

PRE- AND POST-SEMINARY TRAINING FOR LOCAL CHURCH WORKERS Mission Training Center, Africa — \$62,650

Leader: *And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved (Acts 2: 47b).*

Group: Lutheran church membership continues to grow across Africa. In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia most local congregations are led by helpers and evangelists. The rest are led by seminary-trained and ordained pastors.

All: Father, we pray for the growth of the church in Africa. We thank You for the leaders who tell others of the Good News of salvation.

Leader: *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it (2 Timothy 3:14).*

Group: The helpers and evangelists meet for five days each month for in-depth theological training by completing a course through the LCMS Mission Training Center curriculum. This gives lay leaders a firm theological foundation.

All: Father, we ask You to bless the training of 250 lay workers in the churches of Africa. Raise up leaders who thirst for Your Word.

Leader: *I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching (2 Timothy 4:1-2).*

Group: The ordained pastors in the villages want to participate in continuing education in theology to better serve the congregations under their care. The pastors and their wives want to gather, study, and engage in Christian fellowship.

All: Father, we give thanks for the pastors of the congregations in Africa who may serve five to fifteen congregations. Bless their continuing education as they yearn to grow in their understanding of Your Word. Grant the pastors and their wives time to rest and enjoy fellowship with each other. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.