

My heart is filled with gratitude as I reflect on 30 years of global partnerships and the mighty ripples created. My life and faith have grown and changed because of these partnerships. Augustana has grown and changed because of these partnerships.

It began with a few living stones in 1990. The ripple effect of those early decisions and the ridiculous generosity of Augustana has transformed countless lives and demonstrated the love of God in ways we will never understand.

This brochure illustrates the progress being made every day with our global partners, from educating and empowering women and children, to expanding health and wellness options, to the experiences we share through prayer and partnerships.

The newest ripple is a second partnership in Guatemala, the Colegio Luterano Agustino de Guatemala (CLAG), an elementary school begun and operated by the Lutheran Church of Guatemala (ILAG). The school serves a marginalized neighborhood, keeping children out of gangs while educating them at a high level. The ripple that began in 1990 keeps growing and expanding.

Each year I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to our global Mission offering. I invite you to generosity one more time, and it is my hope and prayer that you will be guided by faith and energized to act. Our goal is once again \$50,000.

Thank you for what you will do to support Global Mission at Augustana in 2021.

Thanks be to God,

Pastor Anne



Worship with us indoors, outdoors, or online!

Sundays, April 18 & 25

Goal: 100% congregation participation and receive \$50,000 in gifts.

Gifts can be made:

- Online at augustana.com, select the GIVE tab from the upper menu
- Cash or check placed in the offering during worship or mailed to the church office

Join the virtual **Guatemala**

Gala on Sunday, May 2:

6:50 pm - Pre-Gala Music

7:00 pm - Virtual Gala & Silent

Auction. Watch the bulletin for additional information.

WAYS TO GIVE

- Cash or check
- Online at augustana.com
- Give + Church Mobile App
- Stock or transfer - contact church office
- IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution
- Donor Advised Fund

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Creating Ripples of Faith Around the World
Celebrating 30 Years of Prayer, Partnership & Progress



GLOBAL MISSION

SUNDAYS, APRIL 18 & 25, 2021



Educate & Empower



1. Milagro Women's Education Center offers women a choice. In rural Guatemala, women have limited education and are often married by age 14. At Milagro, young women learn a trade and develop leadership skills that provide them with the economic independence needed to take control of their own future.

2. Iringa Hope delivers agricultural financing, marketing, and training to small farmers in Tanzania. The organization develops member-owned and operated cooperatives that help to alleviate poverty and empower entrepreneurs.

3. Scholarships can transform pain into positive energy in the Middle East. The three women pictured above earned degrees in accounting, aerospace engineering, and teaching.

- \$9,000 Guatemala Education Ministries (Children & Youth, Adult Leadership, & Music)
- \$4,000 Secondary School Scholarships, Tanzania
- \$2,000 Huruma Center Orphanage
- \$2,000 Iringa Hope Microfinance Project
- \$2,000 Lutheran Mideast Development (LMD) Scholarships & Women's Center

\$500 provides a student in the war-torn Middle East with a scholarship.

Health & Wellness



- \$3,000 Arusha Lutheran Medical Center
- \$3,000 Plaster House Surgeries
- \$2,000 Guatemala Health Ministry
- \$1,500 LMD Health Education and Workshops

\$32 provides a child with t-shirts, sweaters, trousers, and more to make their recovery at Plaster House comfortable.

1. Psychological counseling and access to social workers in the Middle East: enables women to find their voice in a world that has silenced them, encourages men to find the power to say no to violence, and gives children hope for a better and peaceful world.

2. A dedicated Health Committee within the ILAG teaches good practices for sanitation, basic first aid, suturing, infection and wound control, use of medicinal plants, family planning, diabetes education, pesticide exposure, and CPR.

3. Access to medical care has vastly improved in Tanzania over the past 30 years with the development of Ilula Lutheran Hospital, Arusha Lutheran Medical Center, nursing schools, village dispensaries, and the rehabilitation provided to children at Plaster House.

Prayer & Partnership



Through the exchange of people, stories, and shared experiences, we grow closer to God and one another. Every Sunday Augustana prays for our partner congregations, and our brothers and sisters across the globe do the same for us.

1. "We always pray for you and we look forward to your visit one day at San Agustín Lutheran Church. We wait for you with open arms." —San Agustín Member

2. "We know of your support for us and we are praying for you. Your prayers and financial assistance are essential for continuing our story." —Middle East student

3. "We miss you but think of you often and pray for you always that God enables you to do well." —Member of Ipogoro

- \$6,000 San Agustín Lutheran Church
- \$3,000 Kitayawa Preaching Point (new church construction)
- \$2,000 Ipogoro Congregation
- \$2,000 Nyamhanga Congregation
- \$2,000 Weavers & Widow's Might
- \$2,000 Common Basket (for congregations in Guatemala without a partner)
- \$2,000 Kathy Wenz, Missionary in Thailand
- \$1,500 LMD Partnership
- \$1,000 Lutheran Center (Guatemala)

\$100 provides San Agustín with Communion supplies for four months.

PRAYER

Prayer unites and strengthens our relationships with our global partner. Every Sunday we pray for our companion congregations, and they pray for us.

PARTNERSHIP

We build for the future through lasting partnerships, not short term solutions. Our work together is relational. Person to person. Family to family. Community to community.

PROGRESS

Progress is being made every day with our global partners from growing congregations and educational opportunities to improved healthcare and economic development.