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>> Through long-established relationships, LCA International Mission seeks to equip, encourage, engage in and support the growth of holistic ministry carried out in relationship with our partners overseas and the individuals, congregations and districts of the Lutheran Church of Australia.



**Pastor Matt Anker**

Assistant to the Bishop  
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of Australia

## THE COST OF **FOLLOWING JESUS**

Since the days of European settlement, Christians in Australia and New Zealand have enjoyed a relatively privileged place. Even now following Jesus does not come at any significant cost in terms of your place in society, freedoms or personal safety. We have become so accustomed to this that we are easily shocked by the growing resentment and antagonism toward the church these days.

But for our mission partners across South-East Asia, this is simply a reality of following Jesus in their multi-religious contexts. We can learn much from our brothers and sisters in places like Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia and Myanmar, as they have grown up understanding that following Jesus comes at a significant personal cost – but a cost worth paying.

On a recent visit to Malaysia, I heard stories from pastors and members in congregations south of Kuala Lumpur about the restrictions they face because of the influence of Muslim lawmakers. But surprisingly I also heard of the aggression they face from Hindu neighbours. As Hinduism calls on all manner of demonic spirits, this aggression often manifests in situations we might expect to read about in the book of Acts, rather than in a modern nation like Malaysia.

Despite this, these pastors and lay members were remarkably at ease. They understand the spiritual reality they are facing as the kingdom of God grows in their midst. They expect opposition. They expect spiritual attack. They expect to pay a price. And they face these challenges with confidence because they know Jesus paid the ultimate price and his victory over all these things is assured. The futures of these congregations are not secure, but their joy and confidence in God's promises are undiminished.

We can be richly blessed by our mission partners as they teach us that our life as Christians is an offence to the devil and the world, and so we should expect to pay a price for following Jesus. But they also remind us that whatever the price, it is worth paying because the forgiveness and life Jesus has won for us is such an incredible treasure.

The Christian life in Australia and New Zealand may not be as 'comfortable' as it once was, but don't be discouraged. As you read about how God is working among our mission partners in the following pages, remember that in many of these countries the Christian church is not only in the minority but is actively opposed.

I pray you will clearly see that as they trust in the promises of God, such opposition – even in our countries – is powerless to slow God's mission.



**TRAINING  
IN THE  
GOSPEL**

# GOD-SHAPED SERVANTHOOD

In Scripture, deacons are not ‘called’ (as pastors are) but are qualified by God and chosen by the church. The Greek word for deacon is *diakonos* and the word used for the gift of service is *diakonia*. The deacon’s office is the office of a servant.

Sister Elisabeth did not think she was friendly or humble enough to be a deaconess, but her parents convinced her to train at the deaconess school, promising her that the role would not just involve preaching (which she had experienced from the deaconess in her own church). For many young women studying at Sekolah Tinggi Diakones HKBP in Indonesia, their role models have been deaconesses from their home churches, noticed because of their servant hearts.

The staff and students of the school practise a simple life. Sister Elisabeth was allowed to bring only a few things – four shirts, four skirts and two pairs of shorts. The daily schedule is full for 123 students who live on campus. The day begins at 5am with personal Bible reflection and concludes at 10.30pm after worship. During the week, the women study subjects such as theology and social science (including psychology and health

science). On Saturdays they have practical study in the hospital and prison and with the elderly and children in the countryside. On Sundays, they teach Sunday school and sing with choirs in services at nearby churches.

Although there is teaching most days, the staff do not just want the students’ heads engaged. They want their hearts moved to become more like Christ. Deaconesses remember those who are forgotten, neglected and living in oppression and darkness. When she graduates, Sister Elisabeth’s role will involve feeding the physically hungry with food, as well as bringing the Holy Spirit’s joy into the lives of the suffering, poor, weak, sick, marginalised and oppressed.

Given the immense responsibility which rests on the shoulders of these young women, it is not surprising that Sister Elisabeth was hesitant to serve in this way. But the expectation of those training to be deaconesses is not to offer perfect charity, hospitality and selflessness by their own strength. The Holy Spirit transforms their hearts to want to create spaces of deep belonging, and then equips them with all they need to do so.

Women like Sister Elisabeth remind us of the desperate need to invite the lonely into the warmth of love, where we are able to get a glimpse of the fullness of life that we have been given for eternity. And as we do so, we can be assured that it is God who affirms us with the same joy he has over his Son, equipping us to live as those who God loves; that is, to serve others with that same love.

