



Global Missions 2011

Growing Our Global Partnerships

Augustana
Lutheran Church

Dear Friends,

We've heard the stories from Guatemala and Tanzania. We've seen pictures filled with faces: children, young people, mothers, fathers, grandparents. We've learned about the small things that we take for granted in our lives that our sisters and brothers in other countries can only dream about.



Evangelist Lazaro Nyinge and members of the congregation gathered in front of Lugala. Lugala is one of the farthest congregations from Ipogoro, meaning it's not often visited. They are extremely glad for opportunities to get together and celebrate their mutual ministry.

I had my first opportunity to meet and worship with the people of Ipogoro in January. I had already heard so much about the hospitality, gratitude, and sheer goodness of the people there. I can promise you that the relationship between our congregations is very real, and they keep you close in their hearts and prayers. I felt honored to bring greetings from Augustana and back from Ipogoro when I returned. It is my honor to continue to support the people in Ipogoro and San Agustín with a gift to Global Mission at Augustana, and I invite you to join me.

Whether you have seen these places first-hand, heard about them through a friend, or only know them through our prayers, you are connected to our sisters and brothers around the world. Your gift for them will do more than you can imagine. Through your gift this year, you will be a part of the great stories connecting Augustana to San Agustín and Ipogoro for many years to come.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Pastor Megan Torgerson

How Will Your Money Be Spent?

Tanzania		Guatemala	
\$4,000	Tumaini University Scholarships – Theology Students	\$5,000	Latrine Project
\$4,000	Secondary School Scholarships	\$4,000	Leadership Development
\$4,000	Selian Hospital	\$2,000	Children's Education (before school program)
\$4,000	Agricultural Plots	\$2,000	Children's Education (scholarships)
\$2,000	Ipogoro Congregation/ Preaching Points	\$2,000	Salary support for Rev. Amanda Olson de Castillo
\$1,500	Weaver's Projects	\$2,000	General support of the ILAG
\$1,500	Widow's Might	\$1,500	New Church Building – La Esmeralda
\$1,000	Huruma Orphanage	\$1,000	Augustana youth scholarships for Guatemala travel
\$1,000	Ipogoro Orphan Project	\$1,000	San Agustín Congregation
\$1,000	Common Basket	\$1,000	Medical Emergencies
		\$1,000	Common Basket – for congregations without partners
		\$500	Transportation/Health needs of Pastor Jose Antonio

Global Mission Goals:

*\$50,000 Offering
475 Gifts*

- \$2,000 Andrea Metcalfe – Missionary in Mexico
- \$1,000 Cathy Wenz – Missionary in Thailand

Sunday, March 27

- Pastor Torgerson preaching
- View video that tells the story of our global partnerships

Sunday, April 3

- Pastor Aune preaching
- Receive offering during worship

We've wondered about these far-away places and thought: what could I possibly do?

- **Pray** for our companion congregations in Ipogoro and San Agustín.
- **Consider traveling** to Tanzania or Guatemala (or both) to meet these incredible people face-to-face.
- **Commit yourself to giving a financial gift** that will help our friends continue their good work for the sake of the gospel.

Tanzania: To join together in worship,

many people walk for hours along unmaintained roads. In order to bring the gospel to all people in Tanzania, many churches have preaching points – satellite churches from a larger, central church. They are maintained by evangelists, lay people trained to teach the gospel and lead worship from their preaching points.

Many of these evangelists have limited access to education but a great passion for sharing the news of Christ. Through Theological Education by Extension, or TEE, evangelists and other lay leaders are able to expand their knowledge and gain confidence in preaching and teaching. The three-year TEE program was developed in Tanzania and written in Swahili, making it accessible and relevant to the evangelists' work.

We know how expensive theological education can be, but we can make the TEE program very accessible. For less than \$1.50, you can purchase a TEE book to be used by an evangelist and later shared with other lay leaders at a preaching point. Just \$50 allows an evangelist to attend a seminar at Tumaini University; two are offered each year of the program. For only \$100, an evangelist has his or her fees paid for one year of TEE education.

No matter the size of gift that you can give, you can make an enormous impact on the ministry of the preaching points at Ipogoro. Your financial support makes not only education possible, but brings the good news closer and closer to the people of Tanzania who need it deeply.



This is a picture of Shukuru Msigwa, the evangelist at Igumbilo. Many people remember Igumbilo for being a tiny one-room mud sanctuary where about 60 members gather. Church elders report that people are leaving other churches to come to Igumbilo because the evangelist is so good. She does regular visitation to the congregation, teaches on Monday and Tuesdays, and is very caring. She has already completed three years of TEE education, even though she's only in her early 20's. They are currently working on a new

building for the growing church. Unfortunately, the recent rains have completely washed away the existing mud building. A gift of \$1,000 has been made to build a small worship structure which will be transitioned to housing for Shukuru Msigwa when the new church building is completed.



Guatemala: Latrines — what could be more basic than that?

