

faith IN action



Mission Ministry

“...Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you....” *Matthew 28:19-20*

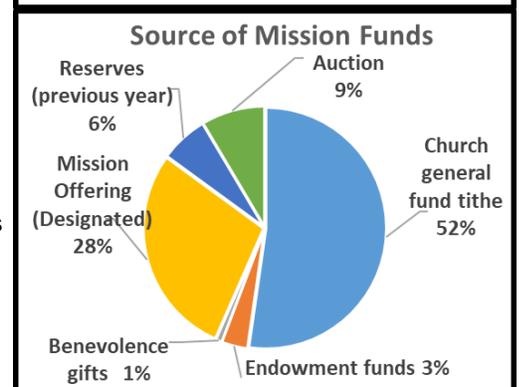
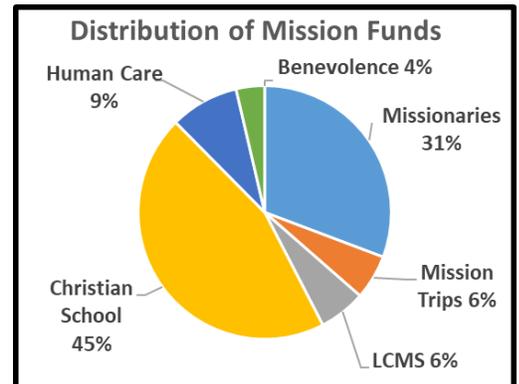
Members of Shepherd of the Hills recognize and actively support missions through prayer, involvement and financial gifts. Our mission program consists of four major components: our School, our Missionaries, Human care and our Rocky Mountain District and Synod support. With a focus on Witness, Mercy and Life Together, this “Faith in Action” overview provides an overall financial report, identifying the source and distribution of funds through the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Missions at Shepherd provide each of us with opportunities to “Witness” through our school, our missionaries, and our actions, show “Mercy” through actions and human care, and share “Life Together” by congregational involvement in sharing God’s word through our school, mission outreach and human care. Our church has recognized the value of educating our youth in a loving Christian environment and providing members with opportunities to share God’s word.

Throughout the past year Shepherd has:

- Supported our students through Grant-in-Aid
- Directly served 13 missionaries
- Hosted 5 missionary visits
- Sent 11 members on two short term mission trips
- Provided disaster support for hurricane, fire and flooding
- Directly served 9 human care agencies
- Hosted 2 human care agency visits
- Supported District and Synod programs
- Provided human care through in-kind gifts and benevolence

God has blessed Shepherd through a congregation and leadership of God’s children sharing His gifts with others. There are many seeking God as we support our missionaries, provide care and opportunities to share God, His love and His gift of salvation through Christ.



Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Mission Outreach	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Missionaries	\$ 60,681 (31%)	\$ 53,521 (30%)	\$ 37,920 (28%)	\$ 41,426 (24%)	\$ 44,362 (25%)
LCMS	11,821 (6%)	14,664 (8%)	5,856 (4%)	54,776 (30%)	66,663 (37%)
Benevolence	7,204 (4%)	3,215 (2%)	1,200 (1%)	8,655 (5%)	2,450 (1%)
Human Care	17,337 (9%)	11,577 (6%)	6,026 (5%)	13,745 (7%)	9,737 (5%)
Christian School	89,200 (45%)	85,078 (48%)	75,485 (57%)	46,835 (26%)	57,162 (32%)
Mission Trip	11,258 (6%)	10,250 (6%)	7,140 (5%)	15,671 (8%)	
Total	\$197,501	\$178,305	\$133,627	\$181,108	\$180,374

Shepherd of the Hills Christian Day School: TOTAL \$89,200

Our school ministry helps families bring up children in the knowledge and applications of Christ's saving work while also learning from a first-rate academic program

Grant in Aid: provides financial assistance for families with financial need to address tuition for students attending Shepherd of the Hills. 75% of the mission tithe from the church is directly distributed to our school for Grant-in-Aid along with additional mission funds. \$82,604

School Assistance: Proceeds from the 2018 auction mission funds not used for the 2018 short term mission trips were directed to our school program. \$6,596 (includes \$6,596 from short term mission trip reserve)

Missionaries: TOTAL \$60,681

Shepherd of the Hills recognizes our role to Witness to others throughout the world. Shepherd has developed long-term relationships with missionaries, providing prayer, financial support and fellowship. These relationships have resulted in missionary visits to Shepherd and members of Shepherd joining the missionaries as they share Christ throughout the world.



