

“Our Master of Theological Studies (MTS) program trains Latino/a leaders where they are in principles of Bible study, mission and mission mobilization, pastoral counseling, and Hispanic leadership for the church.”

— IM Global Servant J.D. Reed directs the MTS program, which offers cohorts in eight countries and continues to grow through Luther Rice Society support.



#### MISSION

International Ministries works cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace, and abundant life for all creation.

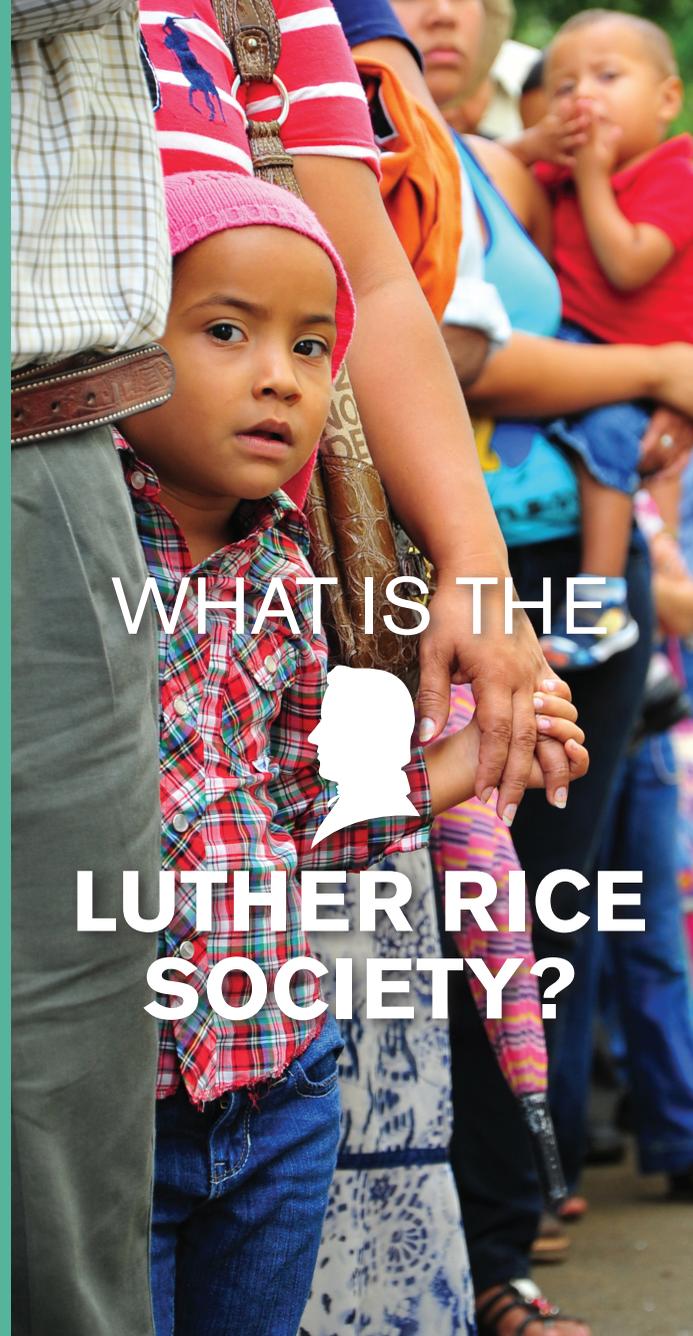
#### HERITAGE

Also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, we are the oldest Baptist international mission agency in North America, true to the gospel, faithfully sharing God's love for more than two centuries.



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International Ministries (IM) started the Luther Rice Society in 2001 to encourage the support of global mission. Today the Luther Rice Society honors and recognizes those whose support is a powerful example for many others.

#### WHO WAS LUTHER RICE?

The Society is named after Luther Rice (1783-1836), who organized the first national Baptist Society in the United States. This Society supported the first wave of missionaries sent along with Ann and Adoniram Judson to India and later to Burma. Rice returned to the United States in 1812 and organized support for the work of the Judsons. He dedicated the rest of his life to promote and grow the financial support needed to sustain missionaries in their countries of service.





## LUTHER RICE SOCIETY



### WHY IS THE LUTHER RICE SOCIETY IMPORTANT?

Through the Luther Rice Society, International Ministries recognizes leadership in annual giving. The gifts given by those in the Luther Rice Society are a major source of support for new or expanded programs and ministries.

#### WHAT GIVING IS RECOGNIZED BY THE LUTHER RICE SOCIETY?

Donors and donor churches whose gifts to International Ministries total \$5,000 or more in a calendar year are recognized as part of the Luther Rice Society. All types of giving are included, whether support for IM's global servants, the general fund, or projects.

#### HOW DOES THE LUTHER RICE SOCIETY RECOGNIZE SUPPORTERS?

You are recognized each year that you renew your giving. As part of the Luther Rice Society, you will receive personalized communications and Luther Rice Society mailings, including the IM annual report and our Guide to Global Servants book. You will access opportunities reserved only for those in the Luther Rice Society, with an invitation to the Luther Rice Society annual dinner as a special guest of IM's Executive Director/CEO Rev. Sharon Koh.

#### YOUR PARTICIPATION CAN MAKE IM'S MINISTRY PRIORITIES A REALITY

Since 1814, we have responded to God's call to engage in international mission. God is doing life-changing work through your prayers and financial support in these ministry priority areas:

- Invite people to become disciples of Christ through evangelism, discipleship, and theological education.
- Proclaim God's reign of peace, justice, and abundant life by serving the needs of immigrants and refugees, abolishing global slavery, encouraging education and economic development, and promoting health.
- Equip the body of Christ to minister everywhere, engage in short-term mission, involve youth and young adults, and build capacity through training.
- Pursue excellence through financial accountability and faithful stewardship of the gifts you entrust to IM.

*“ People are trained to recognize common problems which shorten life and can be treated inexpensively. Every gift is meaningful in saving a life. ”*

—IM Global Servants Drs. Anita and Rick Gutierrez train local volunteers as health promoters, and with support from the Luther Rice Society this year hope to reach 5,000 people in South Africa with life-saving support for those with HIV, high blood pressure, and diabetes.

*“After the volcanic eruption left more than 50,000 people homeless, your gifts through IM provided food, shelter, blankets, essential household items and so much more. Thank you!”*

— Global Servants Ann and Dr. Bill Clemmer serve in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo, with HEAL Africa and IMA World Health.

