



Pray For Us Calendar

The following prayer requests were submitted to LCMS World Mission by your coworkers in the Lord's mission around the world. Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution.

LCMS WORLD MISSION STAFF - Feb. 1-14 *Approximately 75 people make up the LCMS World Mission staff, which supports national and international missionaries, LCMS military chaplains, and the mission and outreach efforts of the LCMS.*

Remember the LCMS World Mission staff as you pray:



- for Interim Executive Director Tom Zehnder. Ask God to continually enable and equip him to provide leadership for mission work in the LCMS and the Ablaze! movement.
- for the International Mission Team as they provide guidance for mission work throughout the world where LCMS mission personnel serve and/or projects are funded. Ask for God's guidance for Associate Executive Director Dave Birner, Director Kama Bernabo, the team's assistant, Sharon Whitlock, and deployed Regional Directors Mike Rodewald, John Mehl, Brent Smith, and Jorge Groh in their international areas of ministry.
- for the National Mission Team, which includes North American specialized ministries such as blind missions, deaf missions, campus and international student ministries, and multiethnic ministries. It also works in the areas of urban ministry, outreach, and revitalization. Pray for Associate Executive Director Bob Scudieri and his staff, David Born, Tom Eggold, Bonnie Green, Sandi Green, Sandy Kohlmeier, Johannes Mengsteab, Scott Snow, and Terry Tieman, as they provide mission services to congregations and districts in North America.
- for the staff of Ministry to the Armed Forces, including Director Mark Schreiber, Assistant Director Eric Erkinen, and Nancy Rowley. May these three continue to encourage and support LCMS military chaplains in all they do.
- for the variety of technical services performed by staff in Finance Services, which includes Director Ross Stroh, Michelle Otten, and Pat Pinson. Give thanks to God for the important tasks performed by these staff members and lift them up as they continue to steward God's financial provision to LCMS World Mission.
- for members of the Communication Services unit, Director Stacey Welcenbach, Rudy Blank, Kristy Grannis, Wayne Meyer, Debbie Mirly, Elizabeth Mowery, and Ron Nelson. Pray that the Lord would bless their efforts to communicate effectively about the many wonderful things He is doing around the world.
- for the Administrative Services Team, including Associate Executive Director Kurt Buchholz, Mary Jackson, and Sabrina Outlaw. Thank God for the essential administrative support that these faithful workers provide.
- for the Development Services unit, led by Associate Executive Director Jeff Craig-Meyer, and including: Crissy Bosworth, Jane Cauchon, Debbie Feenstra, Ann Foster, Autumn Harrison, Vicki Helling, Rick Holtz, Julie Loehring, Patty Mainer, Jackie Peterson, Kathleen Rall, Leah Sieveking, and Gary Thies.
- also for the principal gifts officers of Development Services—Ed Bertram, Terry Biesboer, Peter Brinkman, Randy Fauser, Len Fiedler, Heather Groerich, Bill Lapp, Mike Linebrink, and Ron Meyer.
- for the consultants helping to direct and raise funds for the *Fan into Flame* campaign—the campaign to raise financial support for specific projects and efforts that will contribute towards the *Ablaze!* movement. Consulting staff include campaign Director John O'Gorman, Steve Manno, Peter Black, Andrea Essling, Jason Fox, and Tony Perino.
- for David Mahsman, also on the LCMS World Mission Lead Team, and Karen Schrader, Tani Berner, and Marcia Wheeler, as they support the work of the executive director to further the spread of the Gospel.
- for Dan Mattson, associate executive director of missional education. Ask that God would continue to bless him with wisdom and discernment as he guides others in learning more about God's mission.
- for the 2009 all-staff retreat, which will be held in early March. Pray that the retreat would encourage, equip, and refresh the staff, in order that they might better serve the Lord of the Harvest, LCMS missionaries, and LCMS members.
- for members of the Board for Mission Services, as they direct LCMS World Mission and hold the staff accountable for their work. Ask the Holy Spirit to provide these dedicated mission leaders with continued discernment and passion for carrying out the Great Commission.



Involvement Ideas

- Consider joining the Mission Sowers giving club, whose members make annual commitments of support that funds the opening of new mission fields around the world.



- To offer a gift in support of work in Kazakhstan, send a check made out to LCMS World Mission and designate "Kazakhstan—Project 834-99101."
- Learn more about LCMS work in Kazakhstan on the LCMS World Mission Web site. Go to www.lcmsworldmission.org/eurasia and click on "Kazakhstan."



- Download Palmer's picture book, "Palmer Goes to Kazakhstan," from the Children's Resources section of the LCMS World Mission Web site at www.lcms.org?9756.



