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Greetings in the name of Jesus, who sends us into the world in the power of his Spirit!

This year, we have a unique opportunity to send two new missionaries into a part of the world we have become familiar with. Jack and Cathy Carlos have been called to join Rev. Tim and Beth Heiney and family, Tim and Heidi Norton and family, and Andrea Herman in the mission field we know of as Guinea, West Africa.

At our Kansas District Convention this June, delegates will vote on a resolution to renew our Guinea Partnership with LCMS World Mission through 2012. One of our roles in this valuable partnership is to provide funds to support missionaries. Therefore, at their meeting in January, the Kansas District Board of Directors deemed it fitting that we, the congregations and members of the Kansas District, offer our support to new Guinea missionaries Jack and Cathy Carlos through a special offering to be gathered at each congregation and brought to the District Convention to be dedicated for Jack and Cathy's service to our Lord on our behalf. This special offering will take the place of our annual Pentecost Guinea emphasis.

LCMS World Mission now requires all missionaries to raise enough funds to support themselves for two years in the field. For Jack and Cathy Carlos, this amounts to \$300,000. We humbly ask that you consider having a special offering any time between now and the District Convention to help raise the necessary funds. Included with this mailing are several pieces to use in promoting this offering in your congregation:

- 1) a bulletin insert with information about the Carlos family and the Maninka people they will be serving
- 2) an article to put in your church newsletter
- 3) the latest newsletter from the Carlos family
- 4) letters from teammates Tim Norton and Andrea Herman
- 5) Jack and Cathy's Prayer Card

A DVD is available upon request with two video presentations by Jack and Cathy Carlos – a short two-minute piece and a longer eight-minute piece. Contact Lori at 800-357-4421 ext. 223 or [lori@kslcms.org](mailto:lori@kslcms.org) if you would like the DVD.

Our support of the witness of our missionaries in Africa is needed now more than ever. Many of you have signed on as Together in Mission (TIM) supporters, but we hope you will still provide your members with the opportunity to participate in this special offering in addition to your TIM commitment.

May you continue to grow in the blessings of Christ's mission.

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