

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD
“MISSION CENTRAL” VIDEO OUTLINE/SCRIPT DRAFT
DRAFT 1 12/28/15

<p>Stock footage—planting and/or Exterior b roll: Pretty crop shots of corn & soybeans 21:35, 22:28, 25:16</p> <p>File footage of Missions and/or LCMS logo</p> <p>Congregation file footage or man and woman pray Int. B roll 25:29, 25:39</p> <p>Good close ups of faces—file footage?</p> <p>Beauty shots of Mission Central and Mapleton. Ext b roll: Mapleton sign: 01:45:20, 01:21:04 pretty shot of Mission Central buildings, long shot of buildings 01:03:37 Chapel & steeple 00:09:32</p> <p>Mark on camera</p>	<p><i>MUSIC IN –stirring, uplifting, pastoral</i></p> <p><u>VOICE OVER NARRATOR:</u></p> <p>Just as the bounty of life begins with a seed—planted, nurtured, and harvested—so begins the work of spreading God’s Word to the four corners of the earth.</p> <p>International missions are woven into the fabric of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.</p> <p>God has enabled LCMS witness and mercy projects in 80 countries around the globe...training pastors ... starting schools... and planting churches.</p> <p>Our missionaries and their families may do God’s work thousands of miles away, but the seeds are sown <u>here</u> by an army of volunteers and supporters—going above and beyond what’s expected in order to spread the message of God’s love.</p> <p>These are people who are “not normal.”</p> <p>These are people like you who hear God’s call and answer it ten fold.</p> <p>God planted seeds of faith by calling “not normal” people to create a place in Mapleton, Iowa for missionaries to stay, to worship and to connect with their supporters.</p> <p>In the heartland of America, because of God’s love, arose Mission Central.</p> <p>SOT MARK HOFMAN</p> <p>Describes how Mission Central began--with the idea of having someone in outlying areas tell the story of LCMS mission work. How the board of Mission Services at the time asked Gary Theis to spread the message as the first</p>
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<p>Cover jump with transition or shots of Gary talking to group Int b roll 00:12:10 approx.</p> <p>Gary on camera</p> <p>Wipe/transition to Gary</p> <p>Cover jump with File cabinets: Int b roll 04:41:07</p> <p>Continue ext b roll—shots of property 00:26:49 buildings 00:43:24 pretty shot hydrangeas 00:56:28 people by sign 00:30:28 Low angle, road</p> <p>Still shots of volunteers at work?</p>	<p>mission development counselor of the LCMS.</p> <p>GARY INTERVIEW 00:15:15-15:24</p> <p>No one had every done this before, had somebody deployed out in the area, traveling to tell people the mission of the church and what God is really doing.</p> <p>GARY SOT (could delete for time) 15:31 The job description for Mission Central and what’s developed here is raising the awareness of missions & that’s the most important thing that we can do. God will call the people, He will call the people who he wants to have the privilege of being part of His work, we just have to be faithful & tell the story. 1555</p> <p>GARY SOT 16:14 People want personal contact and that’s when our journey began in Mission Central on June 1 1994.</p> <p>GARY SOT 17:09- 17:23</p> <p>I remember very clearly praying that the Lord would grant us one 4-drawer file filled with people who are “not normal.” People who really get it, who want to be a part of the mission of the church.</p> <p>GARY SOT-17:35 -17:43 Today we have 17 file cabinets that are completely filled with people that take Jesus very personally.</p> <p>GARY SOT 00:39:49-40:02</p> <p>I think of the people God has sent since I purchased this five acres, there have been so many miracles. All I’ve done since we purchased this property was just hang on. God sent people at just the right time.</p> <p>GARY SOT 00:20:19-21:10</p> <p>It’s a calling. And God has called some amazing people. We have 69 volunteers. We have 17 secretaries who type for me in their homes, they don’t charge anything. And what a joy to see that they have the ability to even pay for the stamps that go on the letters that go out. And so when</p>
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<p>Gary on camera</p>	<p>our mailings go out there’s no expense. That means it just more benefit to our missionaries. 20:47</p> <p>It’s a wonderful blessing to see how God has sent 5 volunteer pilots who fly me. And none of these pilots are normal. Normal people would say, “Here’s the bill for the fuel, here’s the bill for my time, the use of my plane.” It doesn’t work that way.</p> <p>GARY SOT</p> <p>21:17-21:22 And so God has truly blessed us with the right people at the right place at the right time. 2122</p>
<p>Mark on camera</p>	<p>MARK SOT</p> <p><i>Talks about what it means to LCMS missions overall to have dedicated volunteers and supporters who are “not normal,” or who do much more than expected. Sending a missionary to dark corners of the world to spread the message of Jesus costs thousands of dollars and requires many hours of prayer support—it is a cause <u>everyone</u> in the pews can support and get involved in.</i></p>
<p>Gary on camera</p>	<p>GARY SOT</p> <p>00:16:38 – 17:05</p> <p>Our very first secretary was a young cattle feeder’s wife who said we don’t have a lot of money, we can’t support any missions, but I was wondering if I could help? Could I be secretarial help? This lady had worked in an attorney’s office, and she was my very first secretary. Jane Peterson, was such a blessing to get our files started and we began our work in the basement of our home.</p>
<p>Still shots of Jane, if available</p>	<p>SOT VOLUNTEER—WOMAN IN PURPLE SHIRT---JANE PETERSON 00:01:10 -1:43</p>
<p>Jane on camera</p> <p>Still shots of Jane at work</p>	<p>But I enjoy every assignment that I get. It’s usually between 150-175 letters and it seems overwhelming at first when I open that box. But I basically hibernate in my husband’s office for 3 to 4 days and type those letters of thanks to all the donors for their love, their prayers, their support.</p>

