



# Pray For Us Calendar

The following prayer requests were submitted to LCMS World Mission by your coworkers in the Lord's mission around the world. Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - July 1-15** LCMS World Mission began work in the Dominican Republic in 2005 in partnership with LCMS World Relief and Human Care, Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc., the Central American Lutheran Mission Society (CALMS), and St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Ft. Myers, Fla.



## Please remember God's work in the Dominican Republic as you pray:

- 1.** for missionaries Rev. Ted and Rebecca Krey, who serve throughout the Dominican Republic. Ted's years of experience as a theological educator and church planter in Venezuela are a blessing to the Dominican mission as they seek to train future pastors, deacons, deaconesses, and lay leaders, and plant the first Dominican Lutheran congregations.
- 2.** for missionary Danelle Putnam, whose work focuses on outreach to children with developmental disabilities and training Dominican Sunday school teachers to work with children at the various mission sites. Pray also as Danelle works with women in the church and as she helps in the formation of the deaconess program.
- 3.** for missionaries Rev. Walter and Ana Ries, from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil, the partner church of the LCMS in Brazil. Walter focuses on theological education for laypeople and future pastors, so that more leaders will be trained to lead the emerging Dominican Lutheran church body.
- 4.** with thanksgiving for the many Dominican laypeople who are taking the initiative to learn more about God's Word and find creative ways to share it with their friends, families, and the people in their communities.
- 5.** for the theological education ministry that Ted and Walter are leading. Ask the Lord to strengthen the faith and understanding of those who are training to become pastors, as well as for those who are studying for confirmation in the developing Lutheran faith communities.
- 6.** for the two vicars who are studying for full-time pastoral ministry and serving in their communities, Willy Gaspar and Joseph de la Cruz. Ask the Lord to bless their hands-on experience during their vicarage and to continue to grant them peace and assurance that He has called them to serve as shepherds. Pray also for Ricardo Santos, who is just beginning his pastoral studies.
- 7.** for the congregation in Santo Domingo. The congregation is changing its place of worship to meet in Vicar Joseph's home. They will reach out to the community where he lives and continue with theological education classes there as well.
- 8.** for the Sunday school and worship community forming in Palmar Arriba, a small rural community outside of Santiago, near the northern coast. About 50 children attend the weekly Sunday school and 15 youth are involved in confirmation and youth group. Youth lead the younger children in Bible study. Parents with their children are an open door for further Gospel sharing and relationship building.
- 9.** for outreach at Las Americas, just outside of the city of Santo Domingo. Outreach began here when Vicar Willy Gaspar and his wife, Santa, opened up his home for children's activities, beginning with a festive "Christian Birthday Party." Pray for this outreach to children through ongoing Sunday schools lessons, crafts, and dramas.
- 10.** for the worship community beginning to form in Santiago. The first Sunday morning gathering at this location was on March 15, 2009, for a Bible study and 16 people came to study God's Word.
- 11.** for children with developmental disabilities in the CONANI government orphanages as church members visit them and share Jesus' love and mercy with them. Pray also that the church can help provide training to their staff and provide alternative living and care services for the children and for outreach activities to children and their parents through the Association of Mothers of Children with Developmental Disabilities (MANIDI).
- 12.** for the "Amigos de Jesus" monthly Bible clubs that are being formed to train others to work with kids who have developmental disabilities. Pray that the Lord would continue to guide these developing leaders and give them a sense of ownership of this outreach program.
- 13.** for the formation of the deaconess program. Curriculum and courses are established. Pray that classes can begin soon and that the Holy Spirit would move women into service to their community and church, sharing Christ's love to those in need.
- 14.** for the mission church starting at the Genesis School in Santiago. Teachers and students have been taking confirmation classes weekly and worship is taking place twice a month. Pray that the school and church can be a light in the community and parents of the children at the school can be reached through this ministry.
- 15.** with thanksgiving for the many partnerships in the Dominican Republic that are working together to care for its people and reach out to the lost. Give thanks for LCMS World Mission, LCMS World Relief and Human Care, Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc., the Central American Lutheran Mission Society (CALMS), the South Wisconsin District, St. Michael's Lutheran Church, and other congregations and groups that make this work possible.

## Involvement Ideas



- Pray for the missionaries serving in the Dominican Republic. You can download their prayer cards at [www.lcmsworldmission.org/prayercards](http://www.lcmsworldmission.org/prayercards).
- Help your children, vacation Bible school class, or Sunday school class learn about the Dominican Republic and the work that God is doing there. Go to [www.lcmsworldmission.org/children](http://www.lcmsworldmission.org/children) to download the Dominican Republic issue of the "Mission Friends" curriculum for children.
- View more photos from the Dominican Republic on the LCMS World Mission Picasa Web album. Go to <http://picasaweb.google.com/lcmsworldmission> and choose from the many albums featuring the Dominican Republic.
- Learn more about TCN on their Web site at [www.transformingchurchesnetwork.org](http://www.transformingchurchesnetwork.org).
- Give a gift in support of the work of TCN. Send your check to LCMS World Mission and designate it "TCN - Acct. 876-99601." Or, give online at [www.lcms.org?9489](http://www.lcms.org?9489).
- Sign up for the TCN e-letter. Send an e-mail to Terry Tieman at [terry@transformingchurchesnetwork.org](mailto:terry@transformingchurchesnetwork.org).



