

Missionary Prayer Page

GLOBAL MISSION/EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



PRAY FOR

Ted and Jane Zimmerman

Ted teaches New Testament at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong. He serves as communion pastor for various congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong (ELCHK), and continues to serve on the church's mission committee. Jane serves as a school counselor at the Hong Kong International School.



BIRTH DATES

Ted—April 14

Jane—July 4

ANNIVERSARY

August 29

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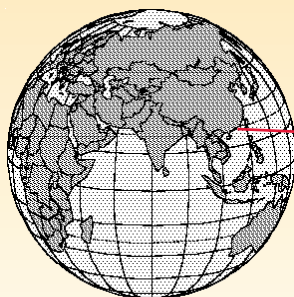
Southwest California

COUNTRY OF SERVICE

Hong Kong

Prayer Concerns

- † Please pray for the church in Hong Kong, China, and Southeast Asia, as we pray for you.
- † Pray for the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong, both for those students in the lay leadership training classes and for those studying in the degree programs.
- † Pray for Ted's students, that their increase in understanding of the New Testament expands their ability to faithfully guide people in their churches and to replace despair with hope.
- † Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hong Kong as it continues to reach out with the Gospel to people in Hong Kong and through mission work to others in the world.
- † Pray for the people of China, that they may continue to have an opportunity to hear the Good News and for those who have heard, to deepen their faith.
- † Pray for the seminary graduates that they may be strengthened in their service wherever that may be and that they may be a blessing to others.



Hong Kong

As a sponsor of Ted and Jane, you are asked to remember them with your prayers and your financial support. Gifts of any size are welcome. Please send support gifts to:

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(see letter from Ted and Jane on the back side of this page)

Dear Friends in the ELCA,

Ted and I have the awesome privilege to serve with the Global Mission Unit of the ELCA. We are enormously grateful for your prayers, support, and interest. We are keenly aware that this is neither about "Ted and Jane" nor about any specific project, but it is part of the response to Christ's call to "...Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."

Matthew 28:19

Twenty-eight years ago, our original call was to the "China Area" to do leadership development. We are life-long learners culturally and linguistically, yet simultaneously participate and contribute with church life in Hong Kong. Ted is involved in teaching the New Testament to Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS) students so they may serve the church better in Hong Kong, China, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, Nepal, Myanmar, and other countries. He is also supportive of the ELCHK's mission committee. We have been here long enough to attend many LTS graduations and see the graduates ordained to serve the people of Hong Kong and elsewhere. We hear from graduates in Viet Nam who are working out how to best serve their church there. We know some Nepalese graduates serving the Nepalese immigrants in Hong Kong who often face difficult circumstances and others returning to churches in Nepal. Leadership development has become a kaleidoscope of personalities and unique stories.

One particular personality is that of Naomi. She is a young Hong Kong social worker who completed many courses at the seminary. She responded to the call to serve as one of the ELCHK missionaries to Thailand. Her fiancé understands. Eric is a full time seminary student. He is fully supportive of her call, although it means they are apart for at least three years. However, Naomi's family is not Christian. They have difficulty accepting why their bright, pretty daughter who has already earned a university degree, does not want to earn a nice income and make them proud. Instead, she leaves them to go to Thailand. Christ? The Gospel? Mission? It is a strong Chinese ethic to please one's parents. Naomi has the courage to follow Christ's call and yet, in doing so, she disappoints her parents. It has not been easy for her.

Christ's call to mission is for us all. We treasure the visits we have had with so many of you because we are inspired by your stories of faith and your commitment both near and far to "...go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." Mark16:15

Sincerely,

Jane and Ted Zimmerman