



# We do missions!

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## Hispanic Outreach Ministry

Primera Iglesia (aka, "Santa Cruz", because she meets at Holy Cross in Racine), founded in 1980, continues to bring the Gospel to its Hispanic community. The congregation is currently served by vacancy Pastor Douglas Groll, former missionary to Venezuela and long-time leader in Hispanic theological training in our Synod. Edmundo Rosales of Santa Cruz is beginning his theological training at the St. Louis Seminary in the Center for Hispanic Studies. Pastor Alfonso Prada from our sister church in Venezuela continues his ministry at St. Martini church and its LUMIN school with the help of Pastor Tom Piel. Fellow Venezuelan vicar German Novelli, Jr., is serving



at Grace in Milwaukee with Pastor Ferd Bahr and is scheduled to be ordained at the end of 2014 through the SMP program. Pastor Tim Sims is expanding his bilingual ministry at Oklahoma Avenue Lutheran church, and with the other congregations and their leaders, including Bessie Fick who is invaluable as a bilingual ministry coordinator, leads CPTLN ("Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones" or "Christ for all Nations") which is a unique partnership with SWD and Lutheran Hour Ministries.

## People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO)



People of the Book Lutheran Outreach, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization, "is a mission movement which trains and sends ethnic missionaries to minister in partnership with congregations desiring to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to new Americans" ([poblo.org/about-us/](http://poblo.org/about-us/)). We have three POBLO missionaries serving in SWD: Praveen and Priya Manuel, who are reaching the Indian population in and around Waukesha with the support of Brookfield Lutheran Church and other congregations, and Ebou Faye, who is working primarily with Somalians together with Bethany and Mt. Calvary churches in Milwaukee.



## French African Ministry

Pastor Gui Kasongo serves the International Lutheran Church of Zion, which meets at Benediction Lutheran Church on the northwest side of Milwaukee. Serving the growing French-speaking African community in Milwaukee (which includes many Muslims), Pastor Gui and his people meet the unique physical and spiritual needs of an immigrant community. Centered around Word and Sacrament, and sent with mercy to their community, this congregation has been a beacon for LCMS immigrant ministry in

SWD and in our Synod at-large. Pastor Gui and his people also support ministry in his homeland, the Congo. Once again in 2014, through the support of Luther Academy, Pastor Gui and Rev. Dr. Ron Mudge of CUW will lead workshops for Lutheran pastors in the Congo.



## International Student Ministry at UW-Milwaukee

Pastor Ken Wieting serves at Luther Memorial Chapel in Shorewood. It's not unusual for a worship service at Luther to include long-time members, LCMS undergrad students studying at UWM, and international students and scholars and their families from all over the world! Vicar Paul Rockrohr is finishing his internship, working



primarily with students at UWM and MSOE. Bessie Fick (pictured far left), who has a long history of international student ministry, helps Luther to reach out with ESL, Bible Studies and fellowship events for internationals, many of them from China. Invite your college students who are studying at UWM, MSOE, or another Milwaukee school to worship at Luther Memorial! [www.lmcusc.org](http://www.lmcusc.org)



## Calvary Lutheran Chapel at UW-Madison

Pastor Jason Zobel (right in picture at left) and Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Madison have partnered with the Chapel at UW to reach the campus community. SMP Vicar Dan Anderson (pictured far left) and international ministry coordinator Judy Tang utilize the recently remodeled space in the heart of the campus to reach out to traditional undergrad and graduate students, as well as the huge population of internationals, many of them from China and other parts of



Asia. If you know of LCMS young people studying at UW, send them to the Chapel at 701 State Street (directly above the UW bookstore). [www.calvarymadison.org](http://www.calvarymadison.org)



## Karenni Ministry

The Karenni are an ethnic group from Burma (Myanmar). Like other persecuted minority groups who suffered under the Buddhist militaristic regime there, many of them fled for safety to refugee camps in Thailand. Nearly 200 Karenni have settled in the Milwaukee area since 2009. Trinity-Freistadt adopted the first Karenni family that came and initiated a ministry among them that now regularly includes more than 60 or 70 who meet Sunday afternoons for worship, ESL, Sunday School and Adult Instruction at

Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church on the south side of Milwaukee. Pastor Zeuschner (Chapel of the Cross), Pastor Lehenbauer (Trinity-Freistadt), Pastor Hillenbrand (Beautiful Savior-Mequon) and Pastor Kaul (Faith-Germantown) share preaching and teaching responsibilities. In 2013, more than 30 students enrolled at Trinity-Freistadt's school and several began at Milwaukee Lutheran High School. God has blessed this growing Lutheran immigrant community!





