

Is God calling you to serve in new ways?

We often hear the phrase, “Give a person a fish and they’ll eat for a day; teach a person to fish and they’ll eat for a lifetime.” ELCA missionaries Brian and Kristen Konkol, serving in South Africa, witness a further challenge to breaking the bonds of hunger and poverty: Does that person have access to the pond?

As Brian and Kristen travel to worship in the Zulu churches in the townships surrounding Pietermaritzburg, they see challenges and injustice remaining from apartheid times, when Blacks were designated to live outside the city. “Within a few kilometers,” they write, “you can go from a city of ‘first world’ amenities such as stores, restaurants, and businesses to a township of ‘third world’ challenges

with poor housing, road quality, and poverty.”

ELCA missionaries give of their time and talents to serve communities with particular skills. And, more than anything, they learn from the people they accompany in their daily lives.

Should you or someone you know consider serving as an ELCA missionary? Visit www.elca.org/globalserve for a listing of opportunities, more information, and application deadlines. In addition to long-term service, there are short-term paid positions (a two-year commitment) and volunteer positions (most are commitments of three months to two years).

Take this opportunity to pray for ELCA missionaries and their ministries of accompaniment. Pray for God’s blessings on the participants and program of the **ELCA Global Mission Event** at the University of Wisconsin—La Crosse, July 17–20, 2008.



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