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**Global Mission Sundays: April 14 & 21**

## Global Mission Sundays

**April 14:** Pastor Aune preaching  
Temple Talk: Guatemala  
Adult Forum: *Tanzania Reflections* presented by recent Tanzania travelers

**April 21:** Pastor Torgerson preaching  
Temple Talk: Tanzania  
Adult Forum: *"Growing Food in Tanzania"* presented by Mike Schmitt & Dave Johnson



## 2013 Goals

**Participation:** Everyone,  
any amount

**Offering:** \$50,000

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## Tanzania

- \$5,000 Ipogoro Congregation and Preaching Points
- \$4,000 Secondary School Scholarships
- \$4,000 Selian Hospital
- \$3,500 Plaster House
- \$2,000 Huruma Orphanage
- \$2,000 Tumaini University Scholarships
- \$1,500 Agricultural Plots
- \$1,500 The Weavers
- \$1,500 Widow's Might
- \$1,000 Agricultural Education Extension Network

## Guatemala

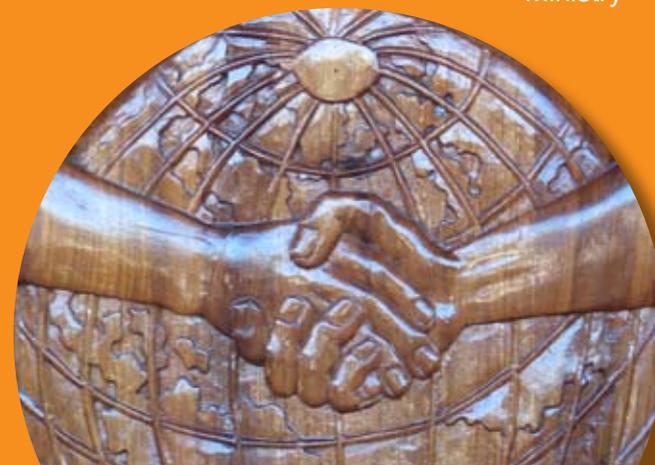
- \$5,000 New Church Building – La Esmeralda
- \$4,000 Education Fund
- \$2,000 Leadership Development
- \$2,000 General Support of the ILAG
- \$2,000 Latrine Project
- \$2,000 Support for Pastor Amanda Olson de Castillo
- \$1,000 San Agustin Congregation
- \$1,000 Medical Emergencies
- \$1,000 Common Basket
- \$1,000 Augustana Youth Travel Scholarships
- \$500 Transportation and Health Needs of Padre Jose Antonio
- \$500 Guatemala Youth Ministry

## Thailand

- \$2,000 Cathy Wenz; Missionary in Thailand

## ANY AMOUNT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- \$5** Provides a birthday cake for a child at the Huruma Center
- \$10** Provides school supplies for a student for an entire year
- \$25** Provides one bag of maize which will feed 200 children for three days
- \$50** Provides milk for all the children at the Plaster House for one month
- \$100** Provides six iron roofing sheets
- \$500** Provides surgery and rehabilitation for children suffering from debilitating orthopedic problems
- \$1,000** Provides materials for building three dry compost latrines





Ipogoro Morning Program

*Did you know?*  
There are three million orphans in Tanzania.

One of the premier schools in Tanzania, **Image Secondary School** is a Lutheran boarding school not far from Iringa. More than 800 middle and high school-aged students are challenged with rigorous academics including physics, calculus and history. Augustana provides tuition assistance for two students from the Ipogoro congregation.

From an initial enrollment of 37 students in 1994, Iringa's **Tumaini University** is currently educating more than 3,600 students (57 percent male and 43 percent female). When Tumaini graduates set out in search of a job, they are often the ones selected because employers are well aware of the university's excellent reputation. Many alums – men and women – are now in leadership positions throughout the country.

One of the major medical issues for children in Tanzania is caused by too much fluoride in their water. A terrible effect is bone deformity that distorts their legs and keeps them from school and other activities. In Arusha, these children can become mobile with surgery and up to six months of casts. Augustana-supported ELCA missionary, Dr. Mark Jacobson, Director of **Arusha Lutheran Medical Center**, introduced the concept of the **Plaster House**, a rehabilitation facility where these children are cared for until they are able to go home.