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<p>Close up of adoption agreements Int b roll 05:06:04</p>	<p>I get to meet the new missionaries through those adoption agreements and also learn of new projects. It’s thrilling. I enjoy it, every minute of it.</p>
<p>Int b roll 03:38:53 presentation room, woman missionary talks to group Close up of people 02:05:50</p>	<p><u>VOICE OVER NARRATOR</u></p> <p>Volunteers at Mission Central heed the call to contribute their time, their talents or their financial support.</p> <p>Whatever the contribution, it’s about making a <u>personal connection with LCMS missionaries around the world.</u></p>
<p>Couple in presentation room 03:32:08 intercut with audience reaction</p>	<p>GARY SOT 1821 – 18:37</p> <p>We’ve tried to make mission work very, very personal. And what we’ve done at Mission Central is to bring the missionaries and the people together with nobody in between so that the individual families can prayer for and support their own missionary family.</p>
<p>Gary on camera</p>	<p>GARY SOT 00:18:53-19:17</p> <p>18:55 But today people want to know where their gift is going, they want to feel personally involved and they want to hear from the missionary so they feel a part of telling people about Jesus. 19:05 And this has been one of our wonderful things that we’ve been able to offer here at Mission Central, a very personal relationship that these people have developed.</p>
<p>Mark on camera, can cover with stills of Paster Neester if available.</p>	<p>SOT MARK</p> <p><i>Talks about the sacrifices missionary families make with a commitment of often ten years or more, uprooting young families, etc. The importance of support for families such as that of Pastor Duane Neester as he plants the first Lutheran Church in the central American country of Belize.</i></p> <p>(ALTERNATE VOICE OVER TO ABOVE, IF MARK DOES NOT WANT TO INTRO PASTER NEESTER)</p>
<p>Family on camera Interview 00:05:00</p>	<p><u>ALTERNATE VOICE OVER:</u></p> <p>This personal relationship shores up missionary families like that of Pastor Duane Neester, who is planting the</p>