**Erin Kerber**

How are we training in the gospel?

*LCA International Mission partners with the 13 Lutheran World Federation member churches in Indonesia through the National Committee of Lutheran World Federation (KN-LWF).*

How can you support this training in the gospel?

*If you would like to financially support theological education for church workers in Indonesia, please refer to the donation form at the back of this edition.*



# USING OUR SKILLS TO SERVE OTHERS

Earlier this year, I coordinated the fourth overseas experience for members of Adelaide Hills Lutheran churches to visit Nan province in north-eastern Thailand. This year's five participants were members from Trinity Lutheran in Spring Head, St John's Lutheran in Woodside and Lobethal Lutheran.

Our mission was to:

- assist Lua evangelists and villagers in Ban De Lai to enclose the church building we helped construct in 2020, and add a verandah and toilet
- assist evangelists and villagers in Ban Hoi Tong to re-roof their church building and tile the floor and verandah
- re-connect with evangelists and Pastor Tovo, from the Malagasy Lutheran church, and his family
- facilitate the Saturday club for children in Ban Den, which included sharing a Bible story, a craft and playing games together
- worship with locals
- visit and pray for villagers we met, and
- be inspired by the strong and active faith of the Lua and Thai people.

We served alongside Lua evangelists to complete the projects. Through hand signals, using Google translate and their limited English, we were able to strengthen friendships. We also experienced our hosts' generous hospitality and celebrated the end of the projects with a banquet.

It was incredibly rewarding to go to Ban Hoi Tong, in the mountains near the Thai/Laos border. Members of the church and non-members in this village helped re-roof and tile the floor of the church building. This is what these trips are about – using our gifts to serve with others as examples of Christ's light to those who don't yet know him as Lord.



Although the locals may not have the relative wealth we enjoy, their abundance of love for God and one another is inspiring. As we served, we were blessed by those who welcomed us, joined us in service, shared what God has done and continues to do in their lives, and excused our cultural faux pas and misunderstandings to continue to build relationships.

Service begins with God in whose image we are made. He gives us all we need to assist, love and receive blessings from those who live in a different country and culture. We were thankful for being kept safe, challenged to interact with people we don't know well or share a common language with, and provided a place where we could use our God-given abilities alongside others.

We also thank God for the generosity of those who donated toward the building projects and those who surrounded us with prayer support.

This was an incredibly rewarding experience that provided so many moments which helped us to grow our faith.

**Chris Sumner**

How are we joining with God partnering in the gospel?

*LCA International Mission supports and resources LCA NZ congregations in partnership with churches in Southeast Asia and Papua New Guinea.*

How can you partner?

*If members of your congregation would like to know more about forming a congregation partnership with a community in Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore or PNG, please contact us.*

# You will not fear the terror of the night!

BY PASTOR MICK HAUSER

'You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday (Psalm 91:5,6).'

Oh, how my family and I have needed these words these first six months of 2023. After returning to Papua New Guinea following the birth of our second child in Toowoomba, our lives were spun around just before Easter.

My mother-in-law passed to her eternal home. To protect those involved, I speak indirectly. Grief often leaves us in a state of confusion. Furthermore, the hurt and pain of a hidden nature bubble to the surface and reveal themselves in long-held resentment. Anger follows. Blame begins to rear up in the minds of people. Accusations fly like arrows. The shadows, those places behind our backs, become a pestilence and threats see the light of day.

Our Lord enters this mess and begins to clear the air.

'He will cover you with his pinions, and under  
his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness  
is a shield and buckler (Psalm 91:4).'

His faithfulness, not mine, is a shield.

During this grim period, I questioned the safety of my family. Was my time in PNG coming to an end?

He indeed has protected us, and we pray will continue to do so. After all of this, somehow now, I find myself in Fort Wayne, Indiana, studying a PhD in Missiology at Concordia Seminary. I was accepted into the program earlier in the year, a long-awaited journey had arrived. My heart didn't want to leave the family behind for any length of time, let alone the almost three weeks I would be away. But the Lord is faithful.

The study has been brewing in the background for quite some time. I am indebted to Pastor Matt Anker for his encouragement to seek out study opportunities. By the grace of our Lord, a scholarship was awarded and funding was provided that enabled me to come here. I now learn in an intense way about the sending church and its activity. What a privilege it is to be involved with such a program! To take the name of the Lord to the ends of the earth. What great promises he has for us.

'I will protect him, because he knows my name (Psalm 91:14b).'



## HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

If you would like to financially support Mick, Milka, Kelly and Malenne Hauser as Mick lecturers at Martin Luther Seminary in Lae, PNG, please refer to the donation form on the back of this edition.



# God prepares and provides

BY CATHRYN ZARNKE

Genesis tells us that, in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth and then made all the creatures. He prepared places for living things so that they were provided for through their environments. Fish have food and shelter and all they need where God has placed them. God not only prepared places for the fish of the seas and the birds of the air but also for us.

God has been preparing and providing for me throughout my life and I want to proclaim that more than ever. God has prepared the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELC-PNG) to be a place of service for me where I can grow and learn. It is also a setting in which the education he provided for me can be shared with others. Since I arrived in PNG on 15 June, he has provided me with a team of amazing colleagues who are taking me on my orientation program, a flat with a beautiful tropical garden, lots of different foods to eat, and a welcoming church community.

At the end of my first week, I felt as though I was in the right place to serve and be served. After talking with ELC-PNG church leaders about their departments and projects, it was clear that there would be a mutual benefit for English-speaking Christian teachers to be working with this inspiring church body. There are educational projects involving a curriculum revision in the church's primary schools and a great desire to improve post-graduate opportunities for seminary students, both with a strong focus on improving English skills. The ELC-PNG wants its pastors to present the gospel to English speakers and represent its theological positions articulately. God is preparing it to serve in a global capacity and is providing through English-speaking missionaries, with hopefully more educators to come!

God has also been preparing and providing for you. He has been nurturing your gifts, skills and abilities so that you are prepared to serve him. He has been providing for you through your family and employment or retirement and, most importantly, his body, the church.

Dear Heavenly Father,  
We praise you for the many blessings you have provided and the meaningful positions which you have prepared for us. Please forgive us when we have not followed your ways and not put our trust in you.  
Thank you for forgiving us through the death of your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Please continue to prepare us for service and provide for our needs.  
In Jesus Christ's name. Amen.



## HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

If you would like to financially support Cathryn Zarnke as she teaches English to the students at Martin Luther Seminary, in Lae, PNG, refer to the donation form on the back of this edition.

# Joys and challenges of a new land and language

BY REV DR MICHAEL LOCKWOOD

Greetings from our new home in Taiwan. Our family has been in Taiwan for six months. This has been both joyful and challenging.

The joys have included:

- Fellowship with the other mission staff and with our brothers and sisters at Salvation Lutheran Church, Chiayi
- The friendliness of the Taiwanese people
- Experiencing this beautiful island and its interesting culture
- The excellent language program at Chiayi University, through which the whole family is learning Mandarin Chinese.

Challenges have included:

- Language barriers when it comes to day-to-day things like opening bank accounts, getting driver's licences, and working out what we can eat given our food intolerances
- Navigating the roads, with cars and scooters flying in all directions and most of the signs in Chinese
- Our sons' education. Due to our dissatisfaction with their Australian distance education, plus the lack of any local schools that teach in English, we have decided to send them to Morrison Christian Academy, an international school in a neighbouring city. This means they will have to board during the week but can come home on weekends. Asher begins in August and Jadon will attend a year later.

Most of my time has been occupied with learning Mandarin. The goal is to become proficient enough that I am capable of teaching in it. This is a huge task! Nevertheless, I now have an excellent tutor through Chiayi University and am making slow but steady progress. Furthermore, learning a new language provides many cultural insights. For example, the way to say 'sorry' in Chinese is 'dui bu qi'. This means, 'I cannot lift up my face before you'. That is, it is an expression of shame, something that is deeply embedded in the shame-honour cultures of the Chinese-speaking world. In this context, we can proclaim Christ as the one who takes away our shame and enables us to hold our heads high.

While I am eagerly awaiting the day when I can transition from language learning to teaching God's word, I already have a few small teaching opportunities. I am currently leading a Bible study on Acts with the other mission staff; I am looking forward to teaching a seminar in November on the Apostles' Creed for pastors and church workers in Nepal; and in January I am scheduled to lead in-service training with the faculty of Concordia Lutheran Seminary in Nagercoil, India.

Please pray for the China Evangelical Lutheran Church here in Taiwan, for our whole family to be able to learn Mandarin quickly and well, and for our boys as they transition to life in boarding school.



## HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

If you would like to financially support Michael, Naomi, Asher and Jadon Lockwood as Michael lectures at the China Evangelical Lutheran Church Seminary, please refer to the donation form on the back of this edition.



