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The face of Jesus shines in so many other faces...

...when we share His light in our hearts!

“For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 4:6

Our mission is to lend a helping hand to share the true light that brightens faces. “In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Many helping hands shine His light:

- Hard working hands of our missionaries here in Canada and around the world.
- Praying hands of everyone asking for protection and supporting our missions.
- Grateful hands of volunteers giving their time and talents to CLMS.
- Out-stretched hands contributing financially to CLMS to carefully spend with grateful partners.

Read the words of one young Ukrainian woman whose face was brightened by the helping hands God sent her way.

I came to the Lutheran church in Nikolaev with my parents at the age of seven. I remember my first summer camp which takes place in our church. All of us were impressed by songs, games and studies we had that summer. We saw and felt love and attention of our teachers. Those people helped us and led us on the way of live with God; they showed me a wonderful example of Christian character. After the camp had done we had waited for next summer with impatience.

I never thought that I will be able to participate in the VBS program as a teacher. I could not even imagine that I will travel with the team and accomplish this wonderful ministry to the kids in our churches.

I am 20 years old now and it is my fourth summer in the VBS



Christine Kochan

team. This year I had choice to enter job or to go to serve to the Lord with VBS mission. I couldn't say “no” to the Lord's calling; I have realized that it might be my last summer with VBS mission, so

I have decided to follow my heard and present my summer time to the Lord and His kids.

*For God's glory,
Christine Kochan*

Could you help on the CLMS board?

Would you like to offer your helping hands to the CLMS board? Three positions need to be filled in the New Year. Did God bless you with any of the following gifts?

- Bookkeeping or accounting skills to fill our treasurer's role

- Web or Internet interest to work on our website
- Administrative or secretarial skills

If you feel you may be able to share your gifts and talents, learn more by contacting Terry Goerz, tgoerz@telusplanet.net.

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visit our web site at <http://www.concordiamissions.org>

...so many faces waiting for our help



Every dollar you donate to a specific project goes directly to that project!

2012 MISSION PROJECTS

Ukraine

Project 1207 - \$27,000

Training new pastors to spread the Good News - Seminary

Six pastors-in-training in Odessa need support for living expenses to stay at the seminary, cook's salary, text books and travel. These funds also provide for their families since they have no income during their time of seminary studies.

Project 1208 - \$3,000

Caring for sick children - Yalta Sanatorium

There is a special sanatorium for children afflicted with tuberculosis. Here children receive treatment for a period from 1 ½ to 18 months. On a weekly basis Pastor Rudolf Krause, with a group of parishioners, carries out a ministry with these sick children and their parents. They lead Bible classes for the children, talk to the parents about the Christian faith and also provide needed medication, diapers, sheets, books and other necessary items.

Project 1209 - \$2,500

Showing Christ's love to orphans, elderly and prisoners - Gospel and social outreach

Orphanages for deaf and sick children, a geriatric centre,

a jail for adults, and a school for children with a criminal record are located in southern Ukraine. Members of our sister churches visit these individuals regularly and bring them warm clothes, medical supplies and most important, the hope and reconciliation through the saving suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Project 1210 - \$6,000

Reaching youth and children - Summer Bible camps

A summer camp near the Black Sea brings over 100 young people together to enjoy fellowship, mentorship, instruction in God's Word through music, Bible studies and sermons. Over 200 children attend vacation Bible school. Funding will assist leaders in organizing the yearly programs, covering expenses as transportation, food, lodging, Christian material, educational and recreational resources.

Canada

Project 1211 - \$8,000

Mission in our own neighbourhoods - PAT (Pastors with Alternate Training)

Eight new Canadians from India, Africa, Central America and

Madagascar with backgrounds in various professions are studying to be pastors to reach out to their own communities and cultures. Local Lutheran pastors are appointed as mentors and instructors to tutor and train these candidates in Lutheran theology. The funds will assist in covering the expenses related to teaching, books and teaching resources.

Thailand

Project 1205 - \$8,500

Supporting the growth of the church ministry - Thai pastor and materials

Pastor Suchat Chujit is active in reaching out with the love of Christ to the communities of Kapong, Kokloi and others in Phang Nga province. The mission is challenging but the missionaries use every opportunity for Gospel proclamation, especially during Advent, Christmas, Easter and through their Sunday school ministry and baptisms. This project funds Pastor Chujit's stipends and mission materials.

Costa Rica

Project 1201 - \$6,000

Growing up in the faith - Christian education

Pastor Edmundo Retana continues his outreach to share the Gospel in Cartago and San Jose. His wife, Deaconess Betty Solórzano, is responsible for children's education including devotions, Bible study and choir. These funds cover the deaconess' stipends, children's Christian books, teaching supplies, snacks and transportation.

Project 1203 - \$1,575

Chance to learn - special needs program

Scholarships provide seven school-age boys and girls with basic financial assistance so they can study regularly in the public schools. These include school supplies and assistance with transportation.

Project 1216 - \$6,700

Worship, work and sleep - rental facilities

Pastor Edmundo Retano is continuing to focus on mission outreach in Cartago and also the capital city, San José. These funds cover rental cost for a small office, missionary's home and a place for worship.

...choose your project!



