

GLOBAL MISSION RESOURCES



The following sample of resources is about the family of God around the world. Understanding ourselves as part of a global neighborhood is part of our calling as God's people. These resources are about being the face of Christ beyond our own communities and culture. They also are about recognizing Christ in new ways and new places.

COMPANION SYNOD PROGRAM

Our synod continues a relationship with the Central African Republic. The most recent visitors to CAR are Pr. Tiffany Sundeen and her husband, Bruce Sundeen, and Erin Hemme Froslic. Together they have produced a video about the village education projects in CAR. Others who have spent time in CAR include Bishop Foss and Nancy Foss, Pr. Carell and Bonnie Foss, Phil and June Nelson, and Prs. Don Swenson and Chris Hallanger. Call the center for videos, for information about providing roofs for new churches in CAR, or for information about the village education projects.

"Just as the gospel is not restricted by political or ethnic boundaries, it is not limited by economic, social, cultural, or religious barriers. The message of Jesus is to be carried to rich and poor, young and old, the respected and the outcast . . ."

-Phyllis and Kenneth Wezeman in Missions: 52 Creative Methods for Teaching Christ's Message

MISSION ADVOCATES

If your congregation does not have a **mission advocate**, someone who shares information about global missions in the ELCA, call the Resource Center. The Global Mission Committee provides a packet of resources to help congregations share information about missions around the world.



"If you want to love a people, you must be willing to learn from them."

PROJECTS

Samples and descriptions of Lutheran World Relief projects are available from the Resource Center. They include **the coffee project, quilts, health kits, and school kits**. We also have information about **Sister Parish**, the **Heifer Project**, providing **roofs for new churches** in the Central African Republic, ELCA's **Mission for a Day Program**, **Compassion International**, and more. "Response," a publication of ELCA Global Missions, describes many other ways for supporting missions.



VIDEO

"Travel, even [through video], can be the sacramental experience of two very different parts of the body of Christ finding each other."

-Rick Steves in "Weaving a Global Neighborhood" (VT1939)

Two videos will help congregations know more about the Central African Republic, our companion synod: **WOMAN, STAND TALL: WOMEN FOR CHRIST MOVEMENT** (VT1948) and a new video about the village education projects.

A video kit and print resources for children, **MISSION EXPLORERS KIT** (VT1924), is about "creating mission minds in children." It includes a children's book, All the Children of the World; reproducible lessons; video segments about Africa, India, the Philippines and Fiji Islands, and South America; study guide and teacher's manual; and mission projects.

For a great introduction to God's people in other parts of the world, take a look at **WEAVING A GLOBAL NEIGHBORHOOD** (VT1939). It focuses on Papua New Guinea, offers helpful insights about learning from one another, and helps expand our understanding of mission. This 20-minute video can be used for forums, small groups, Sunday School, or other gatherings.

AFRICAN TALES (VT1280) features three fables about cultural traditions and lessons in African society. It includes a short segment about daily life for children in Zaire.

"I had thought we were moving to India that we might assist the overcrowded poor with their floods, droughts, and other emergencies, but also with irrigation, miracle seeds, and better use of their land so more food could be produced, and the lot of the poor be improved. All this we did participate in. But much more was in the offing."

-Martha and Abner Batalden in Because You Cared (B1173)

THE DANCING CHURCH (VT1135) gives video impressions of the church in Africa. This powerful picture of the vitality of worship life in Africa is moving, memorable, and challenging to the American church.

THE QUILT: Hope from the Heartland, FLYING QUILTS, Windows of Hope I and II, and Samaritans from Seattle all show ways Lutheran World Relief makes a difference for people around the world. (VT1670, VT510, VT1132, VT1526, VT 1530)

Rural development work in the Central African Republic is described in **THE FIELD IS THE LIFE OF ALL** (VT1081). Former missionary Tom Olson introduces viewers to CAR and economic projects in that country.

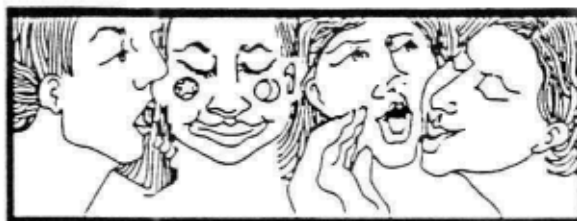
"We don't know what God is like until we get to know all the kinds of people God created."

REFLECTIONS II: JESUS THE WORLD CITIZEN (VT31) is a good introduction to missions and the ways North American Christians can learn from Christians in developing countries.

Interviews with children of missionaries in the Central African Republic help viewers imagine life in Africa in **WHAT IS IT LIKE IN AFRICA?** (VT1436)

BOOKS

"Mission is multifaceted. Americans [can do much to help] but we can also learn much."



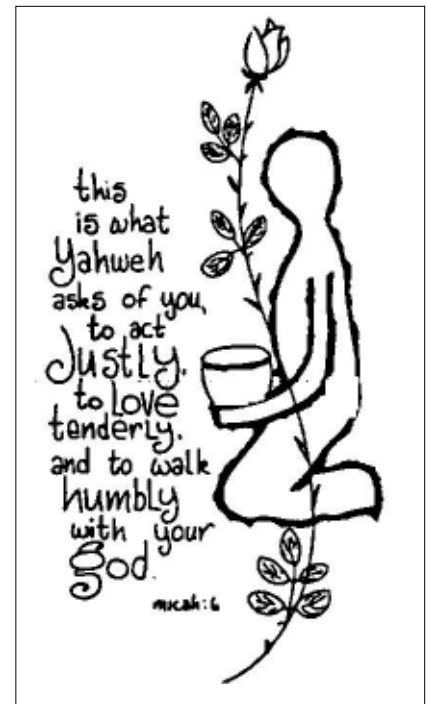
From Augsburg Fortress, Friends in Africa, Friends in Asia, and Friends in South America introduce children to the daily life of children on those continents.

Visiting in the Global Village introduces readers to global mission and the ELCA through the lenses of specific countries: El Salvador, Japan, Tanzania, Brazil, Cameroon, Indonesia, India, Madagascar, and Peru.

Friendship Press' **A World of Children's Stories, A World of Children's Games, and A World of Children's Songs** are great collections for introducing children to other cultures. (PR245, PR244, PR246)

Kids for the World - A Guidebook for Children's Mission

Resources is filled with curricula, stories, activities, music, projects and other ideas for helping children gain a vision for mission. (PR402)



Creative activities for global learning abound in **Make A World of Difference**, a handbook for global education and learning. (PR22)

Missions: 52 Creative Methods for Teaching Christ's Message is a book of activities designed to introduce children to missions. Nine themes are explored: Purpose, Passages, Places, Populations, People, Projects and more. (PR462)

Two picture books depicting God's people and the richness of variety are **A Country Far Away** and **God's Paintbrush**. (B624, B1216)

"Never before has the church experienced such priority to witness to the global dimension of its life." -C. Dean Freudenberger

Many other resources can be found in the Open Files and in the Printed Resource Files. Additional audiovisual resources are listed in the catalog. All resources are available for loan from the Resource Center.

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