

***Fan into Flame* PROJECT SYNOPSES**

March 20, 2009

<i>Fan into Flame</i> total goal.....	\$100,000,000
Allocated costs associated with conducting campaign.....	\$10,000,000
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THE ENDS OF THE EARTH (INTERNATIONAL)

Allocation: \$15,750,000

Triple our mission worker base (23 identified to date)

- 9 in Africa Focus: health and evangelism in crisis situations
- 4 in Asia Focus: education
- 5 in Eurasia Focus: reconnect with Christian heritage
- 5 in Latin America Focus: building capacity of partners

Each Network Supported Missionary (NSM) receives \$50,000 as a start-up amount toward full funding. [☞]¹

Funds that will be raised in this category will become a quasi-endowment. The quasi-endowment will generate income to be used to provide the \$50,000 startup funds for each new NSM. It is estimated that 15 missionary positions could be funded annually through startup funds from this \$15 million fund. Funding the missionary allocation of *Fan into Flame* will provide a sustainable funding stream that will allow for perpetual startup funds for new missionaries into the future.

¹ [☞] indicates expanded information is attached

AFRICA

Mission health care centers across Africa

Ministry aimed at alleviating suffering. Missionaries address health, the environment, education, and disaster management and response. Implementation of a holistic approach to evangelism. **\$750,000**

New church buildings across Africa

With national churches, supports building 50-100 new churches. Our mission will partner with the local congregations by supplying the roofing and other construction-related expenses, while the local congregation will supply materials for the walls and labor for construction of the walls and roof. **\$250,000**

Mobile mission training centers in East Africa

This project will provide mobile training centers in such East African countries as Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Sudan. MTCs are outfitted with religious educational materials (1,000 copies each of 25 titles distributed among the MTCs). **\$250,000**

Seminary Construction, Accra, Ghana

Build a seminary in Accra that will train pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana. It also will serve as a venue for hosting programs of continuing education for pastors and church leaders, for women's gatherings, and for special youth events. **\$500,000** [📄]

Jonathan Ekong Memorial Lutheran Seminary dormitory, Nigeria

This project will construct a new dormitory that will accommodate the growing resident student population. The seminary hopes to double its enrollment over the next few years. New residence space is required to accommodate the influx of students. **\$200,000**

Increasing seminary enrollment, Togo

The Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) in Dapaong, Togo, serves national Lutheran churches in seven French-speaking African countries. This project is to double the annual onsite enrollment of the CLET to 30 students per year. This would allow for at least 15 students to be trained in the Novice Program and 11 or more students to be trained in the Pastoral Program each year. **\$250,000**

Matongo Lutheran College/Seminary Expansion, Kenya

Construction of a new library and a conference hall will serve pastoral students, deaconesses, evangelists, teachers, and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) workers. The library will serve as a research center for sound confessional Lutheran theology. Along with being useful for school activity, the conference center will be an income-generating project that will lead the seminary toward becoming a self-sustaining institution. The ELCK has provided \$34,000 for the land, architectural drawings, and construction materials. This project seeks the labor costs. **\$388,402** (\$176,215 for the library, \$212,187 for the conference center)

ASIA

China Lutheran Seminary, Taiwan

This is major building and expansion program to construct a new eight-story facility to bring the seminary into the 21st century and make it one of the top schools in Taiwan and the region for sound Lutheran theological training. **\$200,000 This project has been completed.**

Concordia International School, Hanoi, Vietnam

A feasibility study has been conducted and an application submitted to the government. Locations for a Lutheran educational presence will be explored in consultation with government officials. A strategic mission developer for Vietnam will be hired and in place. This project is moving forward at a rapid pace. The school is scheduled to open in August 2010. **\$2,000,000**

New church buildings, India

Partnering with the workers and congregations of the India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC) in their church-planting efforts we are helping them purchase sites for chapels. For an average of \$10,000 per village, we can purchase a site that is on common property (caste neutral) in the village and give them startup funds for the construction. **\$450,000**

New mission stations on the tea plantations of Sri Lanka

The Lanka Lutheran Church has an *Ablaze!* challenge to have ministries on 200 of the 500 tea plantations in the mountains of central Sri Lanka. In order to accomplish this goal, they want to place mission stations on 25 new plantations over the next three years. **\$200,000**

