

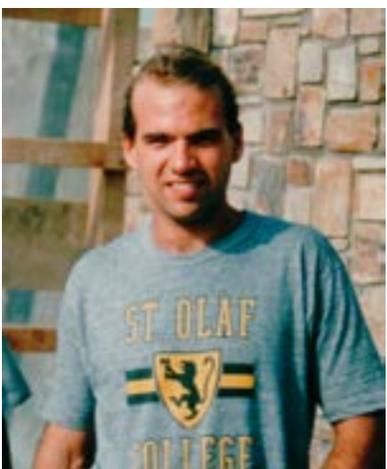
# Gratitude and Giving



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## Our Story

In 1991, Gordon and Betty Olson's son, Tim, was in the Central African Republic (C.A.R.) building a Lutheran church as part of a year of mission service with the ELCA. Tragically, during his time there, he was killed. Rather than turning away from C.A.R. full of grief, the Olsons were instead moved by the outpouring of love and hope amidst this tragedy. They founded Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry (LPGM) in 1995 with a mission to engage individuals and communities in transformational partnerships across the globe. Centered in faith and dedicated to service, LPGM was called to action by sharing resources and hope.

Within one year, LPGM cultivated relationships in both C.A.R., to build a chapel of Tim's design, and in South India, partnering with the Arcot Lutheran Church to support students who desired but could not afford an education. Over the past two decades, LPGM has grown to serve over 32,000 students and families each year, partnering with diverse churches and organizations in eleven countries, supported by 50 U.S. congregations and over 2,000 donors worldwide.

The leadership and dedication that the Olsons have shown over the past 20 years is a testament to what Tim began, to their faith, and to their steadfast commitment to serve others in response to God's calling. Today, as they move away from the day-to-day operations, everyone at LPGM remains deeply grateful for their 20+ years of service. Under new leadership, and with your support, LPGM remains committed to continue the work that the Olsons began.

# Our Impact



## Partnership

Strategic, global partnerships guide LPGM's work to bring hope and resources to impoverished communities. LPGM intentionally collaborates, partnering with known, respected community and church leaders who know what is needed locally and can lead a project from beginning to, ideally, self-sustenance. Flexibility and nimbleness are key requirements as each partnership is forged, undertaking the often time-intensive work to reach common understandings, agreed-upon project approaches, priorities, identified needs, and additional sources of support.

## Education

LPGM partners to educate women and children, transforming lives for a brighter future. LPGM currently serves over 20,000 students, 95 schools, and 600 teachers through the English+ Program; sponsors nearly 1,500 students through Project Education India; and supports 169 young Mayan women each year through CCFC's WALC workshops. In addition, over 60 U.S. travelers are transformed each year as they travel to our overseas locations and learn from our partners. Indeed, one of LPGM's passions is education, creating global citizens one by one.

## Empowerment

LPGM strives to empower peace, stability and sustainability through leadership development. LPGM engages 12,482 Village Savings & Loan members in the Central African Republic, empowers 125 students through the ALC Community College in India; supports 40 women at Lebanon Home; and empowers 40 women and children through the ALC's Timothy Center for Women, Youth, & Children Empowerment. LPGM recognizes the need to focus on education *and* empowerment efforts to achieve long-term sustainability.

# What's Next

The strong foundation that has been built over the past 21 years is LPGM's greatest asset. It could never have been created without the dedication and commitment of LPGM's founders, staff, volunteers, and the thousands of contributors, supporters and partners who have traveled alongside us to help us share this incredible story and so many new ones. We are grateful to each of you who has helped LPGM along the way.

The past serves as a constant reminder of where we've been and how much we've grown. Our efforts continue and are measured by the impact they are having in the lives of children, families, and communities around the globe, the health of our partnerships, and the financial support received to carry out our work.

Today, as we move into our 22nd year, we look to the future, striving to engage more deeply with our current partners while creating new program opportunities and partnerships. As global citizens, we will continue striving together, sharing resources and hope.



We ask for your year-end, generous support to build upon LPGM's strong foundation which will carry us into the next 20 years.

Blessings for a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to you!

*Julie S. Ragness*

# Our Request

Each year, LPGM's ministry relies on you, our generous supporters. We ask that you consider making a programmatic gift that will fund a personal passion or interest. But we also rely on you to support the operations that allow these programs to function effectively - both here and overseas.

General operating support truly fuels our vision, allowing us to use funds where the needs are greatest at any given time - not only in our day-to-day operations, but also across program efforts as needs arise throughout the year. Without operating support, we could not successfully carry out our ministry.

To ensure that we end the year in a position of financial strength, we seek your generosity. Please give so that we can successfully carry out the vital programs that are near and dear to us all.

# Your Response

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