Also in Arusha is a thriving group of entrepreneurial mothers who have learned the art of weaving – from harvesting the grass to designing patterns to painstakingly working the grass into strong and beautiful baskets. With the sales of their baskets, along with their fabrics and jewelry, the **Weavers** women can send their children to school and provide a better life for their families.



Ipogoro Church



The Weavers

# Tanzania

## A Warm & Wonderful Place

*Did you know?*  
There are more Lutherans in Tanzania than in the United States.

From the moment your plane lands in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, two facts are inescapable: the country is filled with beautiful children with warm and genuine smiles, and there are very few people in the 30 to 50 age group. This group is referred to as the “missing generation” – a result of HIV/AIDS. Sadly this “missing generation” has left three million orphans to face a life of uncertainty.

For a growing number of children in the town of Iringa and the larger city of Arusha, this is not the end of their story. Rather, it's just the beginning. There are stories of hope, joy, and faith. The stories include tireless work done by incredibly generous and faith-filled Tanzanians, along with the prayers and financial support of churches in the St. Paul Area Synod.

More than 200 parentless children are cared for by generous family members and friends who attend **Ipogoro Church**. To assist in educating and raising these children, Ipogoro Church began a morning program (similar to our preschool) to care for these three and four year olds. The program equips the children for school and life; they study English and learn about the love of Jesus. In addition, Ipogoro Church is a gathering place each afternoon for more than 50 school-aged children who come to play in this safe and nurturing environment.

To 35 children – orphans and street kids -- Iringa's **Huruma Center** is home. A small staff provides the children with education (including vocational and entrepreneurship training), life skills and spiritual guidance, enabling them to adjust well when they join the community as adults.



Image Secondary School



Huruma Center



Amazing progress has been made in our 25-year partnership with the people of this beautiful African country. The future of both churches -- Augustana and Ipogoro -- is dependent on the young people we are all nurturing and developing in America and Tanzania. We eagerly await the stories of faith and hope that will emerge as our partnership passes to the next generation, one of walking shoulder to shoulder and sharing a life of Christ.



The Plaster House



# Guatemala

Ten Years Later....

We have been a companion church to San Agustín in La Esmeralda, Guatemala for ten years. Ten delegations have traveled to visit. What have we seen in ten years?

The current church was completed, with concrete walls and a cement floor. An office/meeting room was built, followed by a kitchen, complete with an adobe oven. The hill overlooking the current buildings awaits the new church. The hard rock base had to be leveled by hand. The dream of a “temple on the hill” was mentioned on our first visit and this year’s delegation will see the foundation of the new church when we arrive in July. There have been numerous baptisms, first communions, confirmations, and weddings at San Agustín. The church continues to have great respect in the community and there have been some connections made between the Catholic church and the Lutheran church in La Esmeralda, primarily by the music teams. This is groundbreaking territory in a country where ecumenical exchanges are rare.

Each and every Sunday our Guatemalan brothers and sisters pray for us. We also pray for the members of San Agustín each and every Sunday. Listen for this prayer in our church service and include our Guatemalan friends in your daily prayers.

Pastor José Antonio Ramírez Herrera was ordained by Bishop Horacio Castillo and is one of the strongest leaders in the national church gatherings. He is respected by all as a wise and gentle man.

The women began weaving again, after many had forgotten this art when they lived in the Mexican refugee camps. They sell their weavings to our delegations to bring back to Augustana and other churches in the Saint Paul Area Synod. The sales supplement the family income.



Pastor Antonio



Our connection with the public school remains strong. Yearly gifts of school supplies from Augustana’s children to each student and teacher demonstrate support for education.

A cattle project was begun with outside financial help and leadership from the church, providing a source of income for many families.

The health promoter, Catarina Ceto, a very quiet, reserved woman in her early 40s, has attended a number of health retreats at the Lutheran Center in Guatemala City and works tirelessly to improve lives by sharing her knowledge of basic sanitation procedures, serving as a first aid provider and by starting a youth group of first responders.



## A Global Partnership Focuses on Five Areas

- prayer
- communication
- scholarships for education
- exchange visits
- and financial support

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