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Project 1215 - \$6,000
Sharing the Gospel -
Transportation

Taxis are expensive in Costa Rica, public transportation is limited, and walking is not possible to reach all distant communities that need to hear the Gospel. This project would provide the funds to assist Pastor Edmundo Retano purchase a car for use on behalf of the mission in Costa Rica.

Honduras

Project 1212 - \$4,500
Shepherd for Olanchito -
Missionary Support

Pastor Douglas Aguilar began his ministry by carrying out visitations throughout the community. Work has expanded to three other areas in Olanchito and plans are on the way to start a children's Christian education program and a humanitarian children's feeding program in 2012. These funds provide annual salary, housing, utilities, transportation and mission supplies.

Project 1213 - \$4,500
Reaching out in Olanchito -
transportation

Pastor Douglas Aguilar must take public transportation or walk

to visit communities that need to hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus. This project would provide the funds to purchase a motorcycle for Pastor Aguilar.

Nicaragua

Project 1202 - \$7,500
Jesus is part of children's
education - Christian
education

This project allows for the purchase of uniforms—shoes, shirt or blouse, socks, skirt or trousers, backpacks and school materials for 60 children at \$125 per child per year. In addition to tuition, the money pays for tutoring by a Lutheran Christian deaconess or teacher.

Project 1204 - \$6,000
A special program to share
a special message - Vacation
Bible School

Many children joyfully participate in the learning of Bible stories, in worship, prayers and songs. The love of Jesus is proclaimed in the communities where the children live. These funds go to purchase teaching materials, and other supplies such as snacks, etc., for children connected with 23 congregations and the mission stations.

Project 1206 - \$4,500
The harvest is great and the
workers are few - deaconess
support

FULLY FUNDED
The work of the deaconesses is of great importance to children's education in the Christian faith. Through this project more than 15 deaconesses will receive a stipend so they can support needs of their families.

Project 1214 - \$3,725
Worshiping with joy and music
- musical instruments and
equipment

FULLY FUNDED
To help expand worship education in liturgy and music; congregations in five communities require instruments and sound equipment. The mission outreach will be enhanced with music as a way to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Project 1217 - \$1,550
A dry and shady place for
worship - tarp and chairs

FULLY FUNDED
A group of faithful followers in the community of Mount Olivet near the city of León join together for Bible study, worship and Sunday school. To protect them in their open air services they require an overhead tarp and fifty chairs.

Project 1218 - \$5,500
Space to worship and reside -
rental facilities

Pastor Rufino continues to reach out in the communities of Rivas and Jinotepe. He is organizing his community for a Children's education program. These funds will cover the costs to rent places to worship in both communities and for the missionary's residence.

Project 1219 - \$5,500
A new mission - rental facility

Pastor Hector Morales is establishing a new mission in Sebaco starting with home Bible studies. There are now 25 to 30 people in his Bible studies regularly. These funds will cover rental costs for a space for this growing Christian family to meet, for materials and mission out-reach.

Total mission funds
required

\$118,500

Concordia Lutheran Mission Society (CLMS)
 An Auxiliary of Lutheran Church–Canada

Who or what is Concordia Lutheran Mission Society?

A small team of nine individuals from across Canada gladly volunteers time to make sure donor dollars work the hardest for spreading the Good News! These volunteers, with the assistance of some other committee members, carry out all the work of the society. We have no paid staff and we work hard at keeping our operational costs to a minimum. When funds are received designated for a specific mission project, no deduction is made for operational expenses. The entire amount is sent on to the project. Operational expenses are primarily covered by donations specified for operations, with small amounts occasionally required from funds directed to “wherever needed.”

CLMS is an independent mission society, chartered under the Corporations Act of Manitoba, and registered as a charitable organization with Canada Revenue Agency (BN # 89759-4826-RR0001). It holds auxiliary organization status with Lutheran Church–Canada. CLMS is “independent” in that it is self-governing, and not dependent on any other organization. However, it works closely with Lutheran Church–Canada and its partner churches around the world, to support various missionary, educational and social ministry projects.



Response Form

We invite you to become a partner in mission. Please indicate where you would like your gift to be used and return this form along with your cheque made out to “Concordia Lutheran Mission Society” to William Andrew, 180 South Alder Street, Campbell River, BC V9W 5H8.

Also please note that the following projects are already fully funded: 1206, 1209, 1214, 1217.

Project # and name: _____ Amount _____

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Wherever needed: \$ _____ Operational costs: \$ _____

Total Gift \$ _____

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” *Philippians 1:4-5*

Each gift designated toward a board approved project will be used as specified, with the understanding that when any given project has been fully funded, designated gifts will be used where needed most.

Please provide the following information so that a charitable receipt might be forwarded to you and to keep you informed on current mission projects via our semi annual mailings. If you fill in the form as “Mr. & Mrs.” you will receive two ballots for mail-in elections. In this case both your first names are helpful.

Mr., Mrs., Ms., Rev. _____ First name(s) _____ Last name _____

Address _____

City _____ Prov. _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

The following information is optional. The e-mail address can be very helpful to us in sharing mission news with you.

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Fax _____

Email _____ Home Congregation _____

Recent legislation requires your authorization to collect this information. CLMS has a privacy policy in place to protect your personal information. Please sign below authorizing us to use this information in accordance with our privacy policy. Our privacy policy can be found on our website: www.concordiamissions.org.

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