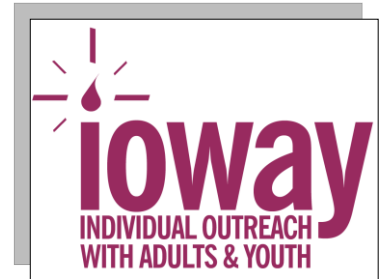


101 MISSION OPPORTUNITIES! SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS!



VBS leaders, Sunday School teachers, individuals and/or families ask, "How can I be personally involved in missions?" First, **PRAY** for God's guidance and direction as you consider which projects to support. Secondly, **HAVE FUN!** Create a fun, exciting atmosphere so everyone can experience the **JOY** of helping others. Be creative. Collect information, maps, clothes, hats, music, etc. of the country or mission that interests you or your group. Invite a missionary to speak at your church or group. It is a great experience to hear the personal stories of a missionary. Check out www.missioncentral.us for the schedule of missionaries who are visiting Mission Central and may be available to speak at your church or to your group. Contact me at ellie.menz@idwlcms.org or 515-386-8420 for additional information.



FUN and EXCITING INTERNATIONAL MISSION PROJECTS

Kazakhstan Bibles



Bible in Kazakhstan language: \$4.00

Kazakhstan, in Russia, was formerly a country of the Soviet Union. For 70 years, under the rule of the Communist government, the people could not have Bibles. Now they want to learn more about the love of Jesus in their own language. Lutheran missionaries in Kazakhstan will distribute the Bibles.

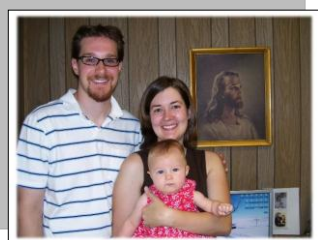
Bible Story Books for China



Chinese Bible story books: \$1.00

Many trainers and teachers are going to mainland China where the Christian church is 'exploding' and many are begging for Bible story books. These little books can be printed in China for \$1.00. Even though China is reluctant to allow missionaries, they are open to having teachers come to their country. As a teacher, they are able to use any material they wish in their teaching. This is one way God has allowed His Word to be brought to the people of China.

Vietnam-Food for Children



Pastor J.P. Cima and family
Hanoi, Vietnam

Food for one child for a month: \$3.00

There are more than 500 children who attend early childhood centers in Vietnam. These centers are located in the rural areas north of Hanoi. Many children are hungry. Their parents do not have money to buy them food. You can help! It is hard to believe, but \$3.00 per month will buy their meals. \$27.00 feeds one child for an entire school year (9 months).

Vietnam-Books for Children

Children's book: \$2.25



In Vietnam, many of the children in primary school do not have the money to buy the school books they need. You can help! The teachers let the students use the books for a year and then the books are returned to their library. When Lutheran missionaries, Rev. Ted Engelbrecht and Rev. J.P. Cima purchase the books the children need, the children ask, "Why do you help us and love us?" The missionaries tell them about Jesus and that He wants us to help them.

LCMS World Relief and Human Care - Sponsor a Child



Sponsor a child in Kenya: \$400 / year.

Make a difference! 1001 Orphans is a new opportunity to reach out with Christ's love to orphans and disadvantaged children. The goal: to reach 1,000 children, "plus one lost sheep" – a reminder that there is always one more child who needs care. There is a special emphasis on orphans and disadvantaged children living in Kenya.

Your gift of \$400 – basically \$33 a month – provides one child with a year's worth of:

- home-based care
- food
- education support (uniform, tuition, books, etc.)
- spiritual care

Each sponsor receives a picture and information about "their" child.

Mission Projects-National and Local

IOWAY Mission Trips

1. High school, college age and adults, reach out to **Los Angeles**, June 28 –July 11, 2011.

Be part of teaching VBS, repairing church property and sharing the love of Jesus in the inner city of Los Angeles, CA.

Registration form: http://www.idwlcms.org/ministry_areas/ioway/information/los_angeles_registration.pdf

2. Be a **Petal Pusher** December 28, 2011 - January 4, 2012. Decorate the Lutheran Hour and other floats for the famous Rose Parade in Pasadena, CA. To download a registration form, go to www.idwlcms.org and click on "IOWAY."

Local churches

Check with your pastor and/or trustees to see if your group can paint a room, plant a flower garden, clean a room, or canvas the neighborhood.

Bake Cookies for Nursing Homes



Bake cookies or snacks! Bag them in a snack zip lock. Plan a trip to a nursing home, children's hospital, etc. to sing and deliver the goodies.

Witness Bracelets

Be part of an exciting outreach! Make witness bracelets to share the love of Jesus with your friends and family or send to Ellie Menz to be distributed at various mission outreaches.

Hundreds of bracelets needed!

Instructions are at http://www.idwlcms.org/district_news/information/witness_bracelet.pdf

Leather can be purchased locally or at www.leathercordusa.com

Contact Ellie Menz at 515-386-8420 for free inserts which describes the meaning of each colored bead. Place the insert in a zip lock bag along with the bracelet.



Camp Okoboji – Volunteers and Items Needed



Volunteers needed:

1. Interior and exterior painting of buildings (adults/youth, 16 or older)
2. Volunteer counselors, 17 and older, for Cub Week and Junior High Week
3. Volunteer counselors for Youth Week (one or more years out of high school)
4. Assist with Minneboji: June 19-25
5. Volunteer Days: September 26-October 2

Items needed:

1. Unused 2010-2011 Sunday school materials, devotional books, Bibles with no names on the cover or inside and in good condition, My Devotions, Portals of Prayer and Happy Times.
2. Good workable fitness equipment to start health and wellness center.

