

A Unique Partnership

LCMS World Relief and Human Care
and Lutheran World Relief



Congregations sometimes confuse LCMS World Relief and Human Care and Lutheran World Relief (LWR). While the organizations share a unique partnership, they are two separate entities...

LCMS WORLD RELIEF AND HUMAN CARE is the mercy arm of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The St. Louis-based organization reaches out to people in need in body and soul, motivated by Christ and His Gospel, according to the Lutheran Confession of the faith.

The LCMS World Relief and Human Care Board consists entirely of LCMS members. While the organization is part of the LCMS, it receives minimal Synodical funding. LCMS World Relief and Human Care relies on financial gifts from generous individuals, congregations, and groups.

LCMS World Relief and Human Care is comprised of ministries including: Life Ministries, Health Ministries, Social Ministry Organizations, Institutional Chaplaincy, Deaconess Ministry, Disability Ministry, Older Adult Ministry, Disaster Response, Mercy Medical Teams, Lutheran Housing Support, and Districts and Congregational Program Assistance.

LCMS World Relief and Human Care shares Christ's mercy to people both domestically and internationally in three areas:

DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE

- ▶ Build capacity of our congregations and domestic partners with human care and long term development grants. In fiscal year 2006-2007, LCMS World Relief and Human Care awarded \$4,840,232 in domestic grants.
- ▶ Support LCMS Veterans of the Cross, which aids retired church workers, and many other efforts to demonstrate the love of Christ to those in need.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

- ▶ Provide LCMS World Mission with funding for a myriad of human care projects that accompany their work of proclaiming Christ to those who have not heard of Him. This fiscal year, LCMS World Relief and Human Care will provide \$600,000 directly to LCMS World Mission for this purpose.
- ▶ Provide funding, strengthen capacity, and share expertise in human care and development projects for LCMS partner churches around the world: in Latin America, South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. These projects range from livestock projects in China to orphan assistance and HIV/AIDS projects in South Africa. In fiscal year 2006-2007, LCMS World Relief and Human Care awarded \$2,795,853 in international grants.

DISASTER RESPONSE

- ▶ Respond, on behalf of the LCMS, to international and domestic disasters. For example, in 2005 LCMS World Relief and Human Care coordinated multi-million dollar responses after the tsunami in Asia and hurricanes on the Gulf Coast.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) is an independent organization, based in Baltimore, which focuses on international relief and development work toward solutions to poverty and injustice in 35 countries, in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America. Rev. John A. Nunes, an LCMS pastor, is president of LWR. Many LCMS members know LWR for its quilt and health kit projects.

The organization works with the federal government (USAID) and many non-governmental organizations around the world. LWR's board is comprised of LCMS and Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) members. Its funding is provided by both the LCMS and ELCA.

A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

LCMS World Relief and Human Care and Lutheran World Relief often work closely on initiatives that make a positive difference in people's lives around the world.

In fiscal year 2006-2007, LCMS World Relief and Human Care sent \$1,251,000 directly to LWR for project assistance. In August 2007, LWR proved to be a significant resource in response to earthquakes in Peru, offering a generous grant to LCMS World Relief and Human Care and personnel resources on the ground.

Many times, both organizations support work in the same area, which illustrates their common goals and increases capacity for international assistance. For example, both organizations support Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya's (ELCK) HIV/AIDS programming. In 2007, the two organizations began discussions to develop a joint multi-million dollar strategy addressing malaria in Africa and Asia. The strategy will focus on education, mosquito netting, diagnosis, and treatment of this widespread illness.

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