



*"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." 2 Cor 4:7*



**"But when the right time came, God sent his Son into the world." Gal. 4:4**

*As 2017 draws to an end, we wish you all a Joyous Christmas!*

*We again apologize for a long lapse in our ministry updates.*

*In this issue, we look at GLO's growth and the extension of its services. The time seems right.*

**A QUICK OVERVIEW**

**GLO: Growing Lutheran Outreach**

**Missionaries are serving in** Cambodia, Tanzania, Guinea, Nigeria, Ethiopia (we hope), Chile, Guatemala, and Uruguay.

**Missionaries come from** Nigeria, Liberia, Venezuela, USA, Canada.

**Missionaries showing interest** from Nigeria, Liberia, Venezuela, USA, Canada.

**Opportunities** in many locations in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

**24** The number of GLO missionaries either deployed or preparing to deploy. (4 singles, 10 couples, and 5 children!)

**10** Number of serious candidates seeking to be missionaries -- in the process of identifying suitable placements.

**The right time...**

God is still working today to extend the salvation to all nations. GLO's role in the current time is to offer services to **two groups** present in the Lutheran community around the world:

**1) Candidates:**

People with varying gifts who discern a calling to go forth as missionaries of the Gospel, but are not sure how to get there.



**2) Churches:**

International church bodies who see mission needs or open doors, but are lacking means, experience, or people to undertake the opportunities.



**How can we multiply the number of Lutheran missionaries from any- and everywhere in the world?**

God's people in these two groups earnestly desire to "Go" and bring the Good News of salvation and life to wherever in the world people desperately need to know Christ, but they often assume it is impossible or, in their trying, run up against obstacles.



GLO has seen that **the obstacles** that block greater Lutheran mission "going" and "sending" can be summed up as **Cost, Complexity, Candidates, and Connections.**



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**COST:** Sending and supporting people to leave home and serve in another country involves costs – even if done quite simply. Particularly from poorer regions — How can missionaries be supported?

**COMPLEXITY:** It may not be obvious, but sending missionaries across borders and cultures can involve many complexities: immigration issues, linguistic/cultural issues, managing funds, legal matters, health/education needs, conflicts, political tensions, etc. How?

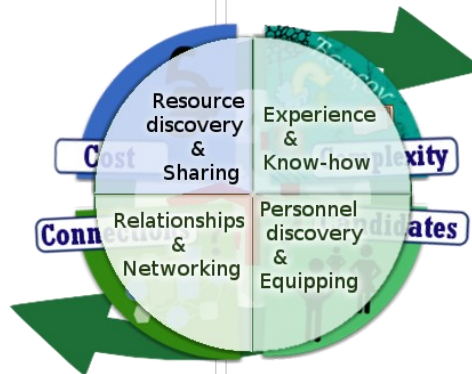
**CANDIDATES?:** Sometimes a mission field is ripe, but a church is wondering, "Who can we send?". Sometimes Lutheran believers are eager to serve, but wonder "Who will send us and how will we be supported?"

**CONNECTIONS?:** Fields needing missionaries. / Churches ready to reach out. / People with certain expertise. / An opening in a hard to reach place. With the breadth and diversity of global mission possibilities and entities today, there is need for a way and a place where connections can be made.

*Though we are still learning...*

**GLO exists to offer services to address these hindrances** as we enter a new age of mission expansion, which we like to encapsulate as mission ...  
**"from everywhere to everywhere".**

GLO can offer the following:



## Resource discovery and Sharing

To address support **Costs**, GLO challenges existing assumptions about mission support and seeks diverse approaches to funding.

## Experience & Know-how

To the inevitable **Complexities**, GLO tries to bring seasoned wisdom, acquire new understandings, and apply practical know-how.

## Personnel Discovery & Equipping

Where in the world are God's missionaries? GLO is constantly reminded **Candidates** are everywhere!

## Global Relationships & Networking

To address the need for drawing **Connections** globally among mission-minded Lutherans, there is need for building relationships and gaining understandings to enable previously unimagined synergies across nations and cultures, working together, one in faith.