KAZAKHSTAN - Feb. 15-28 *The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod began work in Kazakhstan in 1993. Currently, the Gospel is being taught and preached in four languages in Kazakhstan. The goals of the LCMS mission in Kazakhstan include church planting and leadership development*



Remember the Lord's work in Kazakhstan as you pray:

15. for David, Rachel, Julia, Timothy, and Daniel Baker as they continue to serve the Lord and the people of Kazakhstan faithfully. Their work includes overseeing the LCMS' humanitarian and spiritual work in the country and helping to build up the local partner church. David's other responsibilities include leading Bible studies, discipling new Christians, training group leaders and pastoral candidates, and helping develop Christian resources in the Kazakh language.

16. for Marat, Amy, and Amanzhol Kashenov, who also serve in Kazakhstan. Amy works primarily with Kazakh villagers in their native language. She coordinates translation of Christian literature, songs, and youth materials into the Kazakh language, and works with small group leaders in various villages. Amy also teaches seminars.

17. for Phil, Kerri, Jacob, Benjamin, and Esther Schielke, as they serve in Kazakhstan for Phil's vicarage fulfillment. Phil works with the other LCMS personnel in human care, pastoral training, and social ministries.

18. for the Kazakh staff members of the LCMS office in Almaty and the crucial administrative support they provide. Translation, accounting, record-keeping, and immigration documentation are only some of the tasks that they manage.

19. for the nation of Kazakhstan in the often-tenuous peace that followed Soviet occupation. Ask the Lord to provide conditions that will allow the Gospel to be clearly proclaimed and demonstrated.

20. for the proposed religious law under consideration in Kazakhstan, which would impede the efforts of LCMS workers and national congregations. Pray that the Lord would work a miracle in preventing this bill from being passed and implemented.

21. for the people of diverse Kazakhstan. At least 65 people groups live there and more than half of the pop-

ulation is ethnically Kazakh. Ask the Lord of the Harvest to draw more Kazakhs into a saving faith in Him as more and more Christian resources become available in their heart language.

22. for the people in the villages that Amy Kashenov visits. New groups have formed in various villages for seekers and believers to study the Word together, but it seems that, often, when new village groups are in the process of forming, many obstacles are thrown up to an easy and smooth formation of those groups.

23. with thanks for a recent visit that Amy had to another village, where she and a Kazakh deacon were warmly welcomed. Praise the Lord that the following week, they held two worship services attended by the host families and some of their neighbors, identified a Sunday school teacher for the many children, and were invited to please come and help form a group in the village.

24. for all the seekers and believers in these villages visited by Amy, so that they might properly prioritize the things of this world, always making sure that God's Word is put first, rather than last.

25. for the ongoing work of the health professionals and Kazakh evangelists who serve through the mobile medical trailer. This ministry has provided thousands of opportunities to share the Gospel in Word and deed with unreached Kazakh people. In the winter months, the mobile medical trailer stays in place at the local hospital, allowing the evangelist on the trailer several months to meet

many more seekers and believers in the village, and direct them to the new fellowship groups.

26. for Kazakh people, especially children, who have special needs, and have been overlooked by society and the government. Pray that their physical needs and need to know Christ can be provided for through LCMS-sponsored ministries.

27. for ongoing leadership development and theological education efforts, especially the pastoral training program at the People of God Lutheran Seminary in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The development of local leaders for the fellowship groups, congregations, and the national church is a key part of LCMS strategy in Kazakhstan. Also, give thanks for the Kazakh pastors who have already graduated from this seminary.

28. with thanks for the mission involvement and partnership of Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Lutheran Hour Ministries, LCMS World Relief and Human Care, Concordia Mission Society, and Orphan Grain Train in Kazakhstan. Each organization brings unique services and benefits to God's mission there.



Missionary Birthdays

Missionary prayer cards may be downloaded from the LCMS World Mission Web site at www.lcmsworldmission.org/prayercards.

- Feb. 6 Matt Wasmund, Taiwan; Susan Fluegge, Togo
- Feb. 8 Christel Neuendorf, Panama; Radka Fiala, Slovakia
- Feb. 9 Danelle Putnam, Dominican Republic
- Feb. 10 Eric Semler, Southeast Asia
- Feb. 11 Tim Heiney, Guinea
- Feb. 12 Ivy Hoech, Central Asia; Bob Rosin, Eurasia
- Feb. 15 Mike Weider, Southeast Asia
- Feb. 16 Cindy Rodewald, South Africa
- Feb. 17 Matt Johnson, Asia; Jorge Groh, Panama
- Feb. 18 Rhoda Houge, Kenya
- Feb. 20 Doris Bowerman, Macau
- Feb. 21 Donald Bahr, Asia
- Feb. 22 Tim Nickel, Eurasia
- Feb. 26 Katrina Meyer, Asia
- Feb. 27 Bryce Rickett, Asia

Military Chaplains with birthdays in Feb.:

Chaplain Lynn Christensen, Spain; Chaplain Dann Ettner, Fort Carson, Colo.; Chaplain Michael Frese, Germany; Chaplain Jonathan Frusti, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.; Chaplain Wayne Olson, Northport, N.Y.; Chaplain Christopher Otten, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; David Wilshek, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.

David, Julia, and Timothy Baker with Kazakh friends



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