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Dear Mission Interpreter,

Thank you for sharing the good news of how our ELCA members are involved in God's global mission! Below is a temple talk for you to use along with the enclosed photo and sign-up sheet. Feel free to modify it any way that works best for you. Thank you!

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Temple talk for Mission Interpreters: Pray for our missionaries

Here's a quick question for you: how many missionaries do we send?

Do you know that all of us, working together as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (or ELCA), send 240 missionaries to 40 countries around the world?

(hold up photo) Here are some of them. These are 65 of those 240 missionaries. They are young adults, age 19-29, who are serving for a year in eight different country groups around the world: in Argentina/Uruguay, Hungary, Jerusalem and the West Bank, Madagascar, Mexico, Rwanda, Southern Africa, and the United Kingdom. They will begin their service in August of 2014 and end it in July 2015.

Each of our 240 ELCA missionaries has been invited to serve by the Lutheran church in that country. Each of them is serving on our behalf in Christ's name. A portion of the Mission Support dollars given by your congregation/synod helps to support the work of these missionaries, and additional special gifts could expand God's work. See me later if you are interested in learning how that can happen.

Here's another way you can support them. (hold up sign-up sheet) Each of our missionaries needs our prayers. Please pray for them, that they will be strong and faithful as they do God's work with their hands. On this sign-up sheet, please put your name by the day when you will remember all of our missionaries in your prayers.

Thank you for your support. It makes a world of difference.