

## 2017 National and International Outreach Subcommittee Report

The National and International Outreach Subcommittee, a part of the Outreach Committee led by Beth Armstrong and Linda Eichmann, looks to fulfil the NALC's *Mission Driven* core value:

"We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age."

Emmanuel Lutheran Church's 2017 *National Outreach* funds, budgeted and donated, went to help Hurricane Harvey victims in general through the NALC Disaster Response Fund (\$500, in honor of Mr. Josh Baedke) and specific assistance (\$9822) to Mr. Kamiso Boru, an NALC Pastor of Oromo Evangelical Church in Houston, TX, who lost his home to flooding. (Please visit <http://www.oehoustontx.org/index.php> to learn more about Pastor Boru and Oromo Evangelical Church.)



Emmanuel Lutheran Church's 2017 *International Outreach* funds, budgeted and donated, went to Bethania Kids (\$9822)...Nurturing and Equipping the Children of India to Change Their World Through Jesus' Love. On November 3-6, 2017, Kraig & Beth Olejniczak and Jason and Jana Palmer hosted Amy Pitts, Bethania Kids Board Member; Mrs. Josephine Selvan, Director of Care Centers, Kodaikanal; and Ms. Christal Margret, Graduate of Grace Home and now ICU Nurse. (Please visit <https://bethaniakids.org/> to learn more about this ministry.) A presentation was made to ELC members (\$46) on November 5 and a total of seven (7) children are now sponsored via ELC. It is not too late for ELC families, ELC Youth, other groups, etc. to Sponsor a Child (\$30 per month)...or more than one if you feel moved.



"Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." *Psalm 82:3-4*

In the former, we will be working with Pastor Jeff to schedule, organize, and execute a "work party" to travel to Houston in 2018 to help Pastor Boru and the Oromo Evangelical Church with repairs to the Pastor's home (and other hurricane-related activities) after the impact of Hurricane Harvey.

In the latter, Beth and I, and hopefully other interested ELC members, look forward to our trip to India scheduled in November to report back to ELC how their financial resources are impacting the poorest orphans in India with Christ's love.

Questions? Please call or text (479.721.1496), or send an e-mail ([Kraig.Olejniczak@valpo.edu](mailto:Kraig.Olejniczak@valpo.edu)).

Respectfully submitted,



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