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Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ST. MICHAEL'S LOCAL AND GLOBAL MISSIONS



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Bibles For Missions

Bibles For Missions is a totally volunteer run thrift store that receives donations of clothing, furniture and household goods to support Missionaries and church plantings in eastern Europe. We also send clothing and food to the Ukraine, clothing to the homeless ministry locally, and medical devices and supplies to Global Health Ministries through St Michaels. Don & Ev Griwac are contacts for interested volunteers from scheduling pick ups and deliveries, cashiering or working in a wide varieties of departments in the store. (dgriwac@usfamily.net).

Braille / Large Print Ministry

Lutheran Braille Workers publishes Biblical, Christ-Centered literature which is offered in both Braille and Large Print formats. Currently printed in 30 languages and distributed to more than 120 countries, the publications are offered free of charge. The work is done by a team of thousands of volunteers. St. Michael's has a Braille/Large Print Center on location. For more information, see www.lbwinc.org
St. Michael's contacts: Sharon Viegas: sviegas68@yahoo.com; Carol Hoppe: choppe@q.com

Comfort Dogs

The Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry is a national ministry utilizing the unique skills of dogs, specifically Golden Retrievers, to open opportunities to touch people with mercy and compassion. Our dogs are trained service animals prepared to interact with people in ways that provide a bridge for compassionate ministry to take place. We hope to have our own dog In the Fall 2016. www.K9Comfort.org .
For more information Contact Dianne Williams at mndianne@gmail.com

SHORT-TERM MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Healing Haiti

Weeklong mission trips are available on an ongoing basis.
Talk to Margie Schroeder.
Next Youth trip from St. Michael's is July 17-24, 2017. Apply asap.

Hong Kong, Cross-Cultural Experience

St. Michael's is hosting a group of students from Hong Kong in August. 2017.
Help needed to provide meals, hosting the students / teachers or housing.
Talk to Jody Hanson.

India

Would you like to attend a Mission Experience Trip to India in November/ December 2017? Visit Raj with Fishermen's Trust to see the canoes in action, which we helped purchase, as well as various other projects.

REACH Youth Mission Trip

Missions trips for students serving families in need through significant home repair projects. Next Youth trip from St Michaels, June 10-17, 2017 to Russell, Kentucky. (Deadline to apply is January)

Intergenerational Mission Trips

Family Trips that deepen kids' faith and strengthen family relationships.
Opportunities to serve over the summer are available.

Contact Martin Cornes (Global Missions)
for more information on any of the above. MCornes@smlcb.org

first step of a lifelong journey; the choices they make today, based upon God's love for them, will have an impact on future decisions — careers chosen, marriages formed and families raised — all ripples from the time when a Young Life leader took time to reach out and enter their world. Contact Staci Stringer at staci.stringer@gmail.com Website: www.younglife.org

Bryan Blomker/Youth For Christ

God loves teenagers! For 71 years God has been using Youth for Christ International (YFCI) to reach young people around the world with His life-changing message. Today there are 1.75 billion teenagers on our planet. What a massive and exciting mission field! YFCI's vision is that as part of the Body of Christ every one of those young people would have the opportunity to hear and become a follower of Jesus and become part of a local church. This past year YFCI has worked directly with over 3.6 million young people in over 112 nations--young people like Fouad from Lebanon, Sharav from India and Braydon from Canada. All young people whose lives have been changed forever through a relationship with Jesus.

To see more of what God is doing around the world through YFCI go to www.yfci.org.

Youth Impact Racing

Youth Impact Racing exists to share the Good News of the Gospel by building relationships with teens, providing life skills training, and offering mentorship through the avenue of go kart racing. We do this by teaching young people all there is to know about go karts. From classroom theory to hands-on learning, teambuilding and racing on the track, teens will have the chance to learn responsibility and the value of friendship.

Through regular Bible studies, prayer, and building friendships, we want to show teens just how in need they are of a Savior, how Jesus makes a way for them to be saved, and what life in God's tremendous grace can look like.

Our ministry is young, but we are seeing so much fruit come from the gifts that have been given. We have a list of ways you can get involved at www.youthimpactracing.org.

Contact Adam Brachle at adambrachle@gmail.com

Concordia St. Paul

Concordia St. Paul prepares students for thoughtful and informed living, dedicated service to God and humanity, and care of God's creation. Website: www.csp.edu

Dave and Luz Maria Ernst

Dave, a member from St. Michaels and a pastor in Venezuela and LuzMaria, a deaconess, have developed a Lutheran mission school in Western Venezuela in LaCaramuca, near the city of Barinas, a very poor area. The pre school provides nutritious meals and cooperate with local health agencies. In addition to the school, they lead worship services on Sunday.

