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Dear Partners in the Mission Field,

" Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done."
Psalm 105:1

We still are grateful our children have a place to go to feel comfort, start their education, and continue to strengthen their religious roots. Thank you again for the financial help and for starting such a wonderful program.

These words of gratitude were written by a parent whose children are able to attend a preschool at a Nebraska LCMS church due to the congregation's involvement in ***Fan into Flame***. This is the result of one congregation's involvement. Can you imagine what amazing outreach God can do through us if we all work together in support of missions?

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am grateful for congregational and Nebraska District involvement in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. This past year, we have seen generous individuals and congregations pledge their support to ***Fan into Flame***. To date, Nebraska District congregations and individual members have pledged and given more than \$2.7 million in support of this historic mission effort through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. I thank everyone whose generous hearts have made this possible. But we still have the opportunity to reach more lost souls with the saving message of Christ Jesus.

Our records indicate that most Nebraska District congregations have not as yet participated in ***Fan into Flame***. Some have indicated that 2009 will be the best time for them to conduct their appeal. Others remain interested, but are undecided as to when and how they might create an opportunity for their members to respond. Now is the time to indicate your congregation's intention to participate in ***Fan into Flame***.

So with 2009 fast approaching, what can you do in order to help us we as enter the home stretch toward our ***Fan into Flame*** goal of \$6 million? Please complete your intention to participate and fax (402-643-2990) or mail back to the District Office by the end of the year so that we can prepare resources to assist your congregation. We would love to enter into the New Year with these gifts raised/pledged in support of local, district, national, and international mission efforts.

May the Lord bless you as you move out into His mission fields, sharing the Good News of Jesus with those who do not know Him.

Partnering with you in the Lord's mission field,

Rev. Russ Sommerfeld
Nebraska District President