

East Asia

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MISSIONS



Pressure continues to grow for the local church because of government policies and actions in East Asia. In fact, churches and Christian schools all throughout the mission field have been shut down. Many missionaries and their families have been forcibly expelled from the region. There is concern for how long our WELS called workers can continue working in the field, but that is not slowing the work down. It has only made us more urgent to empower the local church to share the gospel. Our workers weekly mentor and equip dozens of leaders to reach out, disciple believers, and multiply leaders, and start new groups. More than 900 souls are being served with the gospel each week.

Asia Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong is using online instruction to extend the reach of worker training. Exciting opportunities abound as they blend live teaching with Internet-based learning platforms. They offer training for lay workers leading groups, as well as pastoral training for full-time students. Seminarians gather monthly in a central location to meet face-to-face with a professor for a week. All serve as leaders or helpers in their home churches.

Mission Statistics

- There are currently 7 congregations, 9 mission groups, and 7 other groups under Confessional Lutheran influence in East Asia
- In 2018, there were more than 80 baptisms
- There are currently 5 full-time national pastors, 5 East Asian men in full-time seminary studies at Asia Lutheran Seminary, and 31 in part-time seminary studies

Praying for East Asia

Please pray for Lutherans in East Asia, as they continue to reach out with the gospel in a country that is looking to restrict Christian activities. May God bless them as they gather with fellow believers in hiding to learn more about the precious truths of Jesus Christ.