



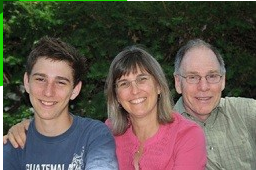
In Jars of Clay

A GLObal Missionary Mobilization Newsletter

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*"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*



As God leads...

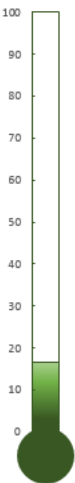
..the vision of GLO is to help wherever and however we can, so that disciples of Christ today who say "Here am I, send me." can go!

We believe the time is ripe and the task urgent for the millions of Lutherans all over the world to respond more earnestly to our Savior's commission to go into all the world.

*from everywhere
to everywhere*

We (the Talsmas) are serving with GLO to help develop missionary mobilization, particularly in Africa.

We are grateful to many of you who have been remembering our ministry in prayer and with your gifts.



Our support, thanks be to God, is at about 16% of our target for 2014. (But always 100% of what God knows we need!)

We rejoice in His provision and are grateful to so many of you for your gifts both large and small.

Gratefully,
In Christ,
Dale, Cheryl and
Jason Talsma

"Numbered 1 to 227, the passenger manifest for the missing Malaysia Airlines jet is an outwardly unremarkable document."



So starts an AP news article on flight MH370 before continuing to consider that behind the list of names,

"are 227 unique stories, part of a rich human tapestry ... There were middle-aged Australians with wanderlust, an acclaimed Chinese calligrapher, a young Indonesian man heading to begin a new career, and two people traveling on stolen passports."

My thought was: 227 souls precious and loved by God. How many of them--with their surely compelling

Who will go?

life histories--knew that the Son of God had given his life for them? How many had found forgiveness, peace and life eternal by entrusting their lives to him? How many did not? How many had ever known a Christian believer who would share Christ's love with them? In places like Malaysia and China, the chances are not good.

And then we wonder: **What of the "passenger list" on planet Earth?**

There is such good news for all, but is it getting out?

Jesus knew some communities would be closed to the message of the seventy-two, **but he sent them out anyway** (Luke 10).

Jesus revealed in the parable that some of the seed will fall on non-receptive souls, **but the seed is still to be sown** (Matt. 13).

Indeed, the promised persecution (John 15:20) awaiting the messengers of the Gospel makes it clear that God's great design for mission outreach **is not a "safe" venture.**

But still, all the same, knowing this

to be true and in spite of it all,

-He STILL assigns us to be His "witnesses" (Acts 1:8),

-we CONTINUE to be as vital to the world as "salt" and "light" (Mat. 5),

-and we are YET chosen to "declare the praises of him who called [us] out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Pet 2:9).

To an often unreceptive and hostile world -- of every tribe and nation -- God sends messengers of Law and Gospel.

I recall a chorus sung in Nigeria:

Here am I, Lord Jesus.

Here am I, send me.

To the fields of harvest,

Here am I, send me.

It echoes the prophet Isaiah's words when God sought a messenger:

"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Who will go?

Will you go?

Or do you know someone wanting to go?

Will you help another go?

Some specific needs for missionaries:

- Medical doctor in Tanzania at a Lutheran hospital (near Mwanza)
- ICT person to work with mission arm of the Evangelical Ethiopian Church Mekane Yesus
- Nurse, community health worker, or lab tech: Lutheran School of Health Tech - Nigeria
- Project director in Botswana with the Lutheran Church in Southern Africa,
- Director for GLO's Student Mission Experience engaging university students in cross-cultural mission service opportunities.

There are several other needs also (including in South Sudan - see other side), but whatever it may be, if someone feels led by God to go and serve, wherever in the world you are coming from, we are here to help match you with a mission opportunity where you can witness to God's love in Christ.

from everywhere to everywhere





REMEMBERING WHAT HE HAS TOLD US

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

(Matt. 5:9-10)

Let us know if you would like to schedule a MISSION VISIT to YOUR congregation, school or missions group.

We would love to help arouse greater enthusiasm about global needs and exciting opportunities for Lutheran outreach—worshiping, praying and sharing God's Word with God's people!

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To support the Talsmas in this mission:

* Please include them in your prayers!

* To contribute financially:

Tax-deductible donations can be made through GLO's website or by mail.

Checks can be mailed to:

Global Lutheran Outreach,
6709 Ficus Drive,
Miramar, FL 33023.

(Make check out to "Global Lutheran Outreach" with "Talsma" in the memo line.)

To donate online, go to

www.globallutheranoutreach.com/Talsma
and click the "Give" button.
(Automatic withdrawal is available.)

**Asante! Sosongo! ¡Gracias!
Thanks!**

Mission in a conflict zone?



paired, and God's people are still sent *to proclaim the Good News where bad news seems to prevail.*

How would God have us respond to such need and lend our brothers and sisters in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sudan/South Sudan our support as they faithfully press on?

South Sudan, which was so devastated by civil war before recently gaining independence in 2011, has now fallen into more violence between rival factions in the country. Amidst the turmoil and suffering, the Gospel seed has continued to be sown and produce fruit, including a growing Lutheran church. But many of them have been uprooted again fleeing this new violence. It is hard for most of us to comprehend the daily distress that accompanies our brothers and sisters caught in such persistent devastation. But the Word of God is not im-

It can't be that we simply assume mission work has to wait for peace. Let us uphold our brothers and sisters in prayer, pray for peace in the country, and pray that messengers of Peace may respond to the need...as God leads.



Entrusting all into the Potter's hands, please join us in prayer

- For our brothers and sisters in South Sudan
- For candidates willing to serve in the positions mentioned above
- God's provision for missionaries preparing to deploy: Dixon and Christiana Gbeanquoi (from West Africa), Sharon Whightsil (US, to Kenya), George and Shary Frahm (US, to Cambodia), and Jim and Liisa Tino (US, to Chile, while continuing as director of GLO).
- Open doors and fruitful service for African missionaries Liz Callahan (Botswana) and Eric and Linda Funke (Tanzania)
- God's guidance for our family as Dale and Cheryl seek God's direction for the year ahead and as Jason chooses a university to attend .

As we give God thanks for...

- Thank You Lord, for the many faithful and gifted servants who have answered "Here am I, send me"!
- Thank You for providing all that is needed for these missionaries!
- Thank You for those who support them with their gifts and prayers!
- Thank You for continuing to watch over your people in harms way.
- And Thank You for opening doors for the sharing of the Gospel.

...in Jesus' name. Amen!