

# THE MESSENGER

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IMMANUEL LUTHERN CHURCH—PALATINE

**Our Mission...** Jesus said: Go to the people of all nations and make them My disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything that I have told you. I will be with you always, even to the end of the world.

*Matthew 28:19-20*

*A note from Pastor Warren...*

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## **Developing a mission mindset.....**

It's no wonder that with a Senior Pastor who started his ministry as a pastor in the mission fields, we at Immanuel have been focusing more on supporting missions over the last couple of years. Just this past year, we have commissioned our very own missionaries to Cambodia. George and Shary Frahm are now setting their sites on the Angels Dormitory Project in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The Angels Dormitory is a human care project which will bring 50 young men and women from the provinces of Cambodia to the capitol city of Phnom Penh and feed and house these young students while they attend school in the capital city. George and Shary will be providing these students with on-going vocational skills training, English as a Second Language training (ESL), and especially reaching out to these students with the love, grace, and hope of Jesus Christ while actually living with these students.

Missions and serving are no stranger to us at Immanuel. In fact, it's a part of our very fabric. Many memories remain in our minds when we would send mission servant teams to the Appalachian mountains to build homes. Each year, our school children serve at 'Feed My Starving Children', and our 8<sup>th</sup> graders get an opportunity to serve in West Virginia.

With the advent of George and Shary to our congregation, and with a recent servant trip to Joplin, MO along with youth servant trips to New Orleans, LA (June 2010) and Denver, CO (July 2011), we are gaining some momentum toward developing a mission mindset that encompasses the heart of serving others in need. It is vitally important that we, as God's people, extend beyond ourselves and seek to love our

neighbors by serving them from Palatine to the ends of the earth. It is equally vital that we cultivate an atmosphere to support those whom God has called to the mission fields. Through all areas of support, whether through prayer, financial, or words of encouragement, we are all a part of missions.

Currently, we are seeking a wider base of support for the Frahm's mission work. We are looking to other local congregations through Lutheran Church Charities to join us in helping them get to Cambodia. Additionally, our youth will continue to go on mission trips each year. We will provide more opportunities to serve locally and regionally. We will return to Joplin in the future when they are ready for the rebuild phase. We will seek to become ready for mobilization in times of disaster or whenever needs arise, and will also have Bible Studies geared toward the area of missions to help give us a greater understanding of missions.

Coming in late September, we will host a Missions Fellowship Dinner. At this event, our Denver Youth team, our Joplin team, and the Frahm's will share their serving and mission opportunities. This will be a wonderful opportunity to hear about what we have done and what we are planning for the future. Keep your eye on upcoming announcements for more details!

If we continue to cultivate this type of 'Mission Mindset', than we will go a long way in accomplishing our Lord's Mission of **"going and making disciples of all nations"**.

In Christ,  
Pastor Warren Schilf