CGM Celebrates 6 Years!

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CGM – Proclaiming the Gospel to the Nations

Celebrating Global Mission (CGM), a digital 'magazine', is wrapping up our 6th year of publication. All you find here is for the glory of God as the Gospel continues to be proclaimed to the nations!



If you're new to CGM in recent months, here are a few facts about us:

- ***CGM exists to inform, inspire and encourage Lutherans to take the Gospel to the nations.*** We are thankful that our readership spans the biblically grounded evangelical denominations. At the same time, our purpose here is to celebrate the ongoing contributions of Lutherans in global mission! Despite the measurable drift from God's call to the nations over the past generation at the ELCA, Lutheran mission agencies like the five that join together to publish CGM have remained faithful and engaged in making disciples of all the nations. This is where we get together to share the stories of the Lord at work!

- ***ALL articles are made to be shared!*** You can email the link to friends and family anytime, and all articles also are available in PDF form to easily print, share and celebrate!

- ***The five mission agency partners – Friends of Madagascar Mission (FOMM), Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT), Prayer League (PL), Spiritual Orphans Network (SON), and Awakening Lives to World Mission (ALWM) – underwrite most of the production costs.*** We are partners – not competitors! We welcome contributions from readers to help us continue to publish regularly. ALWM freely administers the ongoing publication responsibilities on behalf of the CGM partners.

- ***Each issue contains articles in 6 separate categories –*** our partners submit articles for **CELEBRATING MISSION, MEET SOME MISSIONARIES, HISTORY OF MISSION,** and **WISDOM FROM THE FIELDS** on a rotating schedule; CGM editor Bill Moberly writes the **FROM THE EDITOR** column; and articles for **IDEAS FROM CHURCHES** come from – you guessed it! – churches sharing great ideas they have implemented to support global mission.



Gratitude

Thanksgiving Day 2026 is right around the corner. As we wrap up our sixth year, I am deeply grateful for many things.

- ***I thank God for my good friend and mentor Pastor Kent Groethe, co-founder of CGM*** and the driving force behind this publication! His dear wife Kay unexpectedly went home to heaven earlier this year. Kent's health has been in a bit of a decline. The grace, presence, and comfort of God at the heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is what we preach and also what sustains us in our journey day by day. Please remember Pastor Kent in your prayers.

- ***I thank God for Candy Rice***, daughter of Joy Minion, CGM's production editor. Candy's homegoing to heaven was way too early by our reckoning. She is still missed every day. Her expertise, creativity, and generosity in countless ways made CGM a reality, rather than languishing as simply an intriguing idea shared by Kent and I over lunch in Alexandria, MN, early in Covid. Every publication still has her fingerprints all over it as Joy does the layout and article prep!

- ***I thank God for Joy Minion, CGM Production Editor,*** for her patience and skill as she reminds authors, receives content and makes it all come together every issue. Her passion for the Great Commission is reflected in every issue.

- ***I thank God for our CGM <u>Partners</u>!*** We mean it when we say our mission agencies are not competitors. As editor I am blessed to work with Pastor David Lerseth (Friends of Madagascar Mission), Seth Hinz (Lutheran Bible Translators), Leslie Urie (Prayer League), and Pastor David Breidenbach (Spiritual Orphans Network). Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel!

- ***I thank God for my daughter-in-law, <u>Becky</u> Moberly,*** who creatively and diligently handles social media for CGM! Find CGM on Facebook and follow us there. Becky does a great job in finding creative ways to spread the word about God's call to the nations, and the work of CGM.

- ***I thank God for my wife and best friend, <u>Sally</u> Moberly.*** I am grateful for her vision and her patience! When she sees my writing step up, she knows it's time for another issue of CGM 😊.

May God continue to use Celebrating Global Mission to inform, inspire
and encourage in the coming year!

To God be the Glory!



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