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The responsibilities of the Mission Life Team encompass a wide range of activities which include global missions/missionary support, local benevolence, Released Time Program, publicity, publications, evangelism/hospitality, mission life activities such as Fair Trade Fair and support of Liberian students, the Heifer project, our Burmese family, community activities that meet in within St. Paul Church, the Lancaster Area Victim Offender Reconciliation Program, and the Lutheran Community Outreach to name a few. Clearly, this past year has seen some of these activities move ahead, while others will hopefully receive more time and attention in the coming year.

Among the advances Mission Life has seen have been the Lian family. With the addition of baby Margaret, the family now numbers six! John has secured a job at Tyson and now has a car to get back and forth to work in! They continue to work on their English with Samuel and Gracy leading the way. A dedicated group from LCO has worked hard on making the Lian's transition into American life as smooth as possible. Thank you all for everything you've done to welcome them. They were a very precious Holy Family for our church this past Christmas with Margaret doing an angelic job as baby Jesus!

Our missionary to Costa Rica, Stephen Deal, visited St. Paul on February 2nd of this year and spoke to a group of interested people about his work in Central America. It was a very interesting talk and one that included slides of the mission. Stephen started out his presentation by asking us to list our mission involvement and we ended up by filling up the blackboard!

Once again St. Paul members helped support global missions, not only for 75 students from Liberia by contributing towards their tuition for school, but also by purchasing items from Fair Trade sales. Our connection with Kanga Lutheran Church in Tanzania remains strong. Imani Chibona, a speaker for our Mission Awareness Sunday in 2008 and a graduate of Gettysburg Seminary, is now a pastor at the Cathedral in Tukuyu, the seat of the Konde Diocese in Tanzania.

Our call to mission is a compelling one. May each of us answer it in our own way and to our own talents and ability.