

What Makes MCN Unique?

Intentional Gospel Proclamation

- Singular focus on and passion for proclaiming Christ, putting the Gospel first and foremost while also being culturally aware.
- Engaging people from a variety of backgrounds to serve in mission work.
- Encouragement and fostering of relationships with the understanding that Gospel proclamation always takes place within the context of relationships.

Best Practices Training and Ongoing Support

- Excellent training, equipping, and in-field support of all kinds for mission partners based on best-practices for the highest standards in Gospel proclamation. A systematic approach is taken, based on Mission Program Objectives, with equipping of all people, including those without “formal” training, and uniquely fitting their gifts.
- Training is always delivered by teachers with extensive mission experience and high levels of related education.
- Unique care, encouragement and support for mission partners is delivered to help ensure overall health and effectiveness and avoid burnout. Support is characterized by personal, family-like relationships between staff and mission partners, with quick response and individual needs served.
- Mission partners benefit from a supportive team in each part of the world with a strong US-based support team.

Independent, lay-focused and led

- Led by laity with the gift of pastoral advisors.
- Independently supported by individuals, congregations and partners.
- MCN focuses specifically on connecting lay people with international ministry opportunities, whether through physically serving, prayer, time, or financial support. This is characterized by a drive to see individuals change in their relationship with God as they grow to see themselves as part of God’s mission.
- Uniquely operating with the fundamental gifts of the LCMS church but without the constraints inherent with the synodical organization, inclusive of non-Lutherans, seeking partnerships with other organizations and with the flexibility to serve virtually anywhere.
- Quick response to opportunities is enabled by a lack of bureaucracy.

Broad Mission Experience and Expertise

- Extensive, first-hand mission experience among leadership, staff, caregivers and trainers. Valuable expertise in overseas mission work informs the education, training, and support needed to excel in cross-cultural ministry.
- Ability to place those willing to serve in the best possible situation and location through contacts built over decades of mission work and highly vetted long-term and short-term opportunities.
- Credibility and trustworthiness domestically and internationally earned through many years of mission experience.

Need Determined by the Field

- MCN begins from mission needs identified by partners in the field instead of trying to determine needs from a disconnected, uninformed, US-based position.