Doug Kading – Camp Okoboji
1531 Edgewood Dr.
Milford, IA 51351
712-337-3325
doug.camp@idwlcms.org

Los Angeles Outreach – Toys Needed



Christmas toys: \$5.00-\$10.00

In the past years, Iowa District West has sent nearly 10,500 Christmas gifts for inner city Lutheran churches to give to children in their communities. In December 2011, the churches plan to again have the opportunity to share the love of Jesus with many children and to give each a Christmas gift. Toys need to be **NEW** for ages 0-14 (boys and girls). Please don't wrap the gifts. The value requested is \$5.00 - \$10.00. Checks are also accepted. Please make checks payable to IDW-Toys.

Los Angeles - Backpacks and School Supplies



Backpacks and school supplies

Have a 'Backpack Day'. Invite everyone to bring a backpack which will be given to a child in Los Angeles. Discuss backpack needs and pray for the person who will receive the backpack.

Items needed: Spiral notebooks, erasers, pencils, crayons (8, 16, or 24 count), and rulers with metric measure.

Amigos en Cristo



Adopt Hispanic child in Iowa: \$10.00/week

With an ever-increasing number of Hispanic immigrants in western Iowa, the mission field is fertile! Your gift will help make it possible for a Hispanic child to attend a Lutheran day school or preschool in Iowa District West to receive and hear the love of Christ! Goal: \$20,000 for this year.

Hope Ministries, Des Moines, IA



Hope Ministries in Des Moines, www.hopeiowa.org offers numerous ways to serve. They tend to the needs of the homeless and hungry. They are Christ-centered, privately-funded and non-denominational. They serve over 10,000 meals and provide over 4,100 nights of shelter every month.

Hope Ministries provides three shelters for the homeless in Des Moines including Bethel Mission, an emergency shelter for homeless men; Door of Faith, a long-term recovery center for homeless men; and Hope Family Center, a long-term recovery center for homeless mothers and their children. Tending to the needs of their homeless guests requires a considerable supply of personal care items, i.e. toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, disposable razors, etc. The need for these items is year-round.

Used clothing, new underwear and shoes are always needed. Refer to the attached "2011" sheet promoting the collection of used shoes and new underwear.

Information is also available at http://www.idwlcms.org/ministry_areas/ioway/information/shoes_and_undies_2011.pdf

WE CARE KITS are individually packaged supplies of personal care items contained in one zip lock bag. For a list of items in We Care Kits, check out http://www.hopeiowa.org/you_can_help/wecare.php

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Lutheran Hour Ministries for Children

JCPlayZone website www.jcplayzone.com is offered by Lutheran Hour Ministries as a safe online play space for children ages 2-6 and their parents. They offer a wide variety of media programs and ministries to reach millions of people around the world with the saving message of Jesus Christ and connect them to the church.

E-Mail Addresses of Missionaries

Write a note and brighten a missionary's day and learn about their ministry. The missionaries will be happy to correspond with you and share their joys and challenges.

1. Matthew Fick - matthew.fick@lcms.org (Taiwan)
2. Jennifer Anderson - jennifer.anderson@lcms.org (Kazakhstan)
3. Rev. Carl and Chen Hsi Hanson - carl.hanson@lcms.org (Hong Kong)
4. Rev. Mark and Rose Krause - MEKrause40@aol.com (Latvia)
5. Mark Wolfram - mark.wolfram@lcms.org (Taiwan)
6. Anton Lutz - alutz@online.net.pg (Papua, New Guinea)

Where to send money and/or items collected

ITEMS: Collection points for shoes, underwear, dental items, backpacks, school supplies and toys!

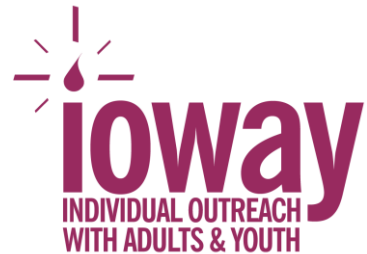
Mark the boxes with the name of the mission project and deliver to:

1. Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Ida Grove, IA 712-675-4818
2. Junior High Youth Gathering in Des Moines, October 29-30, 2011

GIFTS OF MONEY:

1. One check can be issued to include one or more international projects and another check to include one or more Iowa District West projects.
2. Complete the mission remittance form (last two pages of this packet) and indicate which project/projects you are supporting.
3. Please include a PHOTO and a few paragraphs about your mission project. I'd like to feature you and/or your group in *The Lutheran Witness* and/or *The Harvest*.

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THANK YOU ☺

IOWA DISTRICT WEST MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Please indicate the mission/missions that you wish to sponsor.
2. Complete this form and send with your gift so the accounts are credited with your wishes.
3. When a specific amount is not listed, list the amount that you wish to contribute.
4. You are welcome to donate all or part of a given amount per project.

OPPORTUNITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT EACH	TOTAL GIFT
Witness Bracelets	List total number of bracelets made		
Camp Okoboji	Contact Doug Kading - Camp Okoboji 1531 Edgewood Dr. Milford, IA 51351 (712) 337-3325 doug.camp@idwlcms.org		
Toys for children in Los Angeles	Total toys collected		
	Total money collected for toys		
Back packs/school supplies	Total backpacks collected		
	Total spiral notebooks collected		
	Total erasers collected		
	Total pencils collected		
	Total boxes of crayons collected		
Amigos en Cristo	Hispanic student/Lutheran School	\$10.00/week	
2011 Homeless Outreach	Pairs of used shoes collected (tie pairs together)		
	Items of new underwear collected		
	Total disposable diapers collected		
	Total used children's books collected		

Send this form and checks to:

IDW - IOWAY
 Ellie Menz
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 Jefferson, Iowa 50129
 515-386-8420
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFT!

Church/Group:

Contact Person:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone # :

E-mail: