



**LCMS WORLD MISSION**  
The Global Gospel Outreach of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

## We Write To Missionaries

### An adult's guide to help kids' communication

#### What is the purpose?

God invites each Christian to be involved in His mission—this includes kids. Writing to missionaries is an excellent way for kids to be involved in supporting missionaries and encouraging their work.

While the skills of letter writing can be learned through communicating with a missionary, don't miss out on the opportunity to learn more about God's mission and about each child's role in God's plan of salvation for the nations.

Visit the LCMS World Mission Web site ([www.lcmsworldmission.org](http://www.lcmsworldmission.org)) to learn more about mission work being done by the LCMS and its partner churches. Order resources and get mission education advice by calling 1-800-254-9495. Use missionary prayer cards (available for download at [www.lcmsworldmission.org](http://www.lcmsworldmission.org)) to introduce the missionary family to the children. By learning more about the need for sharing the Gospel around the world, writing to a missionary family becomes more than a writing exercise.



Please do not encourage writing to missionaries as a pen pal project. While having a missionary or missionary kid (MK) pen pal is a nice idea, LCMS World Mission cannot promise that each letter will receive a reply. With the occasional



unpredictability of international mail and e-mail as well as missionaries' busy schedules, it is best to not build up anticipation of a pen pal relationship.

### Where can I get a missionary's address?

Call 1-800-254-9495 to receive a list of missionary names, birth dates, field addresses and field e-mails. A similar list is also available for missionary kids (MKs). For security reasons only field addresses are given. Be certain to put the missionary's name on the envelope of a snail mail letter and in the subject line of an e-mail.

### How much does it cost to mail a letter?

Visit <http://www.usps.com/global/sendmail.htm> or your local US Post Office for international postage rates. In any case, it is best to weigh each letter. If you are writing to a number of missionaries on the same field, you may want to send them together in a larger envelope to the attention of "Country" Mission Team.

Consider these suggestions—

- Please do not include any items in addition to the letter. International customs declaration forms must be completed when sending items besides correspondence.
- Please do not send money in the correspondence. To financially support a missionary, contact LCMS World Mission about the designated ways for processing donations. Call **1-888-930-4438**.

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