**2000** years after the first coming of Emmanuel...

**500** years after the beginning of the Reformation...

**The time seems right** for an approach such as this to help extend Gospel witness to all nations. As GLO grows, that growth **is not in competition** with any other Lutheran mission. Indeed, GLO seeks to enable new Lutheran engagement in mission **above and beyond** what is being done already by others, through other means.

*Join us in praying for God's guidance.*

## What's been happening?

Permit us to provide a brief summary run-down of some of the events in ministry and family over the last 6 months.

**June/July:** Dale visited Cambodia to accompany the Stoltenows as they launched their "Ray of Hope" ministry with an initial 5 kids from the streets of Battambang. (About a week later, Joe and Viya welcomed their first child, Ray!)

And had a brief opportunity in Cambodia to also connect with **George and Shary Frahm** and Pastor Samuel Chut serving in the Siem Reap area in church planting and teaching English.



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## A new granddaughter!

In conjunction with this trip, Dale joined Cheri in a trip to Vietnam to be present for the birth of Tiffany and Luan's first child, Elynna Quynh Vo! (Uncle Toby was also able to be there.)



**August:** School resumed at Hillcrest School as Cheryl began her second year teaching 4th grade here. She has 21 students this year.



Celebrating Nigerian Independence day wearing different traditional clothing.

**September:** Dale traveled to another region of Nigeria to get to know a couple who want to serve as GLO missionaries if God so leads, and to help them understand how GLO works.

**October:** Dale visited East Africa:



### Kenya:

To get to know the Otula family (who desire to serve as missionaries), and to get to know better their church (the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya). I was accompanied by GLO missionary Dixon Gbeanquoi who came up from Tanzania for the meetings, to help share

how GLO works -- especially when one is coming from an African country.

**Tanzania:** Spent some time with the Gbeanquoi family and met with church leaders of the East of Lake Victoria Diocese. Also became acquainted with a Tanzanian couple who have indicated serious interest to serve as missionaries with GLO.

**Rwanda:** To explore the situation with respect to a young Lutheran church body that earnestly seeks training and assistance in ministry and mission. This visit was in conjunction with Bishop Modise Maragelo from South Africa (LCSA) and representatives from the Mission of Lutheran Churches (Germany/South Africa). The LCSA/MLC hopes to help with Lutheran training for pastors.



Meeting with the national officers of the Reformed Lutheran Church of Rwanda



### Reformation Day:

Attended the Lutheran Church of Nigeria's national celebration of the **500th Anniversary of the Reformation** in the federal capital, Abuja. It was a 3-day event (29-31 Oct.) with choirs and topic presentations, culminating in a festival service in the huge National Christian Center (a building shared by all Christians in Nigeria). The Reformation, of course, gives Lutherans a strong heritage to not only defend the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone, but to also bring that message to all the world!



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## November:

*See you later, Dad! . . . We miss you.*

After nearly 98 years on this earth, Dale's father went to be with his Savior on Nov. 5th. His many years took its toll and physical strength failed. But he loved to the end and left behind a family blessed to have been fathered and grandpa-ed by him. Mom lovingly cared for him throughout so that he could spend his last months at home.

(Christmas, 2 years ago surrounded by family.)



## GLO

**Board Meeting:** After traveling for the funeral, Dale was able to participate in the once-a-year face-to-face Board meeting, which held in Florida.



## LCN National Council:

Dale attended this annual meeting of the Lutheran Church of Nigeria. It is a good time to see old friends, build relationships, make connections, and keep acquainted with the national church and its challenges and opportunities.



**December:** Cheryl will be finishing a successful first semester in less than 3 weeks!

## As you take time in prayer, please include



- That God's will would be done and that **he will direct GLO** to be of service in faithfully entering **opportunities for outreach**.
- That Lutherans everywhere will be inspired to **joyfully announce to the world** that God has come in Christ to save.
- That some of our **missionaries who are seeking supporters** would remain encouraged and connect with those who can help send them.
- That the Light that has come into the world will enlighten the hearts of the **fourth graders** whom Cheri lovingly teaches each day.
- That Dale will progress in **Hausa** despite frequent interruptions.
- For **Dale's mother**, Dorothy, as she adjusts to the absence of her life partner.

*Thank you!*

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**Thank you so much!**

In Christ,

*Dale and Cheri Talsma*