



That They May Know YOU



"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." John 17:3

The Newsletter of Pastor Larry and Tina Matro, LCMS missionaries serving in Papua New Guinea

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"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray for our fellow LCMS missionaries serving in PNG: Martin and Marie Dicke, Michael and Beth Ritzman and family and Anton Lutz. They live and serve in Enga Province, in the midst of the joys and struggles faced by the pastors and congregations of the Gutnius Lutheran Church. Also remember Pastor Ron and Mary Anne Rall and Julie Lutz who are waiting to have their visas cleared to enter and work in PNG. **Heavenly Father, watch over the Dickes, Ritzmans and Anton. Give them joy and success in their work. Open the doors for Ralls and Julie to return and continue the good work that they did in the past. Bless all of the work here for the strengthening and extension of Your Kingdom. Amen.**



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Pray for Lutheran seminary students as they study. **Lord, there are many eager students at our seminaries who want to learn how to serve You and Your Church in PNG. Bless them as learn so that they become the servants the Lutheran churches in PNG need. Help them to cast their cares upon You! Amen.**

Pray for our partner church, the Gutnius Lutheran Church (GLC). This year marks the 70th year of LCMS work in PNG and the GLC is seriously divided and because of this is often ineffective in its defense of Lutheran doctrine. (Pastor Ketae is pictured with a well-used Bible Tina gave him over 25 years ago!) **O Holy Spirit, over the past 70 years many were blessed with the knowledge of salvation through Jesus. There is much work yet to do, but the GLC is conflicted and divided. Bring healing, repentance and unity so that the truth of Your Word can be proclaimed with boldness. Thank You for many faithful GLC pastors and congregations. Amen.**



Pray for these new books to be a blessing to the congregations, pastors, and schools of the Gutnius Lutheran Church. Many thanks to Lutheran Heritage Foundation, PNG Mission Society and others for the gift of a children's Bible Story book (English), Luther's Small Catechism and Luther's Large Catechism (Tok Pisin). **Gracious Father, thank You for the many who helped bring these books to PNG. May they be distributed and used in such a way that lives are affected and Your Church is strengthened and grows. Amen.** (Pictured: MLS students receiving their Large and Small Catechisms.)



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Pray for us! We enjoy being here and believe that God wants us here. But, we miss our grandchildren and children more and more. Also, being at MLS means we are separated from our fellow missionaries, which is sometimes hard on all of us. **Lord Jesus, You have given the Matros a wonderful opportunity to be a blessing in PNG. Fill them with contentment and joy in the work You have for them to yet do in PNG. Amen.**



Your continued, generous and faithful support are both necessary and a blessing to us and those with whom we live and work. Your gift can be given through: **Mission Central** (40718 Highway E-16, Mapleton, IA 61034/ <https://missioncentral.us>) or the **LCMS** (PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166/<https://www.lcms.org/matro>)

Thank you and God bless you!

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