through Rev. Alan Scott and others

## OPENING DOORS FOR MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Pastor David Shadday, Pastoral Representative for LMM, has been speaking out on the need to assist some of our more mission-challenged congregations. One of these is Emmaus Lutheran, a church especially of interest to LMM because of its heavy involvement with Hispanic Ministry. Recently the Board of Directors of LMM approved a

motion to have Rev. Alan Scott serve as a volunteer missionary-at-large for this purpose. Rev. Scott possesses a Doctorate in Missiology and a wealth of experience with cross-cultural ministry. Pastor Shadday has had additional contacts along this line, so we are very excited



Several testimonies were shared by members of the India Mission group.

about the potential for future mission.