



101 long-term missionaries and other answers

Q: How many ELCA missionaries are there?

A: Around 250 ELCA missionaries in 50 countries work hand-in-hand with churches and other companions teaching, preaching, healing, nurturing, building and growing. In January 2010 this included 101 long-term missionaries, 49 Young Adults in Global Mission, 47 volunteers, 23 two-year missionaries, and 36 "others," including four pastoral interns.

Q: How is ELCA Global Mission funded?

A: The 2010 ELCA Global Mission budget anticipates \$9.4 million (33.5 percent) from general offerings given to the congregation and through the synod. Another \$13.2 million (46.8 percent) is expected from gifts to ELCA World Hunger and \$4 million (14.2 percent) is generated by gifts for ELCA Missionary Sponsorship. Designated and restricted funds account for another \$1.6 million (5.5 percent) in the budget.

Q: How do I become an ELCA missionary sponsor?

A: You may donate to ELCA Missionary Sponsorship through your congregation or directly through Global Mission Support. See the "How to give" box on the reverse side. All donations (100 percent) given for ELCA Missionary Sponsorship are used to support our global personnel. Covenant sponsors commit to provide prayer, communication and financial support for a specific missionary or for missionaries "where needed most." Learn more at www.elca.org/missionarysponsorship.

DID YOU KNOW?

It's estimated that one cent of every offering dollar helps fund ELCA Global Mission. Those pennies add up and make a world of difference. Thank you!

Q: How can I get involved in Operation Thanks-Giving (OT-G)?

A: In September, congregations will be invited to make greeting cards for ELCA missionaries and members of the military. Cards are mailed directly to personnel connected to the congregation and "random act of thankfulness" cards are sent to Global Mission Support to be distributed to ELCA missionaries. Cards will be mailed in November, December and January. To find OT-G stories and pictures, visit <http://blogs.elca.org/handinhand>.

Q: When will the new Global Mission annual be available?

The 2010–2011 *Global Mission Support and Service Annual (GMS Annual)* will be available in October. All covenant sponsors will receive the *GMS Annual*. To reserve a copy, call 800-638-3522 or e-mail globalmissionsupport@elca.org.

HOW TO GIVE

1. Give through your congregation. Write "ELCA Missionary Sponsorship" on the check's memo line.
2. With a credit card, give online (www.elca.org/giving) or call 800-638-3522.
3. Make your check out to "ELCA Missionary Sponsorship" and mail to:
ELCA Global Mission Support
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