



# MISSIONARIES

## MISSIONARIES FROM OUR SYNOD



(from left) Amber Marten Bergeson, M.Div. 2010, Pr. Elly McHan, Gloria Strickert, Diaconal Minister, at the cornerstone laying for the new Evangelical Lutheran School of Hope in Ramallah in February 2011

### **PASTOR ELIZABETH CARSON MCHAN – JORDAN AND THE HOLY LAND**

(Home church – First Lutheran, Onalaska)  
 Pastor Elizabeth (Elly) McHan received her M.Div. in 2010 from Wartburg Theological Seminary. She was called as a pastor to serve in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) as Communications Assistant to the Bishop. In her role Elly works closely with Bishop

Dr. Munib Younan, the six congregations, four k-12 schools, and four educational programs of the ELCJHL, coordinating local and international English-language communication and advocacy materials for the church. She invites you to visit [www.elcjhl.org](http://www.elcjhl.org) to learn more about the ministries

of the ELCJHL, and hopes to see you all at next year's Synod Assembly.

### **PASTOR KEVIN JACOBSON - SURINAME**

(Home church – Holmen Lutheran, Holmen, WI)  
 Pastor Jacobson continues to serve in the South American country of Suriname with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Suriname (ELKS). He is involved in the designing and implementing of a theological certificate program for lay leaders in the five-congregation ELKS. He is pastor of Martin Luther Church a 270-year old multicultural urban congregation, preaching and presiding in Dutch! He is advisor to the ELKS national youth leadership council and coordinator of annual national youth and women's retreats. Finally he has been developing a plan with local leaders for stronger cross-cultural and church-to-church exchanges with American, Canadian, Guyanese, French and Dutch Lutherans. The last week of April and first week of May 2011 he facilitated an exchange of six leaders in the ELKS to visit the ELCA Florida-Bahama Synod, the companion synod to the ELKS.



Pr. Jacobson (far left) w/ youth group

## **ELCA MISSIONARY SERVING IN OUR COMPANION SYNOD**



Tom, Tana, Pr. Dana and Anthony

**PASTOR DANA NELSON & THOMAS OSOSKI - PERU** (Pr. Nelson's home church – Arlington Hills Lutheran, St. Paul, Minnesota) Pastor Nelson received her M.Div. in 2007 from Luther Seminary. Since July 2007 she has served as a missionary in Peru, doing Word and Sacrament Ministry with the Iglesia Evangelica Luterana Peruana (ILEP). She is serving as pastor of the Cristo Rey Evangelical Lutheran congregation in the south of Lima. She is also assisting the area of Theological Training and Formation with ILEP, providing pastoral care for students and faculty of the Universidad Biblica

Latinoamericana (UBL-Recinto Lima), the seminary where the ILEP currently has 9 students preparing for ministry. Prior to being a pastor, Dana served in the Peace Corps in the Philippines, taught high school English in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia, and was a Women's Advocate for Casa de Esperanza in St. Paul.

Pastor Nelson's husband, Thomas Ososki, has served in various positions as an architect and urban designer and is currently serving as the building consultant for ILEP. They were married in 2000 and have two children, Tana Grace and Anthony Thomas.

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