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DR JASTRAM'S CALL

Pastor Jastram serves as a manager for theological education in Asia, based in Tokyo, Japan. He assists the regional director in mission planning as well as developing, coordinating, and supporting theological educational activities; makes periodic visits to seminaries in the region; and supervises theological educators throughout Asia.



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Working together to serve others



LCMS Asia missionaries, from Papua New Guinea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Sri Lanka, Japan, Thailand, and Cambodia at the September work group meeting—and kiddos! (On the outside lawn of our LCMS building complex, Chiayi, Taiwan.)

TAIWAN: WORKING TOGETHER

Annie enthusiastically reads four Chinese characters from a flashcard and then looks expectantly at me. (Annie is the little girl in the very front.) She beams at my stumbling attempts to repeat them. Oh, learning Chinese is hard work!

Dan and I traveled to Chiayi, Taiwan this September. And whether you were a child or an adult, lots of hard work was taking place at the LCMS' Asia new office and residence building complex there. Missionaries from northern and southern Asia gathered together to reconnect with home base, each other, and their regional director.

Missionaries met with their vocational group and manager for part of the time. As manager of theological education in Asia, Dan met with Asia LCMS theological educators to learn more about the challenges they face and how he might best support them.

Of course, with nine theological educators, five of whom hold doctoral degrees, and three working on doctorates, you better believe there was some good theological education to be had in the large group meetings, whether as members on a panel or for presentations on the proper distinction between the Law and the Gospel given by Dan.

INDONESIA: SERVING OTHERS

“They ate their first missionaries,” Dan was informed when he arrived in Indonesia for the convention’s theological study. It’s true. The first two missionaries to the Batak tribe met their fate in this manner. However, in 1862 a German Lutheran missionary, Ludwig Nommensen, courageously persisted and was successful in bringing the Gospel to the people.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- God's blessing in providing future pastors for our partner church bodies.
- Safety and protection in the midst of earthquakes, typhoons, and tsunami.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Missionary safe travels.
- Concord among missionary team members.
- God's blessings of His clear teaching as witnessed in our Catechism.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- You! The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage us and support us. Thank you!

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Visiting the largest Protestant seminary in Indonesia with 581 students. (HKBP Theological Seminary, P. Siantar, North Sumatra Indonesia)



Visiting the teacher-preacher institution of the HKBP in Tarutung, Indonesia.

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(Today he is revered and memorialized as the "Apostle to Indonesia.")

Until the mid 1900's, the different Christians bodies were generically Protestant. It was at that time that Pr Jethro travelled to the States where he attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota and discovered Luther. With great excitement, he taught the Lutheran confessions to his national church body when he returned. It was from this "Indonesian Luther" that the GKLI (Indonesia Lutheran Church) was formed. It is only one of two church bodies in Indonesia that have

Lutheran in its name, but because their background had been so generically Protestant they struggle to understand what it means to be Lutheran. So that is why they requested two special presentations at this convention by Dan.

The LCMS is working with the GKLI to explore the substance of our agreement in doctrine and practice for altar and pulpit fellowship. Teaching pastors and church leaders the vital components of the Lutheran faith in Indonesia and elsewhere is Dan's ongoing goal and endeavor throughout Asia.

*In the words of St Paul, our prayer for the church at home, the church abroad, and for the Church Universal:
"What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus."*

2 Timothy 1:13

- YOUR Missionaries, Daniel and Joan Jastram



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