### Hmong Ministry

Did you know that Wisconsin has the third largest population of Hmong in the United States (behind only Minnesota and California)? God has blessed us with several Hmong congregations. Pastor Faiv Neng Her serves Hmong Hope, which recently relocated to Berea Lutheran Church on the northwest side of Milwaukee. Pastor Blong Vang's congregation meets at Trinity Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. Vicar Moses Thao serves the small

group meeting at Redeemer in Manitowoc, and Pastor Joshua Lee, who was ordained as an SMP pastor at Trinity in Sheboygan, is now pursuing his MDiv at the Fort Wayne Seminary. Recently ordained Pastor Moua Vang serves the Hmong congregation at Benediction in Milwaukee.



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### Free at Last Ministry



“If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed!” (John 8:36) Through the ministry of Rev. Afam Ikanih, Rev. Elijah Ndon, and layman Patrick Batom, the Gospel of Jesus is setting men free from slavery to sin. Through Bible studies, worship, and one-on-one counseling at the Milwaukee County House of Correction in Franklin, Pastor Ikanih and Pastor Ndon remind the incarcerated that there is hope and forgiveness—and freedom!—through faith in the crucified and risen Christ. This amazing ministry led to the

baptism of 42 men in 2013. And yet, more than ministering to the incarcerated, Free at Last through Mission of Christ Lutheran Church also meets the needs of ex-offenders and provides a spiritual home for these men as they struggle to live out their faith once they are out of prison.



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### Urban Ministry in Milwaukee

Bethany Lutheran Church is a vital ministry in the heart of the city. Rev. Dr. Christian Ikanih, a native of Nigeria, serves a diverse congregation and community. The District supports this ministry of hope in an urban neighborhood that confronts hopelessness every day. Bethany shares the love of Jesus by meeting the needs of its neighbors: food, clothing, but above all the Gospel! She also serves the Somali immigrant community

with English as a Second Language classes through People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) missionary Ebou Faye and faithful volunteers.





## Deaf Ministry

Did you know that deaf people are among the most unchurched people group in our nation? While deaf ministry flourished in many LCMS Districts in the past, many of those ministries have struggled or even died out completely. We are blessed to have two men doing deaf ministry in SWD: Pastor John Reinke at Our Savior Deaf in Madison and Pastor Bud Palmer at Emmanuel Deaf in West Allis. Both men also serve the deaf community in Delavan.



Not only do these men serve local congregations of the deaf, but through streaming video of their Bible Classes and worship services they reach out to the often-isolated deaf Christian population in the US. Several deaconesses who have been trained through the DIT (Deaf Institute of Theology) at the St. Louis Seminary help with the work.

## Ministry at the SOS Center in Milwaukee



An old funeral home on 46th and North Ave. in Milwaukee has been the site of mercy ministry in the name of Jesus for decades. Begun by LCMS members with a heart for reaching the city, this ministry—which provided after-school tutoring, summer programs, GED and ESL training, a food bank, clothing bank and sewing center—ran into financial problems in 2012 and had to close. With support from our District, some generous donors, and both urban



and suburban congregations, the SOS has reopened. Focusing right now on after-school programs and a 2014 Summer program, the goal is to serve the community in the name of Jesus, teaching kids that there is always hope with faith in Christ!



## Ministry in the Dominican Republic

In partnership with LCMS International Mission, Bethesda and the English District, SWD has been supporting the growing mission work in the DR, which is led by missionary pastor Ted Krey. Teams from our District (many led by Brian and Jeannette Keller of Brookfield Lutheran Church) helped in the past with construction projects, including the recently finished group home for developmentally disabled youth, and a small seminary facility in Palmar Arriyba, north of Santiago. Several of our school principals and teachers have also helped with the ministry at the recently renovated Lutheran school, also in Palmar, which serves as a worship site. A new preschool in Licey (lee-SAY) is also a worship site, and a rented space in



Santiago has become a center for mercy ministry, worship, and a satellite site for Lutheran Hour Ministries. Pastor Willy Gaspar, the first Dominican Lutheran pastor, serves in and around the capitol of Santa Domingo. As this ministry grows, more and more support is needed for the multiple ministries serving there. ([lcms.org/dominicanrepublic](http://lcms.org/dominicanrepublic))

*Let's do missions together!*

Would you like to join us? Please keep these missions in your prayers and consider helping the South Wisconsin District support them with your gifts. Many congregations, schools and Sunday schools focus on one ministry and make it their "Mission of the Month." If you would like more information on any of these missions, please call our Missions Exec, Pastor Peter Kelm, or his Assistant, Peg Raabe at the District Office, 414-464-8101. **Thank you!**