Dennis and Monta Denow – Bangkok, Thailand

Only about 1.6% of the people in Thailand know Jesus as their Savior. St. Michael's is helping support Mr. Dennis Denow, LCMS Educational Missionary, as he works to share the Gospel in that predominantly Buddhist country. By aiding the Thailand Concordia Lutheran Church and through English-as-a-foreign-language classes, Missionary Denow is able to build relationships and openly proclaim the Gospel. The need for sharing the Gospel in Thailand is great and the opportunities are many. However, there is also a need for more people to join the ministry there as volunteers or career missionaries. Visit the Thailand booth during St. Michael's Mission Fair to learn more about how you can help.

Drew and Nicole Bradshaw — China

We have been employed by the Lutheran Church – Hong Kong Synod since 2013. As LCHKS we enhance the English programs and Christian presence at the schools. We equip Christian teacher and Christian students on how to more effectively share their faith with others. This year Nicole has worked or still works at Rock of Ages Kindergarten, Siu Luen Primary School, LCK Primary School, & LCK Secondary School.

Drew works at St James Kindergarten, Gertrude Simon Secondary, and Concordia International School (LCHKS). He also oversees the LCHKS' missionaries and program. On the fifth Sundays he preaches in LCHKS congregations. Both Drew & Nicole also work with Holy Word congregation, Euon congregation, and Amazing Grace congregation.

Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian Non-Profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide and pack nutritious meals for children who are hungry in both body and spirit. One in nine goes hungry each day, and at least 6,200 kids under the age of 5 are dying each day from malnutrition and other related instances. We have three food formulas, which consists of Vitamins, Vegetables, Soy, and Rice. Feeding these children is made possible because of our volunteers who dedicate their time to pack with us and make donations which enable us to purchase the ingredients. Any one over the age of 5 is able to volunteer with us, and we are open Monday through Saturday, with 5 different shifts available throughout the day. By volunteering your time or donating your money, you are helping us to TURN HUNGER INTO HOPE WITH YOUR OWN TWO HANDS! We encourage you to visit one of our sites in Eagan, Chanhassen, and Coon Rapids, or attend one of our Mobile Packs as they come available in your area. Our website: www.fmsc.org

Gideons International

By God's grace Gideons has grown from two salesmen in 1899 to Gideons International with a membership of 400 men and women for the express purpose of reaching the lost for Jesus. Thanks to your prayers and gifts, God's Word reaches 195 countries in 90 languages at a rate of 1.6 million per week.

"Two years ago I shared a New Testament with a cable technician. Last year he stopped by to tell me he had accepted Jesus and show me that New Testament he reads daily, on the dash in his truck. Contact me to strengthen your witness, join Gideons, make a gift and/or for New Testaments and Bibles. Let's reach the lost before it is too late. The harvest is at hand." For more information contact Jim Haedtke at jameshaedtke@centurylink.net.

Website: www.gideons.org

Georgetown Park Kids Club

We have a partnership with Georgetown Park Townhomes to offer homework help, build friendships, and share God's love at a townhome at their complex near Mall of America.

Trinity First Lutheran School

Trinity First School, located in the heart of Minneapolis, is blessed to serve God by providing a Christ-based education to children aged 3 through eighth grade. We see ourselves as a family and joyfully give thanks to God for each child He leads to our school.

Kay Solberg is our congregation rep. For more information, see www.trinityfirstschool.org or contact us at 612-871-2353 or trinityfirstschool@gmail.com.

Urban Homeworks

The mission of Urban Homeworks is to perpetuate the hope of Jesus Christ through innovative community development that produces equitable, dignified housing, a strategic network of good neighbors, and the redemptive development of real estate.

Since 1995, Urban Homeworks has been responding to the voices of our neighbors by providing dignified housing opportunities, creating space for construction training, intentionally weaving together a network of engaged neighbors, and mobilizing volunteers. Our focus on stability and connecting resources so that individual and communal assets emerge, thrive, and invigorate our neighborhoods has resulted in more than 200 redeveloped properties and a network of 17,000 volunteers, 1,200 construction trainees, and over 400 Urban Neighbors. For more information, contact Mike Timmerman timmerman@visi.com or visit www.urbanhomeworks.com

Young Life

Young Life doesn't start with a program. It starts with adults who are concerned enough about kids to go to them, on their turf and in their culture, building bridges of authentic friendship. These relationships don't happen overnight — they take time, patience, trust and consistency. So Young Life leaders log many hours with kids — where they are, as they are. We listen to their stories and learn what's important to them because we genuinely care about their joys, triumphs, heartaches and setbacks.