Missionary Visits to Shepherd of the Hills

Joe and Viya Stoltenow – Cambodia, October, 2018

Pastor Tim and Beth Heiney – Guinea, West Africa, November, 2018

Reverend George Naeem - International, November, 2018

Greg and Sinuon Holz - Cambodia, February, 2019

Iantha Scheiwe – Hong Kong, March 2019

Throughout the past year Shepherd of the Hills has provided allocated mission funds and designated funds to the following missionaries and organizations:

Doug and Tricia Stoner: Doug and Tricia Stoner are in Vienna serving as Area Leaders with Pioneers for Central Europe. They are serving families in Italy, Slovenia, Portugal and Spain. Less than 1% of the area population trust in Christ for their salvation. Together with area teams they recruit and explore ways to better facilitate the planting of many churches in the region. \$2,650

Pastor George Naeem: Pastor Naeem is the Missionary Pastor and Executive Director of the *Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (BOLM)*. The BOLM mission statement is "Sharing Christ's love with all Muslims and others throughout the world, particularly Arab speaking Muslims" BOLM continues to share the great gift of salvation through faith in Christ. \$25,696

Gregory and Sinuon Holz: Greg and Sinuon established *Crossing Cambodia* to provide education, food, medicine and Jesus' love to the street children in Cambodia. These children do not have a permanent home, are not educated, and beg for food. A daily meal, bath, school and Bible story provide love and comfort to these children. \$7,515 (includes \$420 for children sponsorship)

Joe and Viya Stoltenow: Joe and Viya established *Ray of Hope* through Global Lutheran Outreach (GLO) in Battambang, Cambodia. They serve street kids and their families. This ministry demonstrates the love of Jesus to those who seem to have no hope. \$3,312

Pastor Joel and Clarion Fritsche: Serve as Lutheran Church Missouri Synod missionaries in the Dominican Republic. Pastor Joel was called to be a church planter, to support the Dominican pastors and is Director of the new LCMS seminary in Santiago. \$2,912

John and Jenn Wolf: John and his family are part of the LCMS mission work located in Kenya, Africa. They are supporting the missionary effort through coordination and logistical management for projects supporting the LCMS African mission outreach. \$5,197

Dr Wilhelm and Angelika Weber: Wilhelm and Angelika are LCMS missionaries serving in Germany with a primary assignment to support the new Christian-education and Gospel-outreach ministry at the Old Latin School in Wittenberg, Germany. In the homeland of Martin Luther only about 15-18% of the people living there even profess to be Christian. \$2,722

Sharron Wilen: Sharron is the founder of *The Son and Reins Ranch*, an Equine-Accredited-Learning ministry in Parker, CO. This ranch provides support and encouragement to those who are hurting for any reason, developing a relationship that can be trusted and learning about the love of Jesus. God allows the rescued abused horses to bring about effective change in a person's life. \$2,533

Pastor Tim and Beth Heiney: Pastor Tim and Beth Heiney, LCMS missionaries, serve in West Africa. Pastor Tim provides leadership-training seminars throughout West Africa. Pastor Tim's role includes teaching, baptizing adults and children in various villages providing support to vicars in those villages. \$3,028

Pastor Tim and Heidi Norton: Pastor Tim and his family are members of Lutheran Indian Ministries and the LCMS mission outreach. Pastor Tim is the missionary at Shepherd of the Valley, establishing programs in the Navajo language to share salvation and forgiveness through Christ. \$2,730

Steve Cohen: Steve is affiliated with Lutheran Church Missouri Synod through Apple of His Eye, reaching out to share the good news of Christ to members of the Jewish faith. \$240

Matt Misegadis: Matt is a member of Shepherd of the Hills. Matt has a passion for missions and has developed a long term relationship with an orphanage in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua and provides ongoing support and contact. \$500

Iantha Scheiwe: As Director of Concordia Mission Institute, she focuses on delivering mission training for missionaries. Iantha also facilitates mission partnerships with the Lutheran Church-Hong Kong Synod. Our Thursday Morning Bible Study supports Iantha. \$1,646

NOTE - all missionaries must raise their own living expenses, our financial gifts go directly to supporting their mission. It is also noted that their security is at risk and there are missionaries whose exact locations we cannot publish.

Human Care: TOTAL \$17,337 (includes \$400 from reserves)

Human Care Visits to Shepherd of the Hills

Sue Hart – Bethesda, September, 2018

Jim Weber and Deputy Chris Sadler - Global Connections International (GCI), February, 2019



Bethesda, (Good Shepherd Homes - Littleton): Bethesda provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Shepherd serves as a partner congregation and provides a place for those served through Bethesda to call Shepherd their church home. Many Bethesda individuals participate in the F.A.C.E.S program at Shepherd and are church members. \$2,505



Salvation Army: Has actively incorporated Christ in their mission statement and readily shares Christ with those who need both emotional and spiritual support. In addition to funds, Shepherd also provides in-kind gifts through food drives at Thanksgiving and Easter to aid in stocking the Salvation Army pantry and Angel Tree gifts at Christmas. \$2,440

Christian World Outreach: The mission of Christian World Outreach is to participate with the body of Christ in responsible evangelism, to bring dignity, self-worth and encouragement through leadership development and to meet the physical needs of people through humanitarian assistance. CWO provides hope and assistance to thousands of individuals in Burkina Faso, Haiti, Zambia and Zimbabwe. \$2,520