## Leading in gospel integrity

BY PASTOR MURRAY SMITH

Following a much drier rainy season last year and experiencing drought in Finschhafen, in Papua New Guinea's Morobe Province, we are now in the middle of a very normal wet season. The dry meant that vital food production from student gardens has been delayed from March until an expected start in early July if the rains don't decimate them.

As adept as the people are in working in their surroundings, there is genuine fragility in life in PNG where the lack of medical supplies can impact enormously on family stability.

Amid the fragility, there is also a beautiful naivety. By this I do not mean a lack of intellect; rather that the culture does not unnecessarily engage in the 'why' and 'what about' questions which seek to apprehend the uncertainties of the future.

Term one finished early and included an extended break for the students to return home seeking assistance from families and communities. Even though they have returned to a lack of provision, monetary gifts from Evangelical Lutheran Church of PNG and its overseas partners have enabled seminary classes to resume largely uninterrupted. What has been lacking in material benefits has not dampened the spirits of students, who have maintained class attendance with remarkable resilience.

Teaching pure Lutheran theology may seem relatively straightforward. But in a land where the Book of Concord has been mostly unavailable due to the cost, in many cases there is a limited knowledge through Luther's Small Catechism and opportunity to build on the foundation that people from Western cultures take for granted.

Acknowledging a lack of Lutheran identity in their home parishes, students' questions are chiefly framed around false doctrines, both from past culture and undisciplined churches that have brought great disunity and confusion to their congregations and villages.

The spectacular coastal views from our mountaintop vantage point are surpassed only by observing the transforming power of the word of God on timid young seminary entrants to stable students of theology. Students whose purpose at seminary engages from day one the reality of the home to whom most of them aspire to return and lead forward in gospel truth and integrity.



### HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

If you would like to financially support Murray and Tracy Smith as Murray lecturers at Senior Flierl Seminary, please refer to the donation form on the back of this edition.





# GROWING IN LUTHERAN IDENTITY

In August 2022 I received an invitation from Dr Wilfred John, director of the Lutheran Study Centre – Sabah, Malaysia, to teach at a conference with the theme, Lutheran Distinctives on Church, Ministry and Mission. Dr Wilfred is a former student at Australian Lutheran College (ALC) and a long-time friend of the LCA. The visit was organised by LCA International Mission.

What a joyful and exciting experience! For three days I gathered with representatives from six different Lutheran churches under the theme 'Developing Lutheran Identity'. The conference was an English-language meeting at the Luther Centre in Petaling Jaya, Kuala Lumpur. Representatives from at least six different Lutheran churches, including BCCM (Basel Christian Church of Malaysia), PCS (Protestant Church in Sabah), LCM (Lutheran Church in Malaysia), ELCM (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia), LCS (Lutheran Church in Singapore) and HKBP (Huria Kristen Batak Protestant Church).

I presented keynote addresses on 'Reformation Understanding of the Church', and 'Reformation Reflection on the Ministry'. The key content was the Lutheran Confessions, especially the Augsburg Confession and the Apology, the Smalcald Articles and Luther's catechisms. I was also part of a panel with the Lutheran World Federation's Dr Philip Lok, Bishop Steven Lawrence (ELCM) and Bishop Emeritus Terry Kee (LCS), reflecting on various aspects of ecumenical dialogues. This presented an opportunity to share

the results of our three main dialogues in Australia, and to reflect on the Asian region Lutheran churches' contribution to our own conversations and partnerships.

I was encouraged to see nearly 40 people registered and many of them were young. Some are newly elected leaders wanting to strengthen their Lutheran understandings. This is an exciting time for the region, and they look to the LCA for theological assistance. On our part, we are energised by their passion, hard work and mission-mindedness.

Building relationships and trust in this region requires being present when possible and is the foundation for people to receive teaching. I am encouraged by the thirst for learning and the recognition by leaders of their need to grow in Lutheran identity. These churches are mission-driven, and they realise that to fulfil that mission they need a true understanding of law and gospel, and a clear confessional answer to the question from Christ, 'Who do you say that I am?'

My thanks to LCA International Mission for organising this trip and to Pastor Matt Anker and ALC Principal James Winderlich for their encouragement to attend.

**Rev Dr Andrew Pfeiffer**

PROCLAIMING  
THE

• GOSPEL •

How are we supporting our partners as they proclaim the gospel?