We believe in the power of presence. Kids' lives are dramatically influenced when caring adults come alongside them, sharing God's love with them. Because their Young Life leader believes in them, they begin to see that their lives have great worth, meaning and purpose. This is the

Today we're proud to be following God's plan to serve children with specialized learning needs — no matter where they may be. That is why our partnerships with Christian schools and iCAN after school programs serving children in communities in need has been such a success.

Dennis Senne is our congregation rep.

Website: www.luthsped.org. Facebook page: [Lutheran-Special-Education-Ministries-LSEM](https://www.facebook.com/Lutheran-Special-Education-Ministries-LSEM)

The Fishermen Trust

The Fishermen Trust (TFT) is a Christian organization based in Bangalore, India. Established in 2006, TFT is a non-profit, sustainable organization working among children, youth and young people in India. TFT was established to ENGAGE and EMPOWER these young people in order to EQUIP them to make better life choices.

We offer underprivileged young people and children the opportunity to explore nature and their own limits through adventure camps and outdoor education. We want to help them develop self belief, self esteem, self worth and also see them working together and supporting one another. These types of outdoor adventure activities are fun and an opportunity that they would never normally have the chance to experience.

The Trust also helps to support schools that have very little funding, donating where there's need with items ranging from stationery to everyday essentials such as lunch boxes, water bottles, plates & cups, etc. We also offer a unique tablet based education program for these underprivileged children. We use some simple technology to enable them to enhance their knowledge and everyday learning in a fun manner.

St Michaels supported TFT and Raj Moorthy by purchasing canoes for their project.

Website: thefishermentrust.weebly.com.

The Lutheran Church in Norway

The Lutheran Church in Norway stands for the inerrancy of the Bible, confessional Lutheranism, passionate mission focus, and church planting. The Lutheran Church in Norway acknowledges its international place in the group of like-minded churches and has started developing church relationships with The Lutheran Church in Latvia and The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. Ruth Meier is our congregation rep. Facebook: [TheLutheranChurchInNorway](https://www.facebook.com/TheLutheranChurchInNorway)

You can help in many ways by volunteering, providing snacks, helping with special events and projects by sharing your gifts. Kids Club (boys and girls grades 1-5) meets on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 5:00 and Middle School programs are in the evening and we can add special events and projects with more volunteers. To learn more: Sue Timmerman at stimmerman@smlcb.org.

Good in the 'Hood

Good in the 'Hood is dedicated to changing lives together with simple acts of kindness.

Although our service opportunities are not solely limited to the urban community, we do have a purposeful inner city affinity and a commitment to serve those with the most need.

Our desire to inspire individuals, families and entire neighborhoods to take responsibility and ownership for growth, improvement and well-being of their personal lives and community.

Through partnership and kindness-based initiatives we believe the physical, emotional and spiritual climate of an entire community can be changed for good. With this in mind, we collaborate with a number of difference-making organizations. Each month, with the help of these dedicated partners, we provide groceries, meals, food for hungry college students and practical resources for over 3,000 individuals. In addition, we make available regular volunteer opportunities for a variety of large groups and more than 200 individuals. www.goodinthehood.org

Healing Haiti

Healing Haiti is a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to serving the poor, the vulnerable, and the disadvantaged both physically and spiritually. The ministry focuses on coming alongside those who God puts in our path, recognizing the dignity, talents, and potential of Haitians we serve. There are many ways to serve with Healing Haiti, including short-term mission trips. Margie Schroeder is our Healing Haiti coordinator. Website: www.healinghaiti.org

LINC Twin Cities

LINC Twin Cities exists to engage God's people in mission within diverse communities. Our vision is to see younger and more diverse people in local churches. Our main goal is to see churches reflecting their local community demographics. Our strategies work to see our mission, vision and main goal accomplished. In short, we are an organic team of cross-cultural

experts, missiologists, consultants and coaches who relate to God. And because of that, you will find that we listen to, learn about and love others a lot—particularly people in diverse communities.

Contact Dr Fung Lo or Kurtis Smith. Website: www.linctwincities.org

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)

The mission of LCEF is to support the Church in fulfilling its mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ by being a Christ-centered servant partner of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), ensuring that funds and services are available now and in the future.