Many of the families in the 17 churches of the Guatemalan Lutheran Church do not use latrines. Many of these families suffer from intestinal diseases because their personal hygiene practices are not sanitary. The dry composting latrine is a model that the Saint Paul Area Synod and the Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala (ILAG) agree is a sustainable health improvement for the rural areas. Each latrine costs \$330, for cement blocks, the stool, wood planks, and the roof. Churches in our synod are planning to provide funds to build 300 latrines in the next three years.

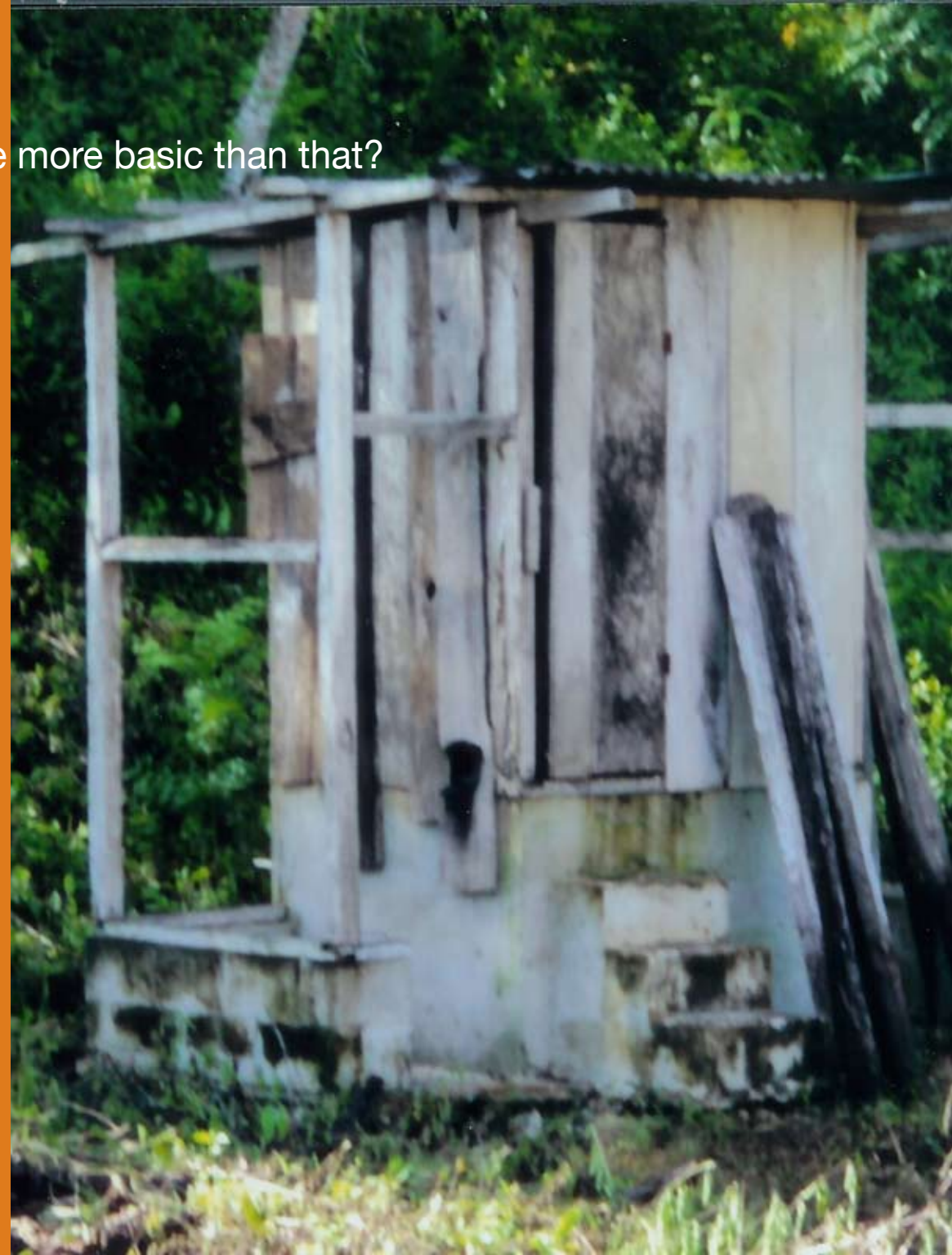


Proposed latrines

Before School Care



This is a new program of the ILAG, just begun in February. In the neighborhood where the ILAG elementary school is located, there are numerous gangs. It is a poor area, with many families living close together in shacks near a ravine. This is the kind of neighborhood where the ILAG chooses to work. Classes at the school start at 1 pm, so the morning is a perfect time for the students to “hang out” and get pulled into gang activities. By offering a full-day program, these students are not only safer, but they are also spending more time on their academic studies and Bible lessons.



The logo for Augustana Lutheran Church features a stylized cross above the word "Augustana" in a large, bold, serif font. Below "Augustana" is the word "Lutheran Church" in a smaller, italicized, sans-serif font.

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