



Scholarships & Seminary Support in Asia



There is a need for trained Lutheran pastors to reach the lost throughout Asia with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This project provides scholarships for pastoral candidates to study at Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) partner seminaries and assists in the funding of the operational costs of those schools. Typically, seminaries have the capacity to add new students to their campuses and classes, but budget limitations are an obstacle to growth. Highlighted below are two LCMS partner seminaries.

The Philippines

Theological educators are encouraged by the high quality of the men graduating from the Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS) in Baguio City, which sits on a campus originally donated by the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) over 60 years ago. These new pastors are eager to learn more about the doctrine of the Lutheran church and preach and teach the Law and Gospel. Some of these dedicated men could have easily chosen to complete a degree that would



allow them to earn a higher salary, but instead they have given themselves to serve the church and proclaim Jesus Christ. Most live off five dollars per day, but they do not complain and instead are eager to teach and preach the Word in the Philippines.

Adopt a Foreign Seminarian

Student scholarships include class instruction (often led by LCMS professors), all books and study materials, housing and meals for the duration of their seminary studies. The cost of educating a seminarian for one year in Papua New Guinea, for example, is around \$1,200. This is a near impossible amount for seminarians to raise without help, but they are determined to share their faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Additionally, donations help maintain the physical buildings on the seminary properties, including upkeep and repairs. Damage by tropical storms is frequent in this part of the world and structural repairs are often needed.

Papua New Guinea

In another Pacific island nation, Papua New Guinea, Timothy Lutheran Seminary (TLS) trains pastors needed for the now over 500 congregations of the *Gutnius* (Good News) Lutheran Church (GLC) and its 80,000 members. Before the Gospel arrived in this remote part of the world, people lived in fear: fear of death, fear of their neighbors, fear of the spirits of dead ancestors, even fear of the rivers and lakes they believed were filled with evil spirits. But the love of God transformed lives from darkness into light.

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