Website: lcef.org or contact Kurt Fuhr at kurt.fuhr@lcef.org.

Lutheran Indian Ministries/Tim and Heidi Norton

God has been calling people at Navajo, NM out of darkness into His light (1 Pet. 2:9). In 2015 we hosted 85 volunteers from all around the country to witness to God's love in word in deed. God used the means of the volunteer's service to bring people into our fellowship. God used the means of grace (baptism) in the lives of two people this past year, to wash them from their sins, and give them His Holy Spirit. God uses the means of His Word to draw people to faith which we proclaim through worship, Bible studies, and community activities. God is also using the means of His people including you at St. Michaels so that ministry takes place.

Website: <http://www.lutheranindianministries.org>

Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief is a non-profit organization that works with local partners to provide lasting solutions to poverty, injustice and human suffering.

How we work:

- We work with local partners to provide local solutions that build on communities' existing strengths. Our staff and partners in the countries where we work know the local languages, traditions and customs necessary to provide appropriate solutions. And they have access to the knowledge and expertise of their colleagues in other countries around the world.
- We work in some of the world's poorest and most marginalized communities, serving peo-

medical supplies and equipment, aids in recruitment of long and short-term health care workers and promotes interest in health care ministries within congregations in the USA. GHM has, in recent years, added a consulting arm that works with communities, hospitals and medical personnel in developing countries to help them achieve the best possible medical care for their people. This helps carry out the mission of GHM. Website: ghm.org For more information contact Ruth Meier

Hospitality House Youth Development

Hospitality House Youth Development (HHYD) provides a Christian outreach, focused on the spiritual, intellectual and physical development of inner city youth and their families. For over forty years and some forty thousand youth, Hospitality House has faithfully served the community. As one parent put it, "Hospitality House is like a bus that always shows up on time!" With our strongly supervised programs, emphatic emphasis on one-on-one relationships and potent spiritual, intellectual, and physical programming, Hospitality House has mentored leaders who are empowered to positively impact their families, their communities, and the world. We have made a difference—one child at a time. For more information, visit www.hhyd.org

International Training Alliance

ITA trains leaders on mission globally. Their training is: Christ-centred; Biblically-based; Kingdom-focused; Team-led; Affirming and accepting; Innovative; Participant-oriented; Participative; Skill-oriented; Transferable; Globally diverse.

Lutheran Special Education Ministries

Lutheran Special Education Ministries (LSEM) is a Christ-centered resource for children with learning needs. Over the years our greatest asset has been our ability to adapt based on the needs of the children we serve. Our programs, services and resources have differentiated us since we were founded in 1873 by actively seeking new ways to reach, serve and support children with various learning needs. Every day we praise God for the opportunity to help so many children.

it's exciting to be part of it! We invite you to wade into the waters of cross-cultural partnering with us. Join VVMI as we come alongside our indigenous brothers and sisters in Christ to help them bring the Good News of Jesus to the nations in unique and culturally relevant ways!

Contact Colin Edwards at cjedwards@vvmi.org.

Don Nemcek is our congregation rep. Website: www.vvmi.org

MISSION OF THE MONTH MINISTRIES

Bethany Prison Ministry

Bethany Prison Ministry provides letters and literature to prisoners. New prisoners contact us at a "surprising pace" and they give us increasing confidence that we are on the right track and God wants us to not only maintain the rate at which we have been going, but to increase it. If you'd like to participate in encouraging those in prison, contact: Deb.Cheney@bethfel.com.

Camp Omega

The most valuable gift you can give a child is the opportunity to develop independents, self-worth, leadership, responsibility, and most of all, a life-long faith in Jesus Christ. At Camp Omega children develop a stronger sense of self, others, and God; they learn how to navigate the world successfully; they learn resiliency; and they learn the value of healthy, Christ-Centered relationships. As always, a week at Camp Omega is a life-changing experience where campers of all ages make new friends, connect with old friends, and most importantly, experience a Christian community that will encourage and nurture their faith. For more information contact Bob LaCroix at bob@campomega.org. Visit our website: www.campomega.org

Global Health Ministries

Since the founding of GHM in 1987, increasing emphasis has been placed on primary health care in rural areas of developing countries, under the leadership of local people, and also on providing training for doctors, nurses and other health care workers. GHM gathers and ships

ple in need regardless of race, religion or ethnicity.

- * Funders and supporters include corporate partners such as Thrivent Financial and church bodies such as the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and others, as well as tens of thousands of US Lutherans and other individuals.

