

The Montana District & LWML

Mission Challenge

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TO: ALL MONTANA CONGREGATIONS
LWML ORGANIZATIONS
THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED

FROM: Melissa Johns, Montan Mission Coordinator

**Montana LWML was given and
accepted the mission challenge.**

DATE Work in Thailand the week of August 17- 21, 2009
The trips usually consist of 10 days which include travel.
There are a few options to consider as plans are put
together.



PLACE Thailand

We have been working with the Short-term Mission Opportunity division of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. To best suit the dates that we have available we are not locking into a specific project. The mission opportunities in Thailand are great. Some of them are ‘weather/condition’ related so we will be flexible. The Thailand missionaries are excited about this flexibility as we will be able to serve where the need is greatest. If Montana comes through with more than 8-12 people willing and able to go we will be able to expand into two projects with one being in Bangkok (probably in conjunction with the Child Care).



The project(s) will probably be painting and fixing up child care centers or medical facilities. In the evenings or during breaks the team will interact with the community by singing English songs, providing opportunity to make crafts together, and leading devotionals. The team will stay in a local hotel and eat at modest restaurants. This is a great opportunity to work with our missionaries to reach and serve people in their own environment.

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod began work in Thailand in 1986 under the name The Concordia Gospel Ministry (CGM), which supports the efforts of the local, independent Thai Lutheran Church. Since January 2005, LCMS World Mission, in partnership with LCMS World Relief and Human Care and several other Lutheran relief agencies, has been involved in recovered and rebuilding efforts in southern Thailand, following the tsunami disaster of Dec. 26, 2004. Special attention is given to projects that aid children – providing for orphaned children and rebuilding schools.

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COST OF THE MISSION ITSELF

\$650-\$850 per person. This would include food, lodging, on-field transportation, coordination, international health insurance, visa, and other field expenses.

OTHER COSTS TO BE INCURRED

Airfare – which is now a little under \$2000 unless we are open to meeting in Seattle at the ticket are running \$1000. All costs incurred in continent would be the responsibility of the person going on the trip. (Cost to airport, food, etc.) Other expenses due to vacation/sight-seeing – extra time in Thailand etc.

FINANCES

Barb Schnei'enbach and Kim Falcon have agreed to work on the fund-raising for this project. We will all need to encourage and support the Montana congregations and LWML to be a part of this project. The big dream would be that we would have enough funding to be able to purchase the airplane tickets, mission costs for every person on the Montana team, and extra funding for the project in Thailand. This would total about \$30,000.00. In reality the team member may have to fund part of the trip and mission.

All monies donated towards this effort should be sent to:

Montana District LWML
Donnaleen Ganskop, Financial Secretary
2652 Burlington Ave
Billings MT 59102

INFORMATION SHEET

An information sheet is available on the kiosk or in the church office. Please it fill out as complete as possible and return it as soon as possible. This information will help with the next step as there is much to do. Jennifer Mustard from LC-MS Short-term Missions will be sending us the materials for Montana to proceed with the trip.

Thank you for your patience. Each step in the process of putting this together takes much time and communication.

PLEASE KEEP THIS PROJECT IN YOUR PRAYERS.