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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH "THE SENDING PLACE"?

WE ARE TRAINING OUR FIRST MISSION TEAM! That's right, we're not waiting for the facility to be built before we train and send missionaries. Training has already begun for five people who have committed to going to Petrozavodsk, Russia, leaving California on May 27 and returning June 18. This short-term missions trip is designed to teach English to Russian teenagers in the public schools, using the Bible as the book they will be reading from. Jamie Deuel will lead the team from here, as the group joins up with East European Missions Network in Chicago, and flies to St. Petersburg, Russia from there. Please PRAY that this team will have a mighty impact on the Russian teenagers, and a safe and healthy trip.

MORE GOOD NEWS! Pastor Darrel Deuel met with the Bella Vista Water District Board of Directors on March 12, for the purpose of getting "The Sending Place" property annexed into the water district. The cost to do that could be around \$3,600 per acre, meaning that they could require more than \$1,000,000 for the annexation of the 300 acre parcel! Instead, they agreed to only charge us for the amount of property we expect to use. So the cost of being annexed into the district will be about \$43,000. It will cost another \$7,000 to hook up to the current water line, and then we will need to put in 2,100 feet of water pipe. So water is a very valuable part of this project, but we will be getting it on site at a minimal cost! We also thank Tom Warnock from PACE Engineering for his great help with this part of the project.

FUND-RAISING UPDATE! Over 300 letters were mailed out last month, asking for people to pray for the project, send a generous check to "The Sending Place", and make ten copies of the letter to send to people they believed would also help with this effort. Through this and other fund-raising efforts, around \$41,500 has been received, and another \$70,000 has been pledged! We also have individuals in Elk Grove, Manteca, Modesto, Redding and San Jose, CA doing personal fund-raising in their areas.

Obviously, our financial needs are still enormous! We need a minimum of \$150,000 for our property downpayment in July, and another \$55,000 for engineering fees, use permit fees, and water annexation fees. So please keep "The Sending Place" in PRAYER, and do what you can to help us raise the necessary finances. Altogether, we need \$575,000 to pay off the entire property, and around \$12,000,000 to start building the needed facility. We need your help. Make checks out to "The Sending Place".

"THE SENDING PLACE" BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS A BUSY SCHEDULE PLANNED. They are trying to get the word out to as many conventions as possible. Pastor Deuel will attend The LCMS Pastor's Conference in Santa Maria April 9-10. Janet and Jamie Deuel are going to The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Fresno April 13-14. Pastor Dan Selbo will attend The ELCA Synod Convention in Fresno April 25-27. And Pastor Deuel and Pastor Bill Moberly will go to The AALC National Convention in St. Paul, MN, June 19-22. Brochures will be handed out at display tables, and there will be some opportunities to speak and lead workshops. PRAY for God to light the fire of missions in the hearts of many.

CONCERNS: The tedious process of getting the property rezoned and a use permit granted has begun with the Shasta County Department of Resource Management Planning Division. There are many potential road blocks. Right now, the Indian tribes are being invited to walk the property to look for "artifacts" or burial grounds. Please PRAY that they find nothing that would hinder the project.

"LUTHERANS AT MISSION BODY AND SOUL, INC" is now officially incorporated as a non-profit corporation. Already, several families have added "The Sending Place" to their wills, and we greatly appreciate that.

We also have a new E-mail address and a new website!

E-mail us at: thesendingplace@hotmail.com.

Check out our website at: www.TheSendingPlace.com

And thanks to Ralph Feaster for doing a great job as our web master.

As to world missions, are you a GOER, or are you a SENDER, or are you BOTH? If you are a goer, you should be making plans and studying for your next trip. If you are a sender, you should be constantly setting aside finances for the purpose of sending others, and doing all you can to pray for and support their going. If you are both, you should not have to worry about getting bored!

"The Sending Place" is already arranging details for future mission trips. One that has a great chance of happening is a short-term trip to South Africa in August, 2003. Begin PRAYING now for what your involvement might be.

Thanks for your ongoing support of this God-sized project. We in the Lutheran Church in this country must catch the fire of missions, that we will be a major part of God's reaching the lost for His sake and for His glory.



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