

# Explaining My Ministry In Foreign Countries

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**Dear Foreign Friends** – *many of whom I have never met in person,*

Greetings in Jesus' name! I'm writing to help you understand ♦my past involvement in foreign countries and ♦how I am now going forward.



**Bethlehem Parma (LCMS)**

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**Past:** I have been an LCMS (Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod) pastor for nearly 30 years. Over the past 20 years Bethlehem Lutheran (where I serve) and I have had some involvement with mission work in foreign countries:

- Rev. James May – A former Bethlehem member (who became an LCMS pastor in 2006), is the founder of the Lutheran School of Theology in Kenya and trains men to be Lutheran pastors.
- Dr. Philip Giessler – A Bethlehem member, who made annual teaching trips for 10+ years to various countries on the continent of Africa, taught pastors and men studying to become Lutheran pastors.
- Accomplishments – By ♦the grace of God, ♦Bethlehem's willingness to tithe from its offerings, ♦funds entrusted to us from the closure of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, and ♦approval of the Bethlehem Leadership Team, funds have been distributed to many people to support Lutheran gospel ministry and countless other needs.

**Going Forward:** We are reducing our foreign country financial aid and focusing on needs directly related to gospel ministry. I realize that news is disappointing. Please ♦be thankful for whatever has been received, ♦understand our need to change our focus, and ♦continue to receive the spiritual benefits from the Bethlehem ministry. Whatever your needs are, *they are certainly known by the LORD God Almighty*, and I pray He will quickly and powerfully come to your aid to ♦encourage you, ♦guide you, ♦provide for you, and ♦use you to be an eternal blessing to others!

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