

From Everywhere to Everywhere

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Dear James,

"Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins." (Acts 10:43)

I love the "Easter Season" in the church year for several reasons, and chief among them is the series of lectionary readings from the book of Acts. It's definitely my favorite book of the Bible! Like all of Scripture, there's always something new to discover regardless of how many times you've read it.

Peter's sermon in the home of Cornelius (Acts 10:34-48) brims with evangelistic fervor. It is a clear "Law and Gospel" sermon, and God worked through those words and the events which led up to that moment to work faith in the hearts of the hearers. Listen to those words: "God is not one to show partiality... everyone... is welcome to Him. We are witnesses... and He ordered us to preach to the people. Everyone who believes in His name receives forgiveness of sins."

What a message! What a God! What a Savior! It was true then, and it's still true today. Forgiveness is for all. Everyone is welcome!

Our missionaries are our hands and our voices bringing the same Good News that Peter proclaimed in the Cornelius' house, to homes and families around the world. From the steppes of Mongolia to the barren beaches of Guayana; from urban apartments to thatched-roof huts, everyone is welcome! Thank you for your partnership in this great task.

Share it with a friend!

Know someone who would be interested in reading about, praying for, and praising God for His work



Director's Corner

Rev. Dr. James Tino

Running an organization is a lot of work, even if it is not a very large organization. When I started GLO back in 2010, I didn't know what I was doing (still don't, but that's another story!). I do recall having this thought: *It's not bad to do it all myself at first, because that way I'll get to know all aspects of running the organization.* That thought - along with the fact that there was no money to pay anyone - were the primary staffing considerations.

I did get to know what it takes to run Global Lutheran Outreach, from setting up accounting systems, to communication, to missionary training, to working with partners. Over the years, God has blessed GLO and now we are able to have some support staff, praise the Lord! Thank God I no longer have to do it all myself - nor could I, for that matter. This issue introduces you to two of our key support

through the missionaries of Global Lutheran Outreach? We encourage you to share this newsletter with others who may enjoy it! Or, simply share the link below.

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personnel on the GLO team, Brent Friedrichs and Bill Kraft. Many of you may have already had some interactions with one or both of them. I hope you enjoy hearing a bit of their stories.

Like everything in the Church, mission work is a team effort. Praise God for our team!

This newsletter focuses on God's work through the missionaries of Global Lutheran Outreach in order to build a supportive community of prayer and praise.

Together, we rise up.

Rise with us!

Meet Brent Friedrichs

Brent is the longest-serving member of all GLO personnel. He was our very first GLO missionary, starting with our organization in 2010. At that time, Brent and his family were living in Jos, Nigeria and serving as independent Lutheran missionaries.

How did they end up in Jos? Brent was born and raised in Charter Oak, Iowa. After earning diplomas in construction, carpentry, drafting and welding, he went on to get a degree in civil engineering with a business minor. His first overseas position was with the Peace Corps in Gabon, West Africa. He was involved in everything from coordinating construction to training workers and administering the payroll.

In 1997 he began working for LCMS World Mission as the business administrator for Nigeria. During 8+ years, he travelled extensively throughout Africa doing problem solving, project management and account reconciliation in various countries of West Africa. Along the way, he met Eugenie via online dating. Eugenie is from South Africa, and at that time was living in England. After Brent's position ended with LCMS World Mission, they got married in 2006 and decided to stay in Jos and continue their ministry.

Eventually, they wrapped things up in Nigeria and moved to Charter Oak, Iowa. Jim offered Brent the opportunity to use his skills as business manager for GLO. Brent accepted and continues serving in that capacity today. Brent also drives a school bus and



participates in many community affairs. He and his wife Eugenie have been married for 18 years. They have 2 sons: Micah, 15 and Zander, 14.

Meet Bill Kraft



Bill Kraft was born in Xenia, Ohio (outside Dayton), but grew up in Hollywood and Miami Beach, Florida. Bill had one job for his whole working life - he worked for the family business, Hampshire Inc. Bill started part time at Hampshire when he was just 14 years old, right after his father died from a heart attack. In all, Bill worked there for nearly 50 years.

Hampshire was a company that engraved stationery. Under Bill's leadership, Hampshire modernized their production by bringing in computers, setting up new accounting systems in the front office, and setting up pre-press and etching departments to produce the plates to run in their presses.