***LCA International Mission partners with Australian Lutheran College to provide lecturers to assist pastors and lay people from our overseas partner churches to proclaim the gospel in their own context.***

How can you support the proclamation of the gospel?

***If you would like to financially support Australian lecturers who serve among our partner countries, please refer to the donation form on the back of this edition.***

STORIES OF MISSION

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

AROUND THE GLOBE

# CONNECTED IN SHARING worship and life

Being a follower of Jesus is an invitation to a life of joy, peace and hope, but it can also be a journey filled with persecution and temptations to believe you are alone.

So, when I was asked to join the organising team for the Mission EineWelt-run online Global Worship in 2020, I leapt at the chance to connect with people from around the world.

Over the next two years, when loneliness and fear were reigning powers amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Global Worship was a chance to read the Bible, share stories, listen to music and ultimately prove that we are not alone. And despite all the work the planning committee put into the services, often what we planned was overtaken by the Holy Spirit and led to powerful experiences.

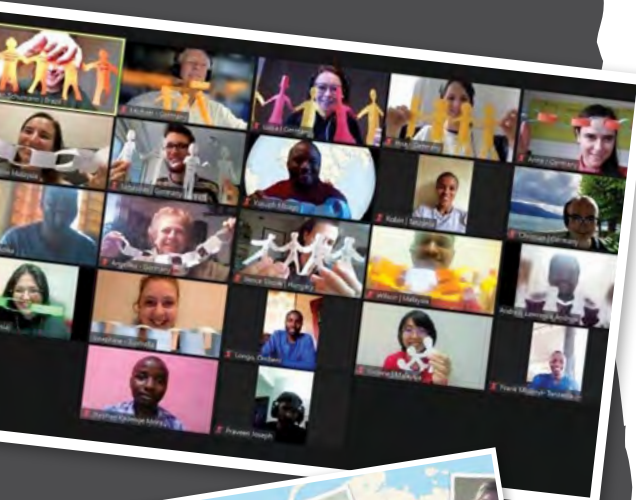
One such experience came during the first service when I saw a participant crying. I sent her a private message asking her to connect after the service to check she was okay. She explained: 'I cried as a way of cleansing those aspects of my life that aren't pleasing to God. My tears are a reminder that Jesus forgives and takes all the evil away from me.'

She told her story. When she was three, her mother died by suicide and her father died a week later in an accident. She lived with her grandmother who was a devout Catholic and took her to worship. One Sunday her grandmother gave her a coin and told her to put it in the offering bowl, saying that if she asked God for something, he would give it to her. The following Sunday she put the coin in her pocket. Perplexed, her grandmother asked, 'Why didn't you put the offering in the bowl?' She replied, 'Last Sunday I asked God to give me back my mother but she's not here'.

Members of the church said her mother was in hell because of the circumstances of her death, and she began a downward spiral to drug addiction and an overdose in her late teens. On the way to the hospital, the ambulance passed a church and, as she looked at the statues of saints adorning the outside, she could hear them singing. She prayed to God that if he would save her, she would live for him. By the time she reached hospital, she had been healed. She began theological studies and has devoted her life to serving her loving Creator.

Most of my life is spent interacting with non-Christians. I therefore committed to joining Global Worship, even if it meant waking in the very early hours to connect with others. Through these experiences, the Holy Spirit inspired and challenged me to read the Bible through different cultural lenses, hear stories of God's faithfulness from the most persecuted and share my fears and weaknesses without fear of judgement.

**Josephine Matthias**



**Global Worship was organised by Evangelical Jugend in Bayern, the Josefstal Study Centre, Mission EineWelt and a team of participants from the Youth Exchange Like a Tree.**

# YEARNING TO KNOW MORE OF GOD'S LOVE



I am a Deacon of the Myanmar Lutheran Church (MLC), am married to Mrs Win Swe who loves God so much, and we have a daughter whose name is Rachael.

My parents came from an animist background. They offered many sacrifices to the spirits whenever one of us became sick, even though my mother felt very uncomfortable when the animals were slaughtered for the sake of our healing.

The gospel was brought to our family by a Baptist pastor. He shared how we were created in God's own image and likeness to be loved by him. And in his love, he saves us from our sins. My mother told my father that they must believe in Christ to be saved and to have peace, as their ritual animal sacrifices could not give them healing and peace. The Holy Spirit created faith in us and, finally, our family believed in Jesus Christ as our Lord.

