

Augustana
Lutheran Church



GLOBAL MISSION 2017
Sundays, April 30 & May 7

Global Mission Events

Sunday, April 30

- **Adult Forum Guest Speaker**
The International Field Director from Lutheran Mideast Development will share the inspiring work being done by this organization.
- **Congregational Potluck Dinner**
5:00-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 7

- **Adult Forum Guest Speaker**
Renee Labat will share her experiences in Argentina with Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM).
- **Receive Global Mission Offering**
Our goal is \$50,000



Introducing Lutheran Mideast Development

Dear Augustana members and friends,

Over the past 25 years, many important ministries have been launched in Tanzania and Guatemala because of our global partnerships. The historical timeline on the following pages illustrates the progression of our work together. There is still much to do and our work will continue.

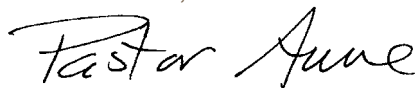
For some time, I have been feeling that God is calling us to expand our global outreach and serve new people with the love of Christ. A few years ago, John Snider, Pastor at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in West St. Paul, introduced me to an organization called Lutheran Mideast Development (LMD). For over 100 years, this highly regarded and trusted Lutheran organization has worked to tear down walls and build bridges between Muslims and Christians in Kurdistan. Their work is focused on education, empowering women, and healthcare, all which perfectly align with our values and priorities in Tanzania and Guatemala.

The pictures on this page give you a brief introduction to this organization. You can learn more about LMD in worship and Adult Forum on April 30. The Executive Field Director of LMD will tell the compelling story of how this organization is helping people who have been attacked by ISIS and providing hope in a land where hope is in short supply. Our goal is to support LMD with a gift of \$5,000 this year.

Augustana is blessed to be part of a global church as evidenced by Augustana member Renee Labat's work in Argentina with the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM). I invite you to attend Adult Forum on May 7 to hear her inspiring story.

Thank you for stepping into the Global Mission arena and generously supporting our global partners. I encourage you to make a gift in any amount out of faith, hope, and joy.

In Gratitude,



Pastor Mark Aune



Augustana's \$5000 gift will:

- Provide food and clothing to families displaced by ISIS and wars in Turkey, Syria and Iraq
- Empower women through the "Girls Believing in Themselves" handicrafts business
- Keep kids in school and out of the hands of militias

Tanzania



1990

Pastor Gary Langness and his wife, Carol, made their first trip to Iringa, Tanzania. The first Global Mission taskforce was launched and later that year the first offering (\$9,000) received.

1991

Augustana was the first congregation in the St. Paul Area Synod to have a companion congregation in Tanzania when we partnered with Ipogoro and its 8 preaching points.

1999

Pastor Aune taught for a semester at Tumaini University. Augustana youth traveled to Tanzania for the first time.

Our Partnerships Make A Difference in Tanzania

The Five Areas of Global Partnership

Prayer

Every Sunday we pray for our companion congregations, Ipogoro and Nyamhanga. They, in turn, pray for Augustana and our members.

Communication

Email, social media, and brochures are a few of the ways we stay in touch with the organizations in our global partnerships.

Scholarships for Education

Over \$100,000 in scholarships have been awarded to students in Tanzania.

Exchange Visits

Over 240 Augustana members (adults and youth) have traveled to Tanzania on 19 occasions. In addition, delegations from Tanzania have visited Augustana 4 times.

Financial Support

Over \$940,000 has been shared with our global partners in Tanzania.

\$4,000	Secondary School Scholarships
\$4,000	Arusha Lutheran Medical Center
\$3,000	Plaster House Surgeries
\$2,000	Ipogoro Congregation
\$2,000	Nyamhanga Congregation
\$2,000	University of Iringa Scholarships
\$2,000	Huruma Orphanage
\$2,000	Ipogoro Orphan Project
\$1,000	Weavers
\$1,000	Widow's Might

2000

Partnerships with secondary schools (scholarships) and Huruma Center (orphanage) began.

2002

Companion congregation partnership expanded to Guatemala with the addition of San Agustín congregation.

2010

Supported construction and use of dry latrines as a commitment to health and human dignity in Guatemala.

Guatemala



2008

Arusha Lutheran Medical Center opened in Arusha, Tanzania under the direction of Dr. Mark Jacobson.

2013

Water project in Guatemala provided clean water through indoor water filters and outdoor storage tanks.

2014

Pastor Aune participated in the ordination of Pastor Fabian Gaspar in Guatemala.

Our Partnerships Make A Difference in Guatemala

The Five Areas of Global Partnership

Prayer

Every Sunday, Augustana prays for our companion congregation, San Agustín. They, in turn, pray for Augustana and our members.

Communication

Email, social media, and brochures are a few of the ways we stay in touch with the organizations in our global partnerships.

Scholarships for Education

Over \$50,000 in scholarships have been awarded to students in Guatemala.

Exchange Visits

Over 50 Augustana members (adults and youth) have traveled to Guatemala on 13 occasions. In addition, delegations from Guatemala have visited Augustana 10 times.

Financial Support

Over \$400,000 has been shared with our global partners in Guatemala.

\$8,000	Educational Scholarships
\$2,500	Women's Ministry
\$2,500	Health Ministry
\$2,000	Youth Ministry
\$2,000	Common Basket (for churches without a partnership)
\$2,000	Lutheran Center
\$1,000	San Agustín

*\$2,000 Cathy Wentz, Missionary in Thailand

2015

Nyamhanga added as our second companion congregation in Tanzania.

2016

New sanctuaries dedicated at both Ipogoro in Tanzania and San Agustín in Guatemala.

Now

To date, your generous gifts of \$1,342,000 have been shared in Tanzania and Guatemala. Lutheran Mideast Development is our newest global partner.

Congregational Pot Luck Dinner

Sunday, April 30

5:00–7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

All are welcome! Bring your favorite food to share. Pastor Karen Castillo from Guatemala will be our guest speaker. Plus Augustana member, Lynn Mortensen, will provide a brief update on the Ipogoro sanctuary project. Please sign up at the Information Center. This dinner is brought to you by the Global Mission Task Force.



*Thank You
Asante Sana
Gracias*