

Mission of the Month



Lutherans IN Africa

FORMING AFRICAN CHRISTIANS TO BE TEACHERS OF THE FAITH

Africa has a severe shortage of trained pastors. Tanzania alone has only 1 pastor for every 3,500 members (about 12 parishes). Each Pastor can only visit 1 parish each Sunday, so the other 11 are served by evangelists who have had little or no training. Even those who are trained have few books and limited opportunity for further study.

This severe lack of educational resources, coupled with traditional beliefs and practices, leads to misunderstandings of the Living Word. From the congregational level to the national, there is an overwhelming need for basic doctrinal teaching.

Founded in 2010, **Lutherans in Africa** is currently working in 23 countries to address this issue by not only teaching confessional Lutheran doctrine, but also training Africans to be pastors, evangelists, and church workers in their own communities. They are teaching not merely this generation, but the ones to come also. The adage if you give a man a fish you feed him for a day, but if you teach him to fish you feed him for life is never more apt than with this mission.

To provide doctrinal resources in African languages, the translation arm of Lutherans in Africa, **Lutheran Heritage Foundation-Africa**, is translating key texts such as Luther's Small Catechism, the Book of Concord, and others, along with Synod magazines.

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