



THE FOREIGN MISSION

OF THE APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA
"YOUR FOREIGN MISSION AT A GLANCE"

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Mission Statement: (Abbreviated version) The Mission of the Foreign Mission of the Apostolic Lutheran Church is to be obedient to the words of our Lord Jesus Christ when he said in Mark 16:15 *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.* Going forth with The Word of God by His Grace is the reason the Foreign Mission exists. In the Gospel of John, Chapter 20, verse 21-23 Jesus says: *Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.....* It is with this message that we desire to go forth as Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-20 *All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.* Cost what it may cost, this is our mission.

Countries Served: Guatemala, India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, China, Russia, Philippines, Nigeria, South Africa, Togo, Ghana, Liberia, Malawi, Vietnam, Pakistan and Nepal. The level of activity varies greatly from country to country according to needs and reception. In the countries of Uganda, Mozambique, Kenya, Lesotho, Swaziland, and Congo, the FM has widely distributed the *Follow Jesus, Prevent AIDS* Booklet. Proclaiming the Gospel is always our top priority. Missionaries from the ALC are on the ground, when possible.

Number of Churches: 1167 (these can vary from large churches, to small gatherings in makeshift shanties)

Total Membership: 139,448 Not including outreach into villages that reaches tens of thousands of souls.

Number of Pastors: 421 In some countries, one pastor is responsible for 6-8 congregations or more. Services are conducted on many different days during the week. The FM financially supports many of these pastors.

Booklets & Newsletters: The *Christian Monthly* has a wide distribution worldwide. The *Where He Leads* newsletter is sent to the leadership in many of the countries we are working with. The *Follow Jesus, Prevent AIDS* booklet has been distributed by the FM to over 4 million people in 27 languages. The Gospel Message is being spread through all these publications on an ongoing basis.

Funding Sources: Love gifts and offerings from Individuals, Companies, Churches, Sunday Schools, and Foundations

Costs: Approximately 94.6% of our income goes directly to the spreading of the Gospel outside the US. Our overhead/administration costs are among the lowest, when compared to most any charitable organization.

Up Coming Seminars and Programs: Mission Training Seminars, Convention Presentations, the Church FM Liaison Position Program, and Youth camp presentations are all part of the planning to inform and equip the church body for this most important mission, the spreading of the *Gospel of Jesus Christ*.

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Pray ye therefore the Lord
of the harvest, that he will
send forth labourers into
his harvest.

Matthew 9:38

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