

Annual 2006 Report of Global Missions Team

The **Global Missions Team** was started at the end of 2005 to coordinate CBTS outreach to Overseas Mission Fields, and promote awareness about Christian commitments to help World-wide spiritual, academic, and physical needs.

In the past year, the Team has been active (and productive) in several areas.

We invite anyone interested to join our Team to help plan and arrange future activities.

A. **Other ELCA Churches** in Hawaii.

We contacted our sister churches to learn what they were doing. **Chinese Lutheran Church of Honolulu** was very active, sponsoring adopted missionaries, sending outreach teams to Inland China, Hong Kong and Switzerland; and holding annual missionary weekends, when missionaries were invited to talk about their work.

None of the other 9 Hukilau churches had any specific Global Mission committee or activity, but were interested in what we planned to do.

B. **Asian Study Tour**, 14 June - 1 July 2006.

Pastor Tim, Bishop Finck, some other pastors and lay people from the Pacifica Synod visited church and seminary leaders in Malaysia, Hong Kong and Japan. [Stephanie: Pastor may modify this.]

C. **CBTS adopted 2 Missionaries in 2006:**

CBTS has covenanted with ELCA Division of Global Missions for \$2,000 a year per missionary.

a. Doctor **Holly Nelson** is the pediatrician at the Lutheran Hospital, N'Gaoundéré, Cameroon, West Africa. Her husband Dr. Tim Nelson is the surgeon. They have 3 school-age children. She was born in Hawaii, and still has family here.

Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Chang, parents of Dr. Holly Nelson, spoke at our 10:00 a.m. service on 13 Aug 2006 about their trip to Cameroon.

b. Pastor **David Person** has led youth activities in Japan, with outreach to other parts of Asia, and Japanese youth group tours to U.S.A.

Pastor Person and Mrs. Nahoko Person visited us on Palm Sunday, 9 April, 2005, when Pastor Person spoke at our 10:00 a.m. service.

Pastor **David Person** will be completing his missionary obligations this Spring.

c. **Proposed Adoption** of Pastor **Lin Qiu** [Chew] of **China Service Ventures**. The Team

recommends we adopt Pastor Qiu, who was ordained on 14 Oct at the Chinese Lutheran Church of Honolulu by Bishop Finck.

Pastor Qiu is in Inland China, preaching and arranging to teach Bethel classes, translated into Chinese. He will be in Honolulu in April, 2007.

The January *Calvary Calls* has Pastor Qiu's story of being an agnostic Professor in China, then a penniless, desperate restaurant worker in Honolulu, before he turned to Christ.

D. **Past Activities, 2006:**

a. Pastor **Paul Martinson**, (a former teacher of Pastor Tim) came with his wife, Dr. **Ida Marie Martinson**, to the Chinese Lutheran Church Missionary weekend. We invited them to a special supper on 5 Feb 2006, to speak about **China Service Ventures** and to present a DVD, which was rescreened on Sunday, 11 June 2006.

b. **Hukilau Conference, Missionary Work**, 29 April 2006. We presented an illustrated talk about the CBTS Missions Team. [See Web site.]

c. **Toys for Cameroon Children**

Children in Cameroon have no toys. We sponsored a **Christmas in July** at CBTS, with Renee Ako, to collect and buy toys for the DGM mission Sunday Schools in Cameroon. We collected about \$300 worth of simple sturdy toys, for the annual shipment of supplies to Cameroon by ELCA.

d. **Spring Roller Display** of Missionary News has been displayed on our lanai.

E. **Proposed Future Activities:**

a. Visiting Pastor from Malaysia.

b. Delegates for Global Missions Event 19 – 22 June 2007, Ohio State University.

c. CBTS excursion(s) to Mission Fields.

Respectfully submitted.

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