Concordia Seminary upgrade and expansion, Nagercoil, India

The seminary received certification in July 2008 to prepare pastors to receive a Bachelor's degree. This will result in an expanding student body. It will require continued upgrading of the facilities (faculty houses, classrooms, library, married student and staff apartments, etc.) to accommodate this new level of instruction. The seminary is also looking for a theology professor to serve as an LCMS missionary for 3-4 years to get the program up and running. **\$250,000**

EURASIA

Preventing HIV/AIDS in Russia

Combat the HIV epidemic in at-risk populations in Russia by offering a Gospel presentation and an explanation of God's plan for a healthy lifestyle. Accomplished through numerous tactics including by prison ministry, mobilizing members of the Ingrian Church, broadcasting on Russia's TransWorld Radio Network, and through AIDS awareness events such as art exhibitions and even biker rallies! **\$750,000**

Restoration of St. Michael Lutheran Church, St. Petersburg, Russia

The Ingrian Church has regained possession of this historic church facility. The Russian government expects the congregation to restore the building to its original condition to continue using it as a church. Renovation is underway, completed on the inside, but the exterior must be renovated or the building may revert to the city government. The facility also provides space for many community activities which provide outreach opportunities for the members. **\$1,050,000 Raising funds for this Project has been completed**

Expanded facility, Omsk, Russia

Hundreds of new Gospel touches will take place in Omsk as a result of expanding the facilities, which will open up opportunities for expanded training and ministry. Furthermore, this facility will serve as a regional center as the congregation's work also includes mission outposts in villages in the greater Omsk province. Needed is the balance to finish expansion. **\$11,000**

Wittenberg Project, Germany

This project includes helping our German partner church plant a congregation in Wittenberg, Germany. It also provides for establishing an International Lutheran Welcome Center that will include classroom and meeting space, a Christian bookstore, tourist facilities, and worship space. It is anticipated that the center will provide training and seminars for evangelists, pastors, deaconesses, teachers, and church leaders. It will house a worshipping community and provide Bible study, youth activities, Sunday school, and other congregational services to young and old. **\$500,000**

Westfield House (seminary) expansion, Cambridge, England

Seminary students from many countries have studied theology at Westfield House, which is the theological college of the 2,000-member Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (the ELCE). New dormitory facilities are required to house the many international students that study each year at Westfield House. **\$500,000**

Central Asia Lutheran Seminary/Lutheran Church Concordia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

In 1998 Concordia Lutheran Church in Bishkek was founded with 14 confirmed members. As of May 2008, there are now 35 churches and home groups. This project will complete the construction of a multi-purpose building to house the congregation, the national church offices, and seminary classrooms. This project will strengthen an emerging partner church. **\$81,250**

Lutheran Ministry Center, Vilnius, Lithuania

This project will remodel a church building to serve as a ministry center for the Lutheran Church in Vilnius. Currently there is no available place in the capital city for Lutheran public events. The ministry center would become a place that could be used for lay ministry education, pastoral leadership training, and serve as an outreach to the community through ministry programs such as Christian exhibitions and conferences. The building is located in the center of Vilnius near to the cathedral and the bishop's office. The Diakonia Center and elderly house are next door. The Lithuanian Church will sponsor roof repair (\$180,000). *Fan into Flame* funds will remodel the ground floor to contain an 80-person meeting room, kitchen, and restrooms—Phase I. Guest rooms will be added in Phase II. **\$300,000** A Phase III will be covered by another partner to include smaller meeting rooms, administration offices, and a communication/media center.

LATIN AMERICA

School for missionaries, Argentina

Expand the current seminary to accommodate a school for missionaries by renovating the current residence to provide more classrooms and a new seminary residence with a section of apartments for married students and another for single students. The residence will have suites for single students and will have units for 15 married students and their families, with one or two bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, and a study. **\$600,000**

WHERE NEEDED MOST (GENERAL UNRESTRICTED)

This category of gifts is for use by any project in the approved catalog (list) that is underway and does not have sufficient designated funds assigned. General campaign expenses are also paid from gifts to this category.

