

# Global Mission 2012



April 22 & 29

Augustana  
Lutheran Church



This year marks the 10th anniversary of Augustana's partnership with San Agustín Lutheran Church in La Esmeralda, Guatemala. There is still room for you to join the delegation. The dates of the trip are July 29-Aug. 9. Delegates have the unique opportunity to live with a rural family, which provides a unique insight into the indigenous Mayan culture! You will lead a Bible School for the children (and their parents), visit the fields, play with the teens and the children, distribute school supplies, chat with the church council about their goals and perhaps even help to lay the foundation for the new church building. A day trip to the extraordinary Mayan ruin site of Tikal is also included. Price of the trip is \$1600, including airfare. If interested, contact Janet Metcalfe as soon as possible at 651-450-1717.

## Global Missions

April 22: Pastor Torgerson preaching

April 29: Pastor Aune preaching  
Receive offering during worship

May 6 : Dr. Falres Ilomo from the  
Theology Faculty at Iringa  
University College of Tu-  
maini University will be the  
presenter at Adult Forum.

Q What does it mean to be in a Global Partnership?

A A Global Partnership focuses on five areas:

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

## 2012 Goals

Offering: \$50,000

Participation: Everyone,  
any amount

April 2012

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Augustana will celebrate our 23rd year of Global Mission partnerships on April 22 and April 29. With God's blessings, this ministry has enriched our lives at Augustana as well as the lives of our partner churches in Tanzania and Guatemala. The lives of children, adults and young people have been saved and changed in dramatic ways. Things that you and I take for granted, like a good education, can literally lift a young person and a family out of poverty. The agricultural project is changing the way the people in Tanzania grow corn and beans. Building latrines in Guatemala changes the health and well-being of villages in Guatemala. Please review the stories found in this brochure. They are stories of faith, relationships and God's abundance.

Over the past 22 years, we have shared over \$1,000,000 with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Tanzania and Guatemala. I give thanks for the witness of this amazing congregation. Our goal this year is \$50,000. It is a joy to share in this ministry and I invite everyone to participate in the offering. Any amount is a treasured gift to God. Last year we encouraged people that had not participated to do so with a gift of \$5.00. Fifty-six people responded! So I'll make the same challenge again: If you've never given a Global Mission gift, would you consider a gift of \$5.00? If you gave \$5.00 last year, would you consider a \$10.00 gift this year? God will multiply whatever the size of your gift, filling many lives with hope and joy throughout Guatemala and Tanzania.

Thank you for extending your reach beyond our local partnerships and sharing your gifts globally. Thank you for letting the light and the love of Jesus shine in your life. We rejoice in what God is doing at Augustana and in the hearts of God's people.

Blessings and peace,

*Pastor Aune*  
Pastor Aune

# Tanzania

## How Your Gifts Are Shared:

- \$2,000 Tumaini University Scholarships
- \$4,000 Secondary School Scholarships
- \$4,000 Selian Hospital
- \$2,000 Agricultural Plots
- \$1,000 Grain Storage Bin
- \$1,000 Advisory Board, Companion Village Project
- \$2,000 Ipogoro Congregation/ Preaching Points
- \$1,500 Weavers Projects
- \$1,500 Widow's Might
- \$2,000 Huruma Orphanage
- \$2,000 Cathy Wenz - Missionary in Thailand
- \$2,000 Andrea Metcalfe - Missionary in Mexico
- \$3,000 Augustana Youth Travel Scholarships



Pastor Aune will be leading another trip to Iringa, Tanzania in January of 2013. The dates of the trip are January 18th through February 3rd. We will spend one week in Iringa visiting our companion congregation, Tumaini University, the Huruma Center Orphanage, as well as other sites. We will also visit Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson, our missionaries in the northern part of Tanzania, as well as Selian Hospital and the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center.



*Did you know?*

You can make your Global Mission gift online by visiting [www.augustana.com](http://www.augustana.com) and clicking on "Ways to Give."

Augustana's sponsorship and involvement in Tumaini University's Companion Village Project (CVP) continues to make a difference for our companion congregation at Ipogoro and the people in the region. Food production has doubled when villagers adopt the demonstrated practices related to planting time, seeding rates and placement, weed and insect control and harvesting. When hybrid seed and fertilizer are also included, yields are 3-4 times better. The result is that families have more and better quality food to eat and some grain left to sell for income.

Pastors in villages with CVP plots have now asked if the project can assist in teaching them how to best store the grain. Disease, insects and rodents currently destroy between 25-50% of stored grains. In addition, the selling price of corn is almost half if the grain is sold at harvest time versus if it is stored and sold in the off-season.

The CVP is starting to teach grain storage principles and also to demonstrate three storage structures (silos). One silo is made by welding two metal barrels together and adding an inlet and outlet. This holds four bags of shelled corn that can feed a single family during the off-season and has a cost of \$165. Another metal silo is fabricated from sheet metal and holds about twelve bags of corn. This would be shared among neighbors and costs \$430. The third model is a more traditional "mud" silo, using woven reed branches as a frame and a cement/clay material to form the structure. These mud silos hold nearly 100 bags of corn, cost about \$875 to build and would be a community resource.

All three of these silos are being demonstrated and evaluated at various companion congregations. Currently, Ipogoro is not one of these congregations; however, Pastor Nixon Mwitula is seeking to have a mud silo constructed on the church grounds.

## Global Mission – La Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala

The latrine project is moving forward nicely in Guatemala, especially in the rural communities. There are 218 families in numerous communities all around the country, awaiting a new latrine or materials to repair their existing one. This 3-year project, El Año del Baño, has received 40% of the funding needed, at a cost of \$380 per latrine. Latrines have already been built in two communities where previously there were very poor sanitation facilities.



In October 2011 a tropical storm stalled over Central America, causing widespread flooding. For five weeks, rain pelted these countries, washing out fields ready to harvest and causing the seed corn to rot. In the Guatemalan church communities, 211 families suffered severe crop failure. The ILAG Church has begun to distribute bags of corn to its communities in an effort to alleviate the extreme need and hopes to deliver more. A rural family of ten will consume 300 lbs. of corn in one month, as the corn tortilla is the base of their diet. The cost of feeding one family for one month is \$60.

The ELCA is seeking to provide families with harvested corn to prepare tortillas, seed corn to plant the next crop and funds to be ready for a future disaster.

Education continues to be a strong need, and scholarship applicants are eager to study. The hope that parents have for their children is the same around the world. Finishing elementary school is still not always possible in rural communities. Our scholarships make a difference.

On May 1, 2011, Rev. Horacio Castillo was installed as Bishop of the Guatemalan Church. Representatives from the Saint Paul Area Synod included Rev. Mark Aune, Rev. Paul Erickson, Janet Metcalfe, and Bishop Peter Rogness. Bishop Rafael Malpica from the ELCA and Bishop Julian Gordy from Southeastern Synod also attended. The weekend celebration also marked the 20th anniversary of the ILAG.



## Guatemala

### How Your Gifts Are Shared:

\$3,000	Disaster Relief
\$2,000	Latrine Project
\$4,000	New Church Building – La Esmeralda
\$4,000	Education Fund
\$2,000	Salary Support for Rev. Amanda Olson de Castillo
\$2,000	Leadership Development
\$2,000	General Support of the ILAG
\$1,000	Medical Emergencies
\$1,000	Common Basket
\$ 500	Transportation and Health Needs of Padre José Antonio
\$ 500	Youth Ministry



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