

# THE GOOD NEWS



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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.



## PARTNER CHURCHES & MINISTRIES

It's very exciting to see the rapidly growing list of churches and ministries who are now partnering with "The Sending Place" to help send missionaries to the ends of the earth! Here's the current list of those who are partnering with us, with more adding all the time:

**Africa Ministry Resources** (Johannesburg, South Africa), **Agape Children's Ministry** (Kisumu, Kenya), **The American Association of Lutheran Churches** (Minneapolis, MN), **American Lutheran Church** (Sun City, AZ), **Ascension Lutheran Church** (Waterloo, IA), **Bethel Lutheran Church** (Cupertino, CA), **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** (Auburn, CA), **Calvary Lutheran Church** (Modesto, CA), **Christ Lutheran Church** (Duluth, MN), **Christ Lutheran Church** (Eagan, MN), **Christ Lutheran Church** (Fortuna, CA), **Christ the King Lutheran Church** (Fallbrook, CA), **Cross and Crown Lutheran Church** (Arlington Heights, IL), **East European Missions Network** (Minneapolis, MN), **Face to Face International** (Scottsdale, AZ), **Faith Lutheran Church** (Watseska, IL), **First Lutheran Church** (Morris, MN), **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church** (Sacramento, CA), **Golden Valley Lutheran Church** (Golden Valley, MN), **God's Hidden Treasures** (Ukraine), **Grace Life Ministries** (Kenya), **Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church** (Corinth, TX), **Light of Our Savior Lutheran Church** (Elk Grove, CA), **Living Christian Fellowship** (Littleton, CO), **Living Word Lutheran Church** (Eagan, MN), **Lutheran Church of Arcata** (Arcata, CA), **Lutheran Church of the Ascension** (Citrus Heights, CA), **Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd** (Salinas, CA), **Our Faith Lutheran Church** (Davis, CA), **Our Saviour Lutheran Church** (Simi Valley, CA), **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church** (Patterson, CA), **Peace Lutheran Church** (Camino, CA), **Poplar Lake Lutheran Church** (Fosston, MN), **Redeemer Lutheran Church** (Chico, CA), **The Servants Heart** (Guatemala City, Guatemala), **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church** (Galt, CA), **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church** (Yuba City, CA), **St. Matthew Lutheran Church** (Walnut Creek, CA), **St. Peter's Lutheran Church** (Elk Grove, CA), **St. Timothy's Lutheran Church** (San Jose, CA), **Trinity Lutheran Church** (Norwalk, CA), **Trinity Lutheran Church** (Sacramento, CA), **Trinity Lutheran Church** (San Pedro, CA), **United Lutheran Church** (Manteca, CA), **Zion Lutheran Church** (North Highlands, CA), **Zion Lutheran Church** (San Luis Obispo, CA).

## NEW EXPANDED TRAINING BEGINS

The rapidly expanding ministry of "The Sending Place" has brought together nearly 50 missionaries who are beginning their training for this summer's short-term mission trips! Trainees are working in many places around the country. Pastor Darrel Deuel, the Executive Director of "The Sending Place", leads the training sessions in Elk Grove, California, while Jamie Deuel, Sending Place trainer and team leader, leads the training in Golden Valley, Minnesota. There are also eager missionaries in training "from a distance" in other cities around the country.

Most of the trainees are preparing for "The Sending Place" sponsored mission trips to Russia, the Ukraine, and South Africa, while others are going on teams sponsored by their own congregations to countries like Mozambique, Nepal, the Phillipines, Thailand, Vietnam and Kenya. Please Pray that all these missionaries in training will be kept safe and healthy, and will raise the necessary funds to make their trips.

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### **Spend Some Time On Our Web Site**

There is a lot of information about "The Sending Place" on our website at [www.TheSendingPlace.com](http://www.TheSendingPlace.com) You can find all of our past newsletters, photos of the Redding, California property where the facility will be built, extensive information about the places our mission teams are going, and much more. Check it out and send us your comments, we would love to hear from you.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

In 2003, "The Sending Place" received a total of \$131,574 from 127 individual and family donors, plus 20 churches. Your donations are very much appreciated, and have allowed us to greatly expand our ministry of reaching the lost around the world! In addition, you also donated \$47,000 to short-term mission trips, enabling 14 people to preach and teach the Gospel overseas. Again thanks for your generosity. During the past year, fourteen donors gave monthly donations. We would encourage more of you to consider doing that in the coming year! We are already in great need to expand our staff. In fact, The Board of Directors has approved the hiring of two new full time staff as soon as the funds are in, or committed to be in. Please consider "The Sending Place" to be a ministry worth your monthly giving! We have one faithful church donor who is cutting back its giving this year around \$6,000 per month, so we'll need many more of you to step up with regular giving just for us to stay where we are. Remember, without your regular donations, "The Sending Place" will not exist.

### **WISH LIST**

*(Remember, "The Sending Place" is a 501.c.3 non profit corporation, so anything you donate is completely tax deductible for you.) Here is how you can help!*

### **Needed Items**

Video Projector ( To show Power Point presentations to other congregations.)  
Several Digital Cameras ( So each mission team can have one along to send pictures back)  
Lap Top Computer ( For Staff)

### **Financial Needs for General Expenses**

Staff Salaries (\$12,000 per month needed)  
Monthly Mortgage (\$2,400)  
Newsletter (\$1,200 per mailing)

*This Reference Letter Is Good News For  
"The Sending Place"*

**AGAPE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - KISUMU, KENYA**

**Subject: Sending Place Recommendation**

The experience we had this past summer, 2003, with the team from "The Sending Place" was outstanding. Much of the success is attributable to the fine preparation they received through "The Sending Place". Patty and I wish to commend "The Sending Place" for the wonderful spiritual and cultural preparation the short term team received before they visited Agape Children's Ministry.

We love the balanced and mature leadership of the team leader, Jamie Deuel. She knew when to allow her team members to experience culture and when to warn them about offending someone or placing themselves or others in danger.

The team understood the need for flexibility, engaging the spiritual enemy through prayer and the Word, consulting with the administration in the country as well as listening and responding to the advice given to them on the ground.

Our complete confidence in "The Sending Place" allows us to recommend that all future teams who visit Agape Children's Ministry go through the training of "The Sending Place". May God richly bless this mission agency. For those who are considering the time for team preparation before taking a short term foreign mission field trip, Patty and I highly recommend "The Sending Place". The few dollars that are spent by the team for training not only can alleviate problems for the team, but can also increase effectiveness of the team, increase safety, and bring joy to those in the country who are hosting the team. "Go and make disciples."

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