

Missions & Missionaries

Here's a compiled list of resources so that your Lutheran homeschool can be aware and supportive of missions & missionaries.

Prayer for Missionaries

The [Pray for Us Calendar](#) is a great and easy way to keep missions and missionaries in family prayers. Each month takes about two pages to list a petition for each day of the month. For example, one month might highlight different Lutheran seminaries around the world.

To learn more in depth, your family (or congregation) can go [here](#) to read about LCMS missionaries and their work (Yes, you can support them financially, too!). There are also [downloadable prayer cards](#) so you can pray for specific missions & missionaries.

Another neat option is [Keep Me and Keep All](#) by Robert W Smith. It's a book that takes you through every week of the year with a portion of Scripture, a spiritual exercise and a reflection from the wide-ranging ministries of Bob and Alice Smith.

Programs

There are a few options for programs or short-term curriculum:

- The LCMS has a free online program called [Mission Friends](#). There are coloring pages and an almost magazine-like volume you can access as a PDF. You can sign up or just [navigate around to find geographical places](#) of interest paired with a Bible version, section of the Catechism, and a "Mission Moment." You learn a little about the place, get a few fun activities, have gain access to a devotion with prayers.
- [Lutheran Hour Ministry](#) also has all sorts of resources, including [Gospel Adventures](#), a free, interactive curriculum for grade school or middle school students. The 2021 adventure centers around Thailand. Previous adventures revolve around Mongolia (2020) and Peru (2019). (Before that, it was [Online Mission Trips \(OMT\)](#)). This is available & free to Christian schools across the US, including homeschool families.

Organizations

There are several organizations to know about:

- [LCMS Missions and Outreach](#) oversees mission and outreach for the LCMS.
- [WELS Missions](#) oversees missions for the WELS.
 - [Faces of Faith](#) offers information, statistics, and information on missionaries in a [neat, downloadable form](#).
- [ELS Board for World Outreach](#), etc.
 - [Cross-Stitch: The Network Aiding ELS Home & Foreign Missions](#)
 - [Faith Mission Society](#)

- [Concordia Lutheran Mission Society](#) is an auxiliary of Lutheran Church–Canada.
- Concordia Mission Society publishes [GOOD NEWS](#), a Lutheran theological journal. Domestic subscriptions support translation and distribution costs around the world. It's a great magazine & a great cause. (Various issues are available in something like 19 different languages!)
- [Lutheran Heritage Foundation](#) is a great organization that translates Lutheran material and distributes them around the world. One of their most popular programs translates and delivers *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*, so it is always neat when children can imagine others reading the same book! LHF also offers a VBS program and a printable children's project list on their [resource page](#). LHF also has a [Youtube page](#) you can check out.
- [Mission Nation Publishing](#) is a partnership between Peace Lutheran (an LCMS congregation) and the LCMS Florida/Georgia District that publishes biographies about Lutheran missionaries who went overseas. Their [books](#) are appropriate for junior high schoolers and older, and they specifically recommend [The Bulletproof Missionary](#) and [The Despicable Missionary](#) for teenagers. Both of these have study guides you can download from [here](#), their homeschooling page. Because they are supportive of homeschoolers! Yay!

Reading Material

(In no particular order)

Misc.

[A Peek into the Parsonage](#) is a winsome book by Elaine Wolters about her life as a pastor's wife, including many anecdotes from their time spent as missionaries in Canada.

For missions & missionaries from Lutheran history, here is a page with "[Faces of Lutheran Missions in India](#)."

Also, [The Apostolic Church: One, Holy, Catholic and Missionary](#), by Lutheran Rev. Robert Scudieri, traces the history of the phrase "apostolic church" in the third article of the Nicene Creed to demonstrate the mission emphasis of *apostolic*. Neat!

Books

African

- *Dear Mr. Missionary* by E. H. Wendland can be hard to find. There are a few sequels, also, originally published by Northwestern Publishing House. [Here](#) is a list of his books according to *GoodReads*.
- [The Reluctant Companion](#) by Ruth Boettcher
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Asian

- [One Cup of Water: Five True Stories of Missionary Women in China](#)

- *"My God told me to stay here": The Life and Work of Missionary Ludwig Ingwer Nommensen (1834-1918), the "Apostle of the Bataks" (Sumatra, Indonesia): An English Translation with Notes and Commentary Paperback* by Johannes Warneck, William Nommensen (Translator)
- *God in My Life: A Life of Flaws and Blessings* by Rev. Dr. LeRoy Hass, who served in China, Japan, and the United States.
- [*A Rainbow of Saris: Four True Stories of Missionary Women in India*](#), edited by Janice Kerper Bauer

Australia or Oceania

- [*New Guinea Experiences: Living Among People Untouched by Time: Missionaries Serve in a Foreign Land*](#) by Merlyn Wagner and set in the Maramuni Valley in Papua New Guinea during 1962-1970.
- [*From Ghosts to God in Enga Land: Planting His Church Among the Enga People of Central Papua New Guinea*](#) by Otto C. Hintze Jr & Cheryl Naumann.
- *Johann Flierl: My life and God's mission*, though it looks like this one is pretty hard to find. It's about a missionary and field inspector in New Guinea.

Middle East

- [*How Small is Small? From Ludell to Beirut in Christ's Global Mission*](#) by Paul Strege

Within the Lands of the United States

- [*Hero of Faith: Rosa Young*](#) for mission work among the poorest, most rural regions of the American south.
- [*Light in the Dark Belt*](#) by Rosa Young
- *Roses and Thorns: The centennial edition of Black Lutheran mission and ministry in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod* by Richard Dickinson
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- [*Hero of Faith: Dorothea Craemer*](#) lets children around 8 to 10 read of the challenging journey to America for mission work among the Chippewa people in Michigan.
- [*In the Wilderness with the Red Indians: German Missionary to the Michigan Indians, 1847–1853*](#), features E. R. Baierlein giving a sensitive and respectful portrayal of Native American life as he serves as a missionary in Michigan.
- [*The Open Eyed Missionary: The true story of how the Word removed the scales from the eyes of a believer in Saudi Arabia*](#). (Today there are 30 missionaries in the mission society begun by Rev. Farrukh Khan, extending God's love to Muslims in America.)
- [*The Despicable Missionary: How a young Christian girl in Pakistan learned to defend her faith and love Muslims*](#)
- [*The Resilient Missionary: The Life Story of Yohannes Mengsteab, A Missionary to America*](#)
- [*No Accidental Missionary: How an enemy of the faith became a Christian in Saudi Arabia: Biography of Dr. Tesfai Tesema*](#)
- [*The Bulletproof Missionary*](#), the story of Professor Shang Ik Moon

- *The Unexpected Missionary: The true story of Gagan Gurung, who ran away from his baptism, but became a Christian Missionary to America*

I have also heard, from a non-Lutheran perspective, that the more broadly Christian series *Christian Heroes: Then & Now* can be pretty good.

<https://www.lutheranhomeschool.com/product/missions-missionaries/>