

# THE GOOD NEWS



## "LAMBS"

### "LUTHERANS AT MISSION BODY AND SOUL INC." (LAMBS)

Is a nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3), Internal Revenue code. Also known as "The Sending Place". We exist for the purpose of training and sending Christian missionaries to proclaim Jesus as Lord to the ends of the earth.

### NEW ASSOCIATION

"The Sending Place" has become a member of the "Association of Lutheran Mission Agencies." (ALMA). Pastor Deuel attended the association's annual conference in St. Louis, Missouri, January 10-12. Much ministry can be accomplished as God's people partner together to preach the gospel to the world.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF "THE SENDING PLACE" JANUARY 2003

In 2001, "The Sending Place" had an income of \$11,600. Stepping out in faith, The board of Directors set a 2002 budget of \$188,600! By the end of 2002, over \$195,000 has been received! Thank s to all of you who have supported this ministry with your generous donations. Eleven congregations, and over 160 families and individuals have already supported this project.

The property where "the Sending Place" will be built near Redding, California, was purchased in July with \$150,000 down payment. Monthly payments of nearly \$2,500 are now being made. Nearly \$12,000 was also spent on engineering fees. Those fees were required in order for us to start the process of getting annexed into the local water district, starting the process of re-zoning the property and getting a use permit sometime in the future. Travel expenses, newsletters and printing materials to get the word out across the country, and a variety of other necessary details also re-

quired funding.

We enter 2003 with a passionate optimism! The budget for 2003 will be \$191,000 with \$105,000 of that already being pledged. More and more people are pledging and giving monthly donations. Efforts to raise the millions of dollars necessary to build the facility will be increased during this year.

"The Sending Place" sent off it's first Mission Team to Russia in May of this past year. Around 70 people turned out to send them off. The team left with great enthusiasm, and returned even more passionate about preaching the Gospel of Jesus. In 2003, three mission teams will be trained and sent. One going to Russia, one to Kenya and another to South Africa.

The Board of Directors called me to be the Executive Director of "The Sending Place" and encouraged me to become full time as soon as possible. I have resigned my call as Senior Pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, effective June 8, 2003.

Many Volunteers have also stepped forward to do maybe things, too numerous to count! It's great to have people come and say " I just have to do something to help! What can I do? What needs to be done?"

I spoke to many pastors this year, as well as to a variety of conferences and conventions. Even more are planned for this year. Word is spreading all around the country about what we are doing here, and many congregations have said that they will be voting at their annual meetings to add "The Sending Place" to their 2003 spending plans.

Please continue and dare to increase your prayers for this enormous project. God has already performed many wondrous works to push this project forward. Pray for God to pave the road ahead, and continue to raise up the people and millions of dollars needed to bring "The Sending Place" into its full and most effective reality.

Pastor Darrel Deuel

## THE NEED IS GREAT

As we live in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, with the considerable lowering of the stock market, charitable giving has greatly decreased. Churches everywhere are struggling, and many church staff have been let go. Many church denominations have also been hard hit by a great decrease in income. As a result, missionaries are being brought back from many countries around the world. For example, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod just brought home many of their overseas missionaries and fired a sizeable part of their world mission staff. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has seen their full time missionaries dwindle to less than 200.

Right in the midst of this crisis, God has called us to begin the ministry of "The Sending Place", to train and send hundreds of short-term and long-term missionaries across the globe! Coincidence? Of course not. The need for more missionaries is great. But as the Lutheran Synods are sending fewer and fewer missionaries, "The Sending Place" becomes a wonderful alternative to fill the gap. This is even more reason for you to help get the word out about what is happening with "The Sending Place", and for you to continue your prayers and financial support. This really is an exciting time to be training and sending more missionaries to share in the word of God.

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#### ***Intercessory Prayer Group***

An intercessory prayer group has been formed to pray for the needs of "The Sending Place". Mo Castro is the leader of this group. If you would like to receive regular updates on what to pray for, send your E-mail address to: thesendingplace@hotmail.com, and we will add your e-mail to the list. Prayer is a mighty force, and this huge project will need many prayers. Thank you to all who are already prayer warriors for this ministry.

## **MISSIONARIES BEGIN TRAINING**

It warms my heart to inform you that thirteen people have begun to train for the three mission trips that are planned for this summer. Training will continue two Saturdays per month for five months, and will include: how to raise the funds needed for each mission trip, an overview of the bible and how to study it, the difference between justification and sanctification, as well as many passages clarifying the biblical teaching on God's plan for missions. Two books will be studied, "Let the Nations Be Glad" and "Mack and Leann's Guide to Short Term Missions". Each missionary will also study the nation and culture where they will be serving. They will all also be required to complete a project on the culture that



**Imagine the Joy of Spreading The word of God!!!**

they are planning to visit and present it to the other trainees. Team-building exercises will be done, and missionaries will learn the enormous importance of prayer and spiritual warfare. All of the trainees will show they can clearly answer the question, "How would you explain the way of

salvation as the Bible teaches it?" Missionaries will learn how to teach and what will be taught. Acts 2 and the book of Ephesians will be studied in depth. All missionaries are eagerly looking forward to their training and their mission trips. Pray for them, and consider becoming one of those who will be sent in the future. This is an exciting time in a person's life when they will become a messenger and teacher of God's word. Imagine the feeling you can receive when you see the look in a person's face that just realized that they too are beneficiaries of what God has given us. That they are saved, and the feeling in your heart knowing that you were the one to bring such joy into that person's life forever.

# AND JESUS SAID “GO”

*Have you ever noticed that Jesus was 100% consistent in giving His final instructions to His followers? After Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead, those who believed in Jesus finally began to “get it.” During the 40 days He stayed on earth to give His followers their last minute instruction, all four gospel writers tell us what was the core of his teaching.*

*In Mathew 28:19-20, Jesus says, “GO therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” In his 16th chapter, Mark quotes Jesus as saying, “GO into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.”*

*In the 24th chapter of Luke, the evangelist writes, “Repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in Jesus’ name to all nations.” and John quotes Jesus when He says in John 20:21, “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.”*

*Notice how Jesus is completely consistent in His instructions to His followers after He rose from the dead! We are to GO, into the world and proclaim the forgiveness of sins through the gospel of Jesus Christ! That’s it! We are instructed to GO!!! So how is it that most Christians in this country interpret Jesus’ words to mean “stay”? How is it that most interpret “GO and preach to ALL nations” to mean “stay safe and comfortable where you are”?*

*Amazing, isn’t it? We who are followers of Jesus Christ must take a good hard look at ourselves and realize that mission trips are not just for someone else, they are for us too! Jesus is talking to all of His followers when He said, “GO, preach to all nations!” So begin to ask yourself the all important question. WHEN will you GO on a mission trip, to preach to the nations? “The Sending Place” can train you and send you to many places around the world that need the teachings of the Bible and the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Contact us for more information, and start doing what Jesus Christ asked of you!!!!!!*