After four years with the Baptist church, we became members of MLC, and I heard the gospel spoken through the pastors. They taught me how much God loves me. I was so ambitious to learn the word of God in Bible school. My heart yearned to know more about his love and to be equipped to share the gospel with others, so I began theological education at Myanmar Lutheran Seminary. I was taught about Jesus, whose birth, suffering, death and resurrection save us for eternity.

Through the study and as my faith in God has grown, I have come to understand how to support others, how to show love to the most vulnerable and to have a compassionate heart for those in desperate need of hope. As I studied the word of God, my character has grown and been transformed to be more like Christ – to have a self-giving love and to let go of my selfish desires. I continue to grow daily in how to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. And when I fall into temptation, the Holy Spirit creates in me the yearning to repent and reminds me of my forgiveness as a beloved child of God.

After my graduation earlier this year, I am now serving as a Deacon at the Trinity Lutheran Congregation in the Yangon district, where I am assisting the pastors for the ministries of God. Although we continue to face difficulties due to the political tensions in Chin State, I know that God is with me always and provides me with all I need to bring the gospel to all people in Myanmar.

**Deacon Shwe Hla Win**

How are we joining with God as he transforms people through the gospel?

*LCA International Mission is a partner of the Federation of Lutheran Churches in Myanmar, which unify the four Lutheran synods in Myanmar, including the Myanmar Lutheran Church.*

How can you support this work?

*If you would like to prayerfully support Deacon Shwe Hla Win and his ministry, please refer to the prayer point on the back of this edition.*





## I'M JOINING IN GOD'S MISSION BY *praying for*

Prayer is so important because many of our partner churches are working in new territory for the kingdom of God and spiritual attack is their everyday reality.

- Young women training at the Sekolah Tinggi Diakones HKBP, Indonesia, as they invite those who are lost in loneliness into the warmth of love
- Those who have been involved in Global Worship, that they will continue to be inspired, challenged and motivated by the Holy Spirit
- LCA NZ congregations to be prompted to partner with a congregation overseas and, in doing so, that they will be reminded of God's global mission
- Deacon Shwe Hla Win, as he serves Myanmar Lutheran Church. Pray that he notices opportunities to reach people with the gospel.

To download monthly prayer points, go to [www.lca.org.au/international-mission/join-gods-mission/pray/](http://www.lca.org.au/international-mission/join-gods-mission/pray/)

They can also be accessed via the LCA International Mission eNews – to sign up, go to [www.lca.org.au/enews](http://www.lca.org.au/enews)

*'Lord, renew your church, begin with me!'*



## I'M JOINING IN GOD'S MISSION BY *volunteering*

You can experience firsthand how God's love is coming to life through the word-and-action gospel work of our partner churches.

### CAMBODIA – SOCCER COACH OR UMPIRE

The Lutheran Church in Cambodia uses its sports program to witness to the local community, aiming to make disciples of youth, their families and their communities through strategic sports ministry. Join them as a soccer coach or umpire.

### THAILAND – AGRICULTURAL CONSULTANT

Agricultural consultants are needed for a community transformation project to help local people maintain their greenhouses and teach them to improve their crops. The greenhouses enable people to grow crops or vegetables and help them earn an income.

### MALAYSIA – CRAFT TRAINER

An artistic person who can create and teach craft is needed to help Malaysian women become self-supporting financially. The craft will need to be made using inexpensive recycled materials. There will also be the opportunity to share your faith sensitively.

### WHAT TO DO NEXT ...

If you would like to know more about volunteering in mission overseas, go to [www.lca.org.au/international-mission](http://www.lca.org.au/international-mission), email [lcaim@lca.org.au](mailto:lcaim@lca.org.au) or phone **08 8267 7317**.



## I'M JOINING IN GOD'S MISSION BY *giving to...*

We take great care of your financial gifts. You can be confident they will assist our partner Lutheran churches to bring the good news of Jesus to their communities.

... LCA International Mission's work with our partner churches

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- Cathryn Zarnke, English teacher at Martin Luther Seminary, **Papua New Guinea** \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Michael Lockwood, lecturer at China Evangelical Lutheran Church Seminary, **Taiwan**, and his family Naomi, Asher and Jadon \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mick Hauser, lecturer at Martin Luther Seminary, **Papua New Guinea**, and his family Milka, Kelly and Malenne \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Murray Smith, lecturer at Senior Flierl Seminary, **Papua New Guinea**, and his wife Tracy \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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- OR fill out the form below (credit card or cheque)

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