

# Michigan District LWML Missionary Newsletter – October, 2007

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**Thought for today: “I will give them a heart to know me, that I *am* the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all their heart.”**  
**Jeremiah 24:7**

## Exciting News from the Mission Field

Elden Kohn our Missionary in Taiwan has announced his engagement to Molly. Their wedding is planned for July 11, 2008. God’s Blessings with a little luck thrown in. (get it- 7-11) Molly and Elden will be serving together this year in Taiwan. She will be working with 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders; he will be with kindergarten, first and fourth graders. They feel blessed to have each other as support and encouragement as they share the *Good News of Christ in Taiwan*. Elden’s September Newsletter was very exciting as he expressed his joy in working with the little children. He appears to be a giant in their eyes but they have captured his heart. Quoting from his letter: ...“and I know that Spirit is working. He’s working when these little ones loudly spell out the name J-E-S-U-S and raise their little fists to heaven. He’s working when their little tongues fumble along as they sing Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning...And he’s working as I sit and marvel at the fact that this is real.” What a blessing; makes one wish they were there.



### *Prayer Requests from Elden:*

- **Thank** God for a summer of rest and blessings.
- **Thank** God for the start of the school year 140+ students
- **Ask** God to provide a teacher for the Fluegge children in Togo,

Africa. This is the family he served two years ago. Susan (the kid’s mom) and Valerie Stonebreaker (another missionary) are taking on the extra responsibility. **Pray** also for their health and energy as they do this.

## Updates and prayer requests

### **Jim Kaiser, Macomb MI:**

Jim and Susan are with Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) and working in Detroit to make the word of God available to the Chaldean people in their language. He serves in Detroit as it is no longer safe in Iraq. He shares progress in the field and these prayer requests.

- Elections are over in Sierra Leone. Prayer of thanksgiving the transfer of power was done peacefully.
- The Kono N.T. is being printed. It will be dedicated 12/07 or 6/08 pray there is no delay.
- The Chaldean O.T. Aramaic Bible Translation is looking for another Chaldean who can assist in the translation. Pray that God will provide a person with the right training and motivation for the job.

## James Rush II:

...James made many stops in Michigan gathering funding for his move to Vietnam. We are cautioned once again not to e-mail Him due to security and for his safety.

## Matthew Heise - Russia:

...In Lieu of a newsletter we had a List of visits and services that Matthew would be doing during Sept. He made many stops in Michigan –Dearborn, Birmingham, Midland, Detroit, Saginaw, and finally Millington on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. I Hope many of you were able to hear about his fascinating mission work in Russia up close and personal.



## Dale and Cheryl Talsma:

## Serving in Guatemala

... **UPDATE:** The new missionary from Nigeria Rev.Obot Ite and his wife Abasirfike (pictured below) will arrive Oct. 25 in Jamaica to further evangelize their own people. The Talsma's pictured at left top to bottom: Jason, Dale, & Cheryl, Toby and Dalan



Special prayer concerns:

- Protection for Daughter Tiffany as she begins her first fulltime job in New York City-that she would be an impact for those still living in darkness.
- Son Adam -Sophomore at MIT also on the soccer team. May the Lord keep him close and help Adam shine his love.
- That the Lord would bless the efforts of the (CLET) Lutheran Center of Theological studies in Guatemala as they implement a seminar on peace making to heal the rifts in the Guatemalan national church.
- Election of national president November 4<sup>th</sup>. Pray for a government obedient to God and compassionate for its entire people.

**FYI: Any one of our missionaries can be supported by making a contribution to LCMS WORLD MISSIONS just include for "support of" and their name on your check memo line. Personal addresses and contact information can be found on their individual News Letters.**

### Please remember in your daily prayers all of our missionaries needs:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1. – a strong faith, marked by constant prayer</li><li>• 2. – a special measure of the Holy Spirit's gifts</li><li>• 3. – for faithfulness to God's Word and their calling</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4. – for protection and boldness as they spread the Gospel</li><li>• 5. – For compassion, and courage to seize all opportunities God gives them</li><li>• 6.– For physical, spiritual and emotional health under cross cultural differences</li></ul> |
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**Serve the Lord with Gladness as you rejoice in His lavished love**