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News from SALM Director, Rev. Dr. Edward A. Naumann

News from Overseas

Nepal: A year now after pastor Tika's son Prakash went missing, his father has resumed teaching and has completed three camps so far this year.

Focus on Biblical Literacy

Since January, the SALM board approved several new projects, to produce resources to increase biblical literacy among different age groups. The following are therefore added to our project list:

1. Bible-Time Stories, Illustrated by Kelly Schumacher



India: We continue to build on existing relationships, and receive requests for teaching in new locations. A number of translation projects are ongoing.

Sri Lanka: We continue our translation series on early Christian literature, and recently finished Augustine's works *On Baptism against the Donatists*, and *On the merits and remission of sins and on the baptism of infants*.

A new set of children's Bible stories, based closely on the texts of Scripture, is now underway. Kelly Schumacher, of Agnus Dei Liturgical Arts, is producing all of the illustrations for this book. The first five illustrations are seen above. We are thankful to Kelly for her work, and for agreeing to license her artwork to be shared in public domain (with attribution). You can see more of her work at agnusdeistudio.weebly.com

2. Bible Reader: Questions on the New Testament

How can we encourage our youth to read the Bible, and read actively, to understand and pay attention? How about giving them a quiz on each chapter, so see if they were paying attention? The New Testament has 260 chapters. This book will have 260 pages, with a 10-question quiz for each chapter. We hope this resource will be useful for parents, schools and congregations to encourage their youth to read, and give parents and teachers a resource to make sure they do. We are thankful to Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton and the pre-seminary students of Concordia Chicago for their cooperation in producing this resource. The quiz writers will also produce multiple choice alternative answers, which we can eventually turn into an app for use on a cellphone, tablet or computer.

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New Secretary

We welcome Rev. Benjamin Vanderhyde as the newest member of the SALM board. Rev. Vanderhyde is the pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wray, CO. He takes over from Rev. Travis Berg. We thank pastor Berg for his invaluable service as secretary since the founding of SALM on Epiphany 2022.

Prayer Requests:

For the people of Nepal, and the ongoing teaching of Tika, and for his family.

For the people of India and especially our partners in the India Evangelical Lutheran Church.

For the people of Sri Lanka, especially the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church, and for peace and unity.

For SALM and the members of the board, that we may receive the financial support needed, that God grant us wisdom, and bless our efforts, to His glory and to the extension of His Kingdom.

For pastor Naumann and his family in Brookfield, IL.

Thank you for your prayers!

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3. Sunday School Materials

Producing materials for Sunday School is a difficult process. The main Bible stories of the Old and New Testaments need to be covered. Some theological explanation is needed (without theological error!) together with prayers, applications to the students' lives, and simple directions for teachers. Ideally, four different levels of teaching materials are needed to communicate effectively with different ages of children. This project would have taken many years, but the Church of the Lutheran Confession has already produced and made available on their website outstanding lessons, and they are willing for us publish and translate them. Thank you to Rev. David Naumann and the publications board of CLC for their kind cooperation and permission to use their materials.

4. Translation Project: GOOD NEWS in Nepali

As we plan our next teaching trips to Nepal later this year, we are hoping to have available a printed Nepali translation of GOOD NEWS magazine on the subject of Baptism. This is especially important, because in Nepal, Baptism is a practice where the cultural norms differ from the USA. Our teachers consistently find that the Nepalese people have many questions about Baptism, so this resource will help to teach and promote the biblical understanding. Our thanks go to Rev. Dr. Wallace and Kathy Schulz for their cooperation with SALM and our Nepalese partner.

5. Translation Project: Sermons on the Catechism

Pastors need ongoing education too. The catechetical sermons written by Pastor Rolf Preus will provide an outstanding resource for pastors to read. The sermons could also be read by laity or evangelists, when a pastor is not able to lead the service. We are grateful to Rolf Preus for making this resource available to us.



Tika teaches Luther's Small Catechism in Nepal

Thank you for your kind and generous support of this mission.

Pastor Edward Naumann

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