



**LUTHERAN HOUR  
MINISTRIES**

*International Ministries Facts about*

# International Ministries



## THE MINISTRY...

**International Outreach:**  
began in 1940

**Director of International  
Ministries:**  
Walt Winters

**Areas Served:**  
42 countries  
around the world

### Sample LHM Ministry Programs:

- Bible Correspondence Courses
- Project JOEL
- Drama and Music
- **Equipping the Saints** Workshops
- **The Lutheran Hour®** and Radio Broadcasts
- Christian Literature
- Prison and Hospital Ministries
- **Global Care Packages**
- **Global Work and Witness**

## TODAY IN INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES...

In 42 countries around the world, Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) is equipping, engaging, and proclaiming the Gospel. LHM ministry centers are scattered throughout continental regions where there are barriers that must be overcome.

Each country's unique government, culture, languages, traditions, and people require ministry centers to have a number of tools to fulfill LHM's mission.

The most recognized way LHM proclaims the Good News is by utilizing radio broadcasts. By using programming produced in the United States and around the world, countries are able to broadcast and reach many who often are unable to attend church or who are learning about God. The programs encourage listeners to respond for more information through the ministry centers. Callers are oftentimes prayed with, given free Christian literature, connected to a local church, or enrolled in Bible correspondence courses.

Volunteers are recruited in every country engaging in LHM's work. Most popular in Latin America, volunteers are reaching out to public school students through talks, seminars, alternative media, conferences, and workshops as part of Project JOEL.

Project JOEL ("Youth with a Free Spirit") is working to combat the divide

between youth and parents by encouraging community leadership and Christian principles.

Interacting with children is also a motivational factor for dramas and music. Volunteers from Africa to Asia participate in dramas performed in schools, community centers, and prisons.

Ministry centers from Eastern Europe to Africa are **Equipping the Saints**. This program is designed to involve lay (everyday) people in Lutheran churches by equipping them with the understanding, interest, and practical tools needed for reaching the lost. Workshops have been held in every region of the world.

In the United States individuals are encouraged to make a difference globally as well. Financial giving programs like **Global Harvest Boxes** and **Reaching Out** are just some examples of how to get involved.

**Global Work & Witness** is another example of how to become involved. This experience invites small teams of volunteers to travel across the world for two weeks and use their skills to make a difference in a foreign community. The teams adopt a project such as building fishing boats in tsunami devastated regions of Asia or helping with VBS in Kenya (learn more at [www.lhmint.org/globalmission](http://www.lhmint.org/globalmission)).



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More than three hundred Ethiopians graduated in October 2004 from the Bible correspondence course. Seen on the left are recent graduates with their diplomas.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP...

Become a sponsor and assist LHM Ministry Centers around the world. Call 1-800-944-3450 for details, or visit our Web site at [www.lhmint.org](http://www.lhmint.org).

Volunteer your talents in a two-week Global Work & Witness program. For details visit [www.lhmint.org/globalmission](http://www.lhmint.org/globalmission).

## WANT TO KNOW MORE...

For the latest listing of fact sheets of countries in which Lutheran Hour Ministries is carrying out its vision of *All Nations, All Peoples, All in Christ!*, visit our Web site at [www.lhmint.org](http://www.lhmint.org).

**Our world is full of people who NEED to know they are loved. Please join us in reaching out to them with God's love.**

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African and Middle East ministry center directors at a regional training workshop.

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Mothers, teachers, and children are the recipients of **Global Care Packages**. Uruguay is the next country scheduled to receive much needed school supplies, teaching supplies, and commonly used items for households, which are often attended to by single mothers.

## RELIGION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD...

LHM international ministry centers are present in many countries where Christianity is not the predominant religion. Furthermore, in Christian-based countries, Lutherans are included in the the Protestant religions.

For example, in Thailand, less than one percent of the population is Christian, while Buddhism is practiced by 95% of the population. In Egypt, 94% of the population is Muslim. Lastly, in Sri Lanka, religion is very diverse with the population comprised of 70% Buddhist, 15% Hindu, 8% Christian, and 7% Muslim.

## THE COUNTRIES...

Government opposition to religious freedom limits the tools available to many countries. For instance, Egypt receives radio programming from the airwaves of Beirut, Lebanon.

In Cameroon, the LHM ministry center is operating under the legal organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon.

And in Myanmar, the bookstore and ministry center are in the building of the YMCA in order to safeguard our freedom to carry out ministry.

## THE PEOPLE...

The people of LHM-International are dedicated staff members and volunteers. We are a faith-funded organization dependent on your help and support. Many donors support the

ministry on a monthly basis. Their support for the ministry is needed especially in desperate times. The 2004 tsunami that hit Asia took a significant toll on the individuals in the area. LHM was among the first organizations handing out aid and offering spiritual resources, with donations coming in from all over the world.

The terrible fire in Paraguay's shopping center in 2004 made many ask why God would do such a thing. Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (CPTLN), the Paraguay ministry center, was there to comfort the survivors and help family members cope and grieve the loss of loved ones.

In Africa many are suffering from the HIV virus. Regardless, members of LHM are there holding hands and praying with the dying.

## YOUR OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE...

Through your support, LHM-International will continue to reach out to unchurched around the world. Become a sponsor or increase your level of giving and help continue our mission of *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church*. E-mail [Leslie.Tucker@lhm.org](mailto:Leslie.Tucker@lhm.org) and learn how you can help.

We give thanks for the opportunity given to us by our heavenly Father to bring His Good News of hope and salvation to the people of the world.



Executive Director Greg Lewis and Asia Counselor Gunya Na Thalung broadcast a message of hope in Thailand following the tsunami.