

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

The spreading of God's Word of salvation in Africa needs well-trained lay workers and pastors. In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers and evangelists. Others are led by seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both groups are eager for opportunities to study theology in a community that enables them to better serve the congregations God has entrusted to their care.

Pre-seminary intensive training courses will be provided to over 100 lay leaders in Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, and Uganda through the LCMS Mission Training Center curriculum. The program provides basic theological training for lay leaders who serve under pastors responsible for five to fifteen congregations. The local pastor will work through 22 workbooks (over two years) with his lay leaders. The church bodies use this program to give their lay leaders a firm theological foundation, and it may also identify men with gifts for full seminary training.

The lay leaders gather once a month for five days. The lay leaders provide their own trans-

portation to the training site, food, and lodging. (Lodging may be offered by the host congregation.) Many students bring food to share. Currently, the churches are not able to fully support the expenses that are incurred.

The post-seminary continuing education course will be provided for 250 local pastors and their wives. Topics will be determined by the local church body. The course will provide the opportunity to engage in Scripture and also afford a rare opportunity for fellowship. This is especially true for the pastors' wives who often have not yet met another pastor's wife. The course may be provided by a church leader, local seminary professor, or a missionary. Funds are needed to cover transportation and meals for the pastors and their wives as they attend this continuing education course.

The Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers mission grant money will help support the training of Lutheran church workers in the countries of Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, assisting the spreading of the Gospel in those countries.