

Communication

Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country. Proverbs 25:25

Mark and Linda have access to e-mail, making communication quick and easy. ELCA Global Missions has requested that we have one correspondent to communicate regularly with Mark and Linda and that other congregational members send their information or questions through that correspondent. ELCA has also requested that, as a courtesy, we not attach long documents or photos to e-mail messages without first consulting with Mark and Linda.

If you would like to send the Jacobsons a note, forward your note (email or hardcopy is fine) to us and we will send it on.

Whatever means you choose to correspond with Mark and Linda, here are some possible topics suggested by ELCA Global Missions:

Say that you are praying for the missionary and the people he or she serves.

Talk about the work of your congregation – its outreach, education, youth, fellowship programs.

Send a bulletin from a special service or event.

Describe the community in which your congregation witnesses.

Briefly identify yourself and your family.

Send birthday or other holiday greetings to the missionary and family members (you could send a card signed by many members of the congregation).

Questions to ask the missionary:

Where do you work? (Most missionaries do not serve in congregations)

Tell us about the people with whom you serve.

What is a typical church family like?

What are some things you especially like about the country in which you serve?

What specific prayer needs do you have?

What is worship like?

What are your greatest challenges or blessings?

How are you inspired by the people whom you serve?

How do people there witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Specific teams at Hosanna may wish to forward their own questions. For example the Sunday school may wish to ask:

What kinds of games do children play in your community?

Do children attend Sunday school?

What are schools like in your country of service?

In what language or languages do the children study?