Global Connection International – Our Kids-Their Targets: This is a new human care agency that Shepherd has recognized. Their program is specifically focused on teaching both parents and children about the facts and ways to fight human sex trafficking. \$5,015

Breakfast with Babies: This is a mission established by Shepherd of the Hills, providing a place for young parents to obtain diapers, clothes, a breakfast, and hearing the word of Christ. This mission is staffed by Shepherd of the Hills volunteers. \$1,012

Compassion International: Compassion's mission is to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. It's a mission about love. Compassion demonstrates love and living out our faith by extending care to others. Programs are offered to the poorest of the poor and to the children in greatest need without ulterior motive. \$500 (includes \$400 from reserves)

Ethiopian Ministry: This Christian ministry in metro Denver serves the Ethiopian community. The Pastor is Teame Desta. \$500

Food for the Poor: This organization provides food for the needy throughout the world. \$730

Alternatives Pregnancy Center: This organization exists to be a first stop for people facing an unplanned pregnancy, to address at-risk sexual behavior and to help build healthy families. \$1,000

Miscellaneous Charities: Included providing funds for outreach, Bible studies and missionary dinner. \$1,115

LC-MS/Rocky Mountain District: TOTAL \$11,821

Synod & Rocky Mountain District (RMD): Serving the Lord through missions and outreach, education, helping people and congregations and church-wide initiatives. \$5,500 (reduced support to focus support for our school)

LCMS World Missions: World Missions provides support during major catastrophes. Aid includes support to those suffering from natural disasters flooding in Nebraska. \$1,403

National Synod offering: "Joy to the World" will empower the work God has given us to do in His name to bring joy to the world, as we vigorously make known the Good News of Jesus Christ, that all might rejoice and give thanks to God our heavenly Father. \$3,000

Lutheran Valley Retreat: Sharing God's grace and glory through His creation. This is a year round retreat and summer camp. When at LVR, you will be at a place where the focus is on God and building your relationship with Jesus Christ without interruption. \$1,000

Lutheran Indian Ministries/Navajo: Lutheran Indian Ministries (LIM) has provided a leader for the Navajo Ministry, in Navajo, NM. Our partnership with LIM will allow the Navajo ministry to be revived, with the help of the Holy Spirit. \$527

Lutheran Women's Missionary League: Provide mites for mission programs across Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. \$391

Benevolence Assistance: TOTAL \$7,204 (includes \$5,474 benevolence reserve)

The BENEVOLENCE Fund at Shepherd of the Hills exists to glorify Christ by sharing His love in a material way with needy people in and outside our congregation. Benevolence assistance will be given when it is determined that a person or family is truly "in need" and such individual(s) demonstrate an effort to follow biblical money management principles and be accountable for their financial practices.

Disbursement of gifts are normally made to a third party (e.g. landlords, supermarkets, service stations, utility companies, doctors etc.) 15 requests for financial assistance were received and 24 walk-ins received food assistance.

Short Term Mission Trip: TOTAL \$11,258

Cambodia – A team from Shepherd of the Hills provided a dental clinic and Vacation Bible School for the children of Crossing Cambodia and Ray of Hope in Battambang. This mission trip provided support for our missionaries Greg and Sinuon Holz; and Joe and Viya Stoltenow. \$8,500 (includes \$2500 for dental clinic)

The team included: Kristen Chenoweth, Elisha Heck, Jayme Klepacki, Kyle Klepacki, Chrissy Nilsen, Molly Nilsen, Ralph Patrick, Jodie Stoltenow, Rod Stewart, Deb Saline

Tanzania – Vicki Faas joined a LCMS medical team to provide medical care in a small village in Tanzania. \$2,758 (includes designated gifts and \$250 in medical supplies)

In Kind Gifts:

Bethesda Giving Tree: Provides gifts for Bethesda residents during Christmas

Salvation Army Angel Tree: Christmas gifts are provided to the people served by Salvation Army

Salvation Army: Church members provide food for the Thanksgiving and Easter Food Drive during the year

Breakfast for Babies: Church members provide diapers and baby clothes

Eyeglass collection: 206 pair of eyeglasses were collected and given to the Lion's Club for distribution throughout the world. Shepherd members have donated 1394 eyeglasses since 2010

Fleece Navidad: Gifts are provided to the folks at the Rowan Community at Christmas

Gateway Battered Women Shelter: A local shelter for adults and children suffering from domestic abuse. Supplies are collected for the shelter by Stephen Ministry

Prison Fellowship Ministry: Lead Bible study and prayer with individuals inside prisons in Colorado

Sandwich Sunday: Make and distribute sandwiches to the homeless in downtown Denver

*Please continue to support our School,
our Missionaries, our Human Care, and
our Rocky Mountain District and Synod
through your prayers, involvement, and funding.
For long term funding through the Endowment Fund,
a check may be written to
Shepherd of the Hills Church and
include Mission Endowment Fund
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