



Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done

Anniversary Thankoffering
2016-2018

*Our goal is to support missions in our country
and to gather this offering*

- **to fund new missions,**
- to fund the Vicar in Mission program, and
- to support cross-cultural mission projects.

Do pray for our current home missions:

- Christ the King Lutheran Church, Bell Gardens CA
- Divine Mercy Lutheran Church, Hudson Oaks, TX
- Hope Lutheran Church, Leander, TX
- Hope Lutheran Church, Farmington, MN
- Redeeming Grace Lutheran Church, Rogers, MN
- Faith Lutheran Church, San Antonio, TX
- Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, IL

Pray God's help as we consider future sites for missions:

Consider these possible sites:

- **Clermont, FL** – Clermont is a fast growing community in central Florida. Located in Lake County its 2015 population was 362,460. It is projected to be 522,519 by 2030. That is 205 new souls a week for fifteen years, making it a great place to win souls for Jesus.

- **Brownsburg, IN** – CNN Money Magazine ranked Brownsburg as the #1 place to live in Indiana in 2009, and 33rd in the nation. Other websites also mention Brownsburg's low crime, strong economy, and excellent schools as factors for placing Brownsburg at the top. News of this kind draws families to a community.

Selecting Future Sites for New Home Missions

Prior to his ascension, Jesus stated where mission work was to begin, "... You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8; ESV).

In keeping with our Lord's command, the ELS Board for Home Outreach (BHO) exists to help identify and explore promising areas in the U.S.A. The ELS Handbook outlines this duty of the board in these words:

"Since opportunities for engaging others more faithfully with Jesus are to be sought in locations not served by churches of our fellowship, it shall be the duty of the board... to locate promising mission fields and establish congregations in accord with the confession of the ELS."

To do this our BHO needs your support. Do pray for the wisdom to do this work and be ready to help by generously giving as the Lord enables you. Please consider this Anniversary Offering as an opportunity to help our ELS and missionaries **Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done.**

Visit els.org/offering, our Anniversary Offering website, to view our offering video and make a gift.

Or

Call **507-469-9656** to plan *your* support today!

Thank you for helping to reach the lost for Christ.



Citrus Tower is a Clermont, Florida, landmark. At one time, it was said that you could see more than a million orange trees from this tower. Since then, many of those groves have turned into housing developments.