JERUSALEM/JUDEA

Allocation: \$27,000,000

These represent local and district projects, and will consume a net 15% each of the funds gathered for ***Fan into Flame***. These funds support outreach activities identified by congregations and districts to be conducted locally and regionally. Congregation profiles and district case statements spell out these activities.

SAMARIA

Allocation: \$16,250,000

The following three projects are LCMS World Mission National Mission projects. Donors giving major gifts may designate to these projects. Otherwise, they will be funded from "Where Needed Most."

Outreach faith sharing

The one-to-one sharing of the Gospel that forms the basis for reaching 50 million people in the United States presupposes readiness by each member of the LCMS. However, congregation members require resources to encourage, assist, and support their outreach conversations. The ***Ablaze!*** Bible Listening Project provides personal CDs and digital Bible Sticks® of God's Word recorded in a dramatized fashion for listening and sharing with others. An additional component of the program provides digital recordings of the Bible in up to 300 languages to Bible listening groups around the world. **\$3,500,000**

Congregation revitalization

Congregations in a maintenance mode or declining in Gospel outreach express a desire to become a mission outpost—a place surrounded by a community that needs the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ. LCMS World Mission National Mission has developed a process to assist local congregations in revitalizing their sense of mission. This process includes a number of ancillary resources such as the Transforming Congregations Network (TCN). TCN is the operational agent for the mission revitalization process of LCMS World Mission. **\$2,750,000**

Planting new churches

- *Ablaze!* Covenant Congregations formally covenant with LCMS World Mission and their district to employ creative outreach activities of various kinds to plant up to four new congregations. These congregations are not alone in their efforts, but utilize shared resources in partnership with World Mission. This model concentrates the responsibility for outreach and church planting at the local, congregational level. [☞]
- Today, urban centers include concentrations of people who are non-Christian or post-Christian. It is appropriate that we plan to share the Gospel where we find the highest number of non-Christians. LCMS World Mission National Mission is targeting 27 urban areas where we might place U.S. missionaries.

\$10,000,000

MISSION OPPORTUNITY AND EMERGENCY FUND ENDOWMENT

A permanent quasi-endowment will enable LCMS World Mission to respond to new mission opportunities and meet sudden urgent needs, such as emergency evacuation of missionaries during times of unrest. This fund will also be used to enter places that were previously closed to outreach efforts or when emergency medical assistance is needed. **\$20,000,000**

ADDENDA

[☞] **Triple our mission worker base**

Network Supported Workers Placed in 2008

- Research and Development Assistant, Medical Missions (Sommermeyer)
- *Ablaze!* Outreach Developer, Central Europe (Fiala)
- Research and Development Assistant, Education (Petersen)
- *Ablaze!* Developer, Eurasia (Blokner)
- Vicar, Leadership Training Facilitator, Uganda (Trump)
- Leadership Training Facilitator, Uganda (Gillard)
- Volunteer Coordinator, Peru (DiLiberto)

[☞] **Covenant Congregations**

In January 2008, grants of \$50,000 each were awarded to ten pilot congregations funded by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. **\$500,000** total, accounted through *Fan into Flame*.

An additional nine congregations were identified and grants awarded through LCMS National Mission in July 2008. These grants are funded through the annual Thrivent block grant and a fund established by a *Fan into Flame* major donor. **\$450,000**

An additional seven congregations were identified and grants awarded through LCMS National Mission in March 2009. These grants are funded through the annual Thrivent block grant and a fund established by a *Fan into Flame* major donor. **\$350,000**

[☞] **Seminary Construction, Accra, Ghana**

After a protracted delay, clearing of land and laying of the foundation for two initial buildings is about to get underway. At a meeting in February 2009, the following was suggested by ELCG President Fynn and agreed upon:

- 1) Construction was to commence early in March.
- 2) After the foundation is done for the dorm it is to be considered if the administration/classroom/library building can also be built within the project budget of US \$500,000 and,
- 3) Architect Poul Bertelsen is to return to Accra in about a month's time to stay for a week to see the beginning of the construction and to get a better idea of construction cost in Accra and thus what can indeed be done for funds available.