

**The Rev. Charles Fredrickson and
Beth Borstad**



Twice a month, 50 three to five-year-olds hear Bible lessons in English at the Japanese Lutheran preschool and kindergarten when Charles comes to visit. "With the young children, [even the teachers] are attentive listeners to the simple Bible stories I tell," Charles shares excitedly. Charles is the pastor at Meito Christ International Church, an English-speaking congregation in Nagoya, Japan. He serves with a pastoral team of the Japanese Evangelical Lutheran Church, leading worship, outreach, and Bible studies for the English-speaking community. Beth participates in this ministry, working on graduate studies at the same time.

Charles and Beth are among the 268 ELCA missionaries serving across the world. For 164 years, the ELCA and its antecedent church bodies have been sending missionaries around the globe. Today, there are 68 million Lutherans worldwide and 140 churches affiliated with the Lutheran World Federation. With its 80 recognized 'companion churches', the ELCA seeks to practice the accompaniment model of mission, in which companions build up each other's ministry by sharing knowledge, insights, personnel, resources, and experience. For more details about the accompaniment model of mission and the ELCA's global mission work, request a free copy of the 2009 Global Mission Annual by calling (800) 638-3522, ext. 2642.

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