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AMERICAN LUTHERAN MISSIONARIES

The News Bureau of the National Lutheran Council has released the following report:

Lutheran Churches in North America support 1,624 missionaries on 35 foreign fields, according to statistics compiled by Dr. Andrew S. Burgess, professor of missions at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. The figures include the mission activities of 12 Lutheran church bodies and two church-related agencies.

Of the total, 172 new missionaries went to the field during 1958, while 166 returned after furloughs. Total number of missionaries sent out was 338, headed for 31 countries. Since the 1956 report, the number of missionaries from North America has increased by one, the 1956 figure being 1,623.

Dr. Burgess pointed out that in comparing the current figures with 1956 totals, several distinct trends were evident.

In 1956 there were 316 missionaries in India, he said, as compared with 192, or 124 less, this year.

In the same period the United Lutheran Church in America has turned over \$3,000,000 worth of mission property in India to the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church in India, granting the national church full control. In addition, the American Lutheran Church turned over more than \$1,000,000 worth of mission property to the South Andhra Lutheran Church in India.

Largest number of Lutheran missionaries from this continent are sponsored by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which has 352 people on the field. The Evangelical Lutheran Church is next with 330, while the ULCA supports 264, the ALC 248, and the Augustana Lutheran Church 184.

Dr. Burgess indicated that Africa continues to have the largest percentage of missionaries, with its total number increasing from 504 in 1956 to 547 in 1958.

During the past year The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod opened new fields in El Salvador and Korea, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church began work in Brazil, he reported.

Following is Dr. Burgess' breakdown by mission boards, fields, and assignments:

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SUMMARY BY MISSION BOARDS

	New	Returned	Year's Total	Total on Field
American Evangelical Lutheran Church	0	0	0	2
American Lutheran Church	29	10	39	248
Augustana Lutheran Church	22	33	55	184
Evangelical Lutheran Church	35	31	66	330
Lutheran Brethren	9	3	12	53
Lutheran Free Church	2	4	6	41
Lutheran Orient Mission	0	0	0	7
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	42	27	69	352
Santal Mission	0	1	1	15
Suomi Synod	1	0	1	4
United Evangelical Lutheran Church	5	4	9	21
United Lutheran Church in America	18	45	63	264
Wisconsin Synod	4	2	6	25
World Mission Prayer League	5	6	11	78
TOTALS	172	166	338	1,624

SUMMARY BY FIELDS

	New	Returned	Year's Total	Total on Field
Africa	63	67	130	547
Borneo	0	2	2	2
Ceylon	2	0	2	5
China—Formosa	6	5	11	51
China—Hong Kong	2	6	8	51
India	5	22	27	192
Iraq	0	0	0	7
Japan	16	38	54	229
Korea	6	0	6	6
Latin America	32	14	46	180
Malaya	7	0	7	29
Nepal	1	1	2	7
New Guinea	26	9	35	261
Pakistan	0	0	0	16
Philippines	6	2	8	41
TOTALS	172	166	338	1,624

BREAKDOWN OF ASSIGNMENTS

	New	Returned	Total on Field
American Ev. Lutheran Church			
India—Santal	0	0	2
American Lutheran Church			
Africa—Ethiopia	6	0	10
Africa—Tanganyika	2	0	3
India	1	3	25
New Guinea	20	7	210
Augustana Lutheran Church			
Africa—Tanganyika	20	17	131
Borneo	0	2	2
China—Formosa	0	2	8

China — Hong Kong	0	3	10
India	1	2	4
Japan	0	5	23
Uruguay	1	2	6
Evangelical Lutheran Church			
Africa — Madagascar	3	3	75
Africa — Natal	0	4	45
Africa — Sudan	2	11	66
Africa — Tanganyika	9	0	21
Brazil	14	0	17
China — Hong Kong	0	0	14
China — Formosa	4	3	17
Colombia	0	1	5
Japan	3	9	70
Lutheran Brethren			
Africa — French Cameroun	4	2	32
China — Formosa	2	0	8
Japan	3	1	13
Lutheran Free Church			
Africa — Madagascar	0	2	25
China — Formosa	0	0	5
China — Hong Kong	2	0	6
Japan	0	2	5
Lutheran Orient Mission			
Iraq	0	0	7
Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod			
Africa — Nigeria	7	3	39
Argentina	0	0	6
Brazil	0	2	24
Ceylon	2	0	5
*Chile	0	0	0
China — Formosa	0	0	13
China — Hong Kong	0	3	15
Cuba	1	2	5
El Salvador	0	0	2
Guatemala	5	0	11
India	0	3	58
India — Muslim	0	0	8
Japan	6	8	56
Korea	6	0	6
Mexico	2	0	4
New Guinea	6	2	51
Panama	0	0	2
*Paraguay	0	0	0
Philippines	6	2	41
*Uruguay	0	0	0
Venezuela	1	2	6
Santal Mission			
India	0	1	15

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Suomi Synod			
Africa — Tanganyika	1	0	1
Japan	0	0	3
United Ev. Lutheran Church			
Africa — Nigeria	2	1	9
Brazil	2	0	2
Colombia	0	1	3
India — Santal	0	0	1
Japan	1	2	6
United Lutheran Church			
Africa — Liberia	1	22	59
Africa — Northern Rhodesia	2	0	2
Africa — Tanganyika	2	0	8
Argentina	1	0	24
British Guiana	3	1	17
China — Hong Kong	0	0	6
India	1	11	68
Japan	1	11	49
Malaya	7	0	29
Uruguay	0	0	2
Wisconsin Synod			
Africa — Nigeria	0	2	13
Africa — Northern Rhodesia	2	0	8
Japan	2	0	4
World Mission Prayer League			
Argentina	0	0	1
Bolivia	0	1	24
Brazil	0	0	8
Ecuador	2	2	6
India	2	2	11
Mexico	0	0	5
Nepal	1	1	7
Pakistan	0	0	16
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* No resident missionaries, national workers only.