Bill and his wife Janie are members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Weston, Florida, which is where GLO director Jim Tino met them. He joined GLO in May 2019 and is the part-time office manager for the GLO main

office in Miramar, Florida. He handles all the mail, correspondence with missionaries, and printing needs. This coming July, Bill and Janie, will be celebrating 42 years of marriage. They have one son, Billy and one grandson, Milo (*pictured*).

Thrivent members make a difference!



Last year, **Thrivent members used their Choice Dollars to direct over \$10,000 to Global Lutheran Outreach!** What a blessing! Designated Thrivent Choice dollars given to GLO go directly to the specified missionary or project. Undesignated Choice funds go to our Matching Fund program, matching dollar-for-dollar what missionaries raise for their support outside of the USA. **Your Choice dollars**

directed to GLO support missionaries!

You may direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Global Lutheran Outreach at any time during the year. If you need assistance determining whether you have Choice Dollars to distribute, [click this link for Thrivent](#), or call 800-847-4836. Thrivent's customer service can help you specify GLO as the recipient of your Choice Dollars.

Teachers needed and wanted!

Are you feeling the Lord calling you to something new? We have received many requests for teachers, both certified educators and "amateur" teachers. Some of the opportunities are English-language based, while others are teaching English to Spanish-speaking students. If you would like to explore this opportunity, [email GLO director Jim Tino](#).



Together before the Throne

* Faithful Father, we thank you for those people who enable us to do the things that You have called us to do. Thank you especially for **Brent Friedrichs** and **Bill Kraft**, and for the work that they do to enable GLO missionaries to serve you in places around the world!

* Resurrected Lord Jesus, give Your power and courage to all **our GLO missionaries as they seek to proclaim the crucified and risen Lord** to people who are indifferent, uninformed, and otherwise distanced from the Gospel. Send more Lutherans with willing hearts to serve cross-culturally. Raise up an army of supporters for each of them!

* Owner of All the Earth, we pray for **missionaries who lack the financial support** to continue their service. We pray especially for **the Ventura family in Santiago, Chile**, whose support has diminished to less than 50% of what is required to keep them in their ministry. Raise up faithful partners who will pray for them and support them financially.

* **Bless new GLO missionaries Osmel and Yolanda Soliz** (from

* Divine Physician, we continue to pray for GLO missionary **Amos Otula (Kenya)**, currently receiving treatments for cancer. Heal Amos of the cancer, Lord! His life is in Your hands.

* Bless the **Lutheran church of Chile** as it continues to respond to the needs of many people who lost their homes in recent **wildfires** in Valparaiso and Viña del Mar. Bless the Disaster Response training to be held in May and equip the participants to shine the light of Jesus in the midst of tragedy.

* Lord of the Harvest, **go with our missionaries who are deploying** to their fields of service: **Heather and Nathan Pittman** (and family) deploying this month as missionaries from the **USA to Kenya**; and **Victor and Belén Rivas** and family, returning to service in **Guyana from Guatemala**. Keep them safe from anything that would distract, disturb, or otherwise hinder them as they seek to serve You in the calling that You have given them.

* Faithful Shepherd, go with

Bolivia to Bolivia), and **Valeria Bustamante**(from Argentina to Uruguay) as they launch into their support discovery process and seek to engage the Lutherans in their home countries to become mission partners! Keep them from discouragement, and surprise them with Your bounty!

* **Thank you, Lord**, for your traveling mercies as You have granted safe travel for GLO director **James Tino** as he travelled to Uruguay and Bolivia during this past month. Bless the new missionaries in those lands as they learn the "GLO system" and become living examples of Your mission "from everywhere to everywhere"!

missionary **Shary Frahm** (Cambodia) as she returns to the US in early May. Grant her your travelling mercies, and also lead and direct her decisions as she contemplates her continued service under Pastor Ravy at Lutheran Hope Church in Siem Riep.

* Lord of the Harvest, we ask your presence and **blessing on all churches everywhere**, especially those who are facing difficult times, declining membership, or financial challenges. Help us to remain encouraged and to be renewed by the gathering of the saints and the forgiveness of sins. We pray especially for _____ (*insert your church name*). Grant us joyful hearts, faithful leaders, and sufficient resources.

Rise above!

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