Website: www.lwr.org

Minnesota South District

There are thousands of people in southern Minnesota who do not yet know Jesus as their Savior. To help reach them with the hope of the Gospel, the Minnesota South District develops leaders (church workers, congregations, and lay people) to be intentionally engaged in God's mission. Some of our initiatives include planting new churches, supporting outreach ministries to ethnic and immigrant populations, providing overseas missions experiences to pastors and lay leaders, and supporting campus ministry efforts. Contact Rev. Dr. William Utech

Website: mnsdistrict.org

Operation Barnabas

Operation Barnabas is an LCMS outreach ministry network of care to our nation's military members, families, and veterans. Operation Barnabas reaches out to all branches of the military, with a special emphasis on our reserve members and their families.

Wade Larson is our St Michaels contact.

Website: www..lcms.org/operationbarnabas

Operation Christmas Child, Samaritans Purse

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, is the world's largest Christmas outreach of its kind. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 124 million children affected by war, poverty, natural disasters, and other crises in more than 150 countries and territories. We partner with local churches to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who receive shoebox gifts and offer a 12-lesson discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, that helps boys and girls learn what it means to follow the Lord and share their faith with others. We are a Drop-off location for OCC. www.samaritanspurse.org

People Of the Book Lutheran Outreach

POBLO International is a Christian organization working to transform the way missions is approached in the United States by responding to the changing demographics that have brought the mission field to our own front yard. We serve immigrants and refugees. We train and educate churches on how to engage in cross-cultural outreach. We share the Gospel message. We love people.

Originally from Palestine, POBLO Missionary Nader Alaraj started his career as a medical technologist, working for fifteen years in the medical field in Omaha. He met his wife, Georgette, on a visit to Palestine. Georgette holds a bachelor's in elementary education, and taught for 6 years. They were married and moved back to Nebraska. Both were raised in Christian homes, although Nader felt a personal calling to serve the Lord shortly after arriving in the United States in 1998. Nader was among the leaders who organized the Arabic Christian Fellowship of Omaha. Both Nader and Georgette love sharing the Gospel with others in practical ways. They will begin their outreach to non-believers in the highly diverse city of Bloomington. Website: www.poblo.org Contact nader@poblo.org

S.O.N.Day

This is a day/afternoon set aside for us as a congregation to serve our community through acts of service and love such as raking senior's yards, singing in nursing homes, making cards, delivery food or planned acts of kindness. Watch for times to serve coming later in the spring and in the fall. If you'd like to be part of the planning group, contact Sue Timmerman at stimmerman@smlcb.org

St. Michael's Benevolent Aid Fund

If any church member or visitor is aware of an individual or family who could use assistance, such as grocery and gas cards, please contact the church in confidence.

The Sheridan Story

The Sheridan Story is a weekend food program. We take a unique approach to fighting child hunger: we mobilize the community to partner with local schools. Each school is sponsored by

a community group that provides funding for the weekend food program and volunteers to distribute the food to kids on Fridays.

The Sheridan Story's goal is to give kids food while facilitating a community-to-school relationship that we encourage to grow beyond the weekend food program.

St. Michael's serves students at Normandale Hills Elementary School.

Contact pastorpat@smlcb.org for more information. Website: www.thesheridanstory.com

Uphold Global

Uphold Global is a non-profit creative agency that raises awareness on the injustice facing children with special needs in Africa, and raises funds to empower local grassroots organizations. Kelsey Lindell is the founder of Uphold. www.upholdglobal.com

VEAP (Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People)

VEAP founders believed that helping a neighbor in need ultimately strengthens the community. VEAP has been operating under this principle for over 35 years, providing a range of services to help low-income people meet immediate needs and reach their long-term goal of stability. In recent years, poverty levels in the suburbs have actually surpassed those in the cities. While we should not ignore the global effort to end hunger and poverty, there are individuals and families facing troubled times right next door.

Today, VEAP serves the residents of Bloomington, Richfield, Edina and South Minneapolis utilizing a unique mix of professional and volunteer services.

Food collection is available in the lobby. Contact: www.veapvolunteers.org

Vernacular Video Mission International

Vernacular Video Mission International (VVMi) partners with and equips ethnic Christians who proclaim the Gospel through video and other media in their common language. For over 25 years, VVMi has successfully empowered nationals in the Philippines to utilize media tools and Scripture to grow the Church. Since 2008, VVMi has also been actively involved in Latin America. Then, last year, VVMi began a partnership in Africa that has the potential for impacting that entire continent, plus the Indian Ocean islands. God is moving his Kingdom forward and