Sunday school in Palmar Arriba



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**TRANSFORMING CHURCHES NETWORK - July 16-31** *The Transforming Churches Network (TCN) provides training and resources to help congregations fulfill their role as "mission outposts." TCN is a non-profit partner organization of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod dedicated to revitalizing churches.*

**Remember God's work through the Transforming Churches Network when you pray:**

**16.** that the goal of having 2,000 LCMS churches participate in the revitalization process through TCN would be achieved, to the glory of God and to reach more individuals and communities with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**17.** for the district facilitators of the TCN process. They serve as a liaison between the 30 participating districts and TCN and as a conduit of information between the districts and TCN as congregations in the districts participate in the TCN process.

**18.** for the certified revitalization consultants. TCN needs to train and certify 200 consultants by 2017 in order to consult with 2,000 churches, and there are currently only 18 individuals who are currently certified. But, more than 200 are currently participating in the certification process.

**19.** for the 100 coaches who are already serving at congregations holding their initial weekend consultations. The coaches also conduct monthly coaching sessions with each congregation's pastor and quarterly visits with the congregation's leadership for at least one year after the initial consultation.

**20.** for more candidates to serve in the coaching role to be revealed to districts and TCN, so that even more churches can be transformed through the ministry of TCN.

**21.** for Rev. Dr. Terry Tieman, TCN's executive director, as he guides the Board of Directors in their efforts to transform LCMS congregations. Terry became the full-time executive director in January 2009.

**22.** for the other leaders serving on TCN's Board of Directors: Rev. David Born, Darwin Melnyk, Rev. Dr. Bob Newton, and Rev. Dr. Dwight Marable. Ask the Holy Spirit to grant them continued passion and wisdom in their leadership.

**23.** with thanksgiving for the 275 congregations that are currently undergoing the revitalization process. These congregations are actively working, by the grace and power of God, to move from being inwardly focused to outwardly focusing on how they can impact their communities with the Gospel.

**24.** for the lay leaders and other members of these congregations in the revitalization process. May the Holy Spirit work in their hearts to begin shifting their focus as a church towards those who do not yet know Jesus as their Savior.

**25.** for the pastors in the congregations currently in the TCN process—that their monthly coaching sessions would be encouraging and insightful.

**26.** for the TCN learning communities, which are composed of pastors and key leaders up to 10 different churches. The communities meet every four to six weeks to share devotions, prayer, and what they've learned through the revitalization process.

**27.** for the Groups *Ablaze!* process, designed to help local congregations reach out to their unchurched neighbors through small group methodology. Groups *Ablaze!* is designed to promote outreach by forming relationships with the unchurched and inviting them into non-threatening small group home meetings which become a setting in which the Gospel of Jesus might be shared.

**28.** that through their participation in TCN, congregations would grow in their membership and the number of people they are reaching with the Gospel—through Baptisms, adult confirmation, vacation Bible school, small groups, worship, and other means.

**29.** that the Lord would provide more sources of financial support for TCN to continue its ministry and with thanksgiving for the funding already

supplied through LCMS World Mission and other partners.

**30.** for all of the unreached and uncommitted people living in the United States, the third-largest mission field in the world. One LCMS church closes each week in the U.S., which was designated a "world mission field" by the LCMS in 1992.

**31.** for the communities where TCN churches are present—that the diverse population of these communities would be touched by the churches' outreach efforts and the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



**Rev. Derek Mathers, of St. Luke Lutheran Church in North York, Ontario, Canada, offers prayer at a congregational lawn sale.**



**Members of TCN churches share in their learning community.**

**Missionary Birthdays**

**Missionary prayer cards may be downloaded from the LCMS World Mission Web site at [www.lcmsworldmission.org/prayercards](http://www.lcmsworldmission.org/prayercards).**

July 4	Mark Krause, Latvia
July 8	David Hoepfner, India; Lauren Davis, Japan; Rudolph Blank, St. Louis, Mo.
July 14	Jane Klammer, Asia
July 15	Connie Larson, Asia
July 17	Megan Birney, Hong Kong; Michelle Gerlach, Asia; Stephen Oliver, Taiwan
July 19	Jon Muhly, Russia
July 21	Chuck Groth, Cambodia
July 24	Joel Zielke, Asia; Monta Denow, Thailand
July 25	Louise Weber, Asia
July 26	Lynne Hoyer, South Korea; Bryn Welcenbach, Macau; Kevin Foley, Taiwan
July 27	Jenae Siebarth, Japan
July 29	Kali Williams, Macau
July 31	James Koerschen, Asia

**Military Chaplains with Birthdays in July:**

Chaplain Matthew Boarts, Los Angeles, Calif.; Chaplain Jon Conroe, Chicago, Ill.; Chaplain Kevin Cramm, Fort Sill, Okla.; Chaplain Kelly-Ray Meritt, Bronx, N.Y.; Chaplain David Reedy, South Korea; Chaplain Patrick Riley, Chicago, Ill.; Chaplain Ryan Rupe, Milwaukee, Wis.; Chaplain James Watson, Germany