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<p>Stills or b roll of Belize</p> <p>Continue b roll?</p> <p>Pastor on camera (if possible, get footage of video recording of Pastor—to intercut with wide shot since he doesn't look at camera.)</p>	<p>first Lutheran Church in the Central American nation of Belize.</p> <p>PASTOR NEESTER SOT (could delete for time)</p> <p>508 - 543</p> <p>We've actually been doing a lot of good work in Belize. We've had the Belize mission society and lot of churches going down and doing short term mission trips. We've built some excellent relationships with people, telling them the basics about Jesus and teaching them songs and helping them out with mercy projects. To this date, we have not I believe attempted to plant any Lutheran churches in this country. So that is going to be my goal. To get in there and build on relationships that we've already started to build as a Lutheran church and plant the very first Lutheran churches in the country of Belize.</p> <p>PASTOR NEESTER SOT</p> <p>902 –9:30</p> <p>Our contribution is going to be putting the boots on the ground and being willing to uproot our lives here in the US and replant it in a foreign land. And we're happy & excited to answer God's call to do that. 917 But we need help from a lot of other people at the same time. We need people all across the world praying for us. We need people like Gary promoting us and speaking well of us and telling other people about the work we're doing. And we need people with generosity to fund the work we're doing down there. 930.</p> <p>GARY SOT</p> <p>44:28- 44:50</p> <p>God has a place at Mission Central for all kinds of people, even people who can't provide anything, that have no resources, they can pray. We have in our files 8,000 individual families and we are working with 1,100</p>
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<p>Gary in office Int b roll 04:34:05 04:37:03 from side 04:38:05 secretary</p>	<p>churches and that’s really an example of the people that God has called.</p> <p>GARY SOT 00:43:04-43:16</p> <p>Many people send \$10, I have a number of people who send \$5 each month. And what a blessing that’s been.</p> <p>GARY SOT</p> <p>00:43:35-43:40 As a result the strength of Mission Central doesn’t rely on the big dollars, it relies on the little quiet people nobody knows.</p>
<p>Mark on camera</p>	<p>MARK SOT</p> <p><i>Discusses the importance of gifts of any size and type, and of places like Mission Central where missionaries can stay, can meet supporters and can find resources.</i></p> <p>GARY SOT 00:45:10-45:43</p>
<p>Ext b roll 01:00:25 Children play outside Mission central</p> <p>01:01:26 Mom talks to</p> <p>01:57:38 visitors take picture by bell</p>	<p>We love the missionaries and they know that that love is here at Mission Central. We pray for them and care for them and they come here as a respite. To get away, some of the missionaries spend 3,4,5 days here and it’s a way for them to relax, to meet some of their supporters as they tell their story. And what an absolute joy to meet some of the finest, Christian, not normal people that God has called.</p> <p>GARY SOT 48:54 – 49:10 (could delete for time)</p>
<p>File footage of missionaries</p> <p>Gary and audience in museum 00:22:50</p>	<p>This is what mission work is about and the sacrifices these people have made, to be called from this comfortable situation here in the U.S. to go to lands of darkness where people have never heard the name of Jesus.</p> <p>GARY SOT</p> <p>25:37-26:12</p> <p>We feel that the only people who come to Mission Central are people that are not normal. That is the greatest compliment I can pay anyone. If I tell you that you’re not</p>

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<p>Meeting room and missionaries 00:36:25 Neester family</p>	<p>normal, I want you to be so happy. Because the Lord tells us in first Peter, chapter 2, verse 9. King James version, he says we're to be a peculiar people. People that are different than people of this world. And that's certainly what Jesus talked about when He said we can be in the world but not of the world. 26:12</p>
<p>Mark on camera</p>	<p>GARY SOT 26:31-26:34</p> <p>We're not like people of this world. And people should see that Jesus lives in our hearts.</p> <p>SOT MARK</p> <p><i>Expands on how LCMS' international missionary work is by its nature "not normal" or of this world, but part of the spiritual and divine world that Christians inhabit.</i></p>
<p>2 shot Wayne & Zola 01:01:30</p>	<p>VOICE OVER NARRATOR</p> <p>Wayne and Zola Caften are two tireless volunteers who contribute their unique talents to support LCMS missionaries through their work at Mission Central.</p> <p>GARY SOT 00:58:00-59:04</p> <p>Wayne and Zola Caften are people who are truly not normal.</p> <p>They're willing to come and work and you need special kind of helpers.</p> <p>58:10 Wayne is a retired farmer, and farmers can do anything...they're electricians, they're mechanics, they can get things all figured out if you have a problems. 58:24</p> <p>You need some go to people that can help you when there's a problem. Wayne has helped with....(mowing, cleaning construction and</p>
<p>Back to Gary on camera</p>	<p>58:38- 58:51</p> <p>Zola has been one of those faithful helpers, who's been able to help us in the office as a part time secretary, she's helped us with food service, she's prepared meals. She's someone who's always here.</p>

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<p>Mark on camera, if necessary could cover with file footage of mission work</p>	<p>MARK SOT</p> <p><i>More on personal connections with donors and supporters here and overseas missionaries. How so many souls accept Jesus into their lives when an LCMS missionary is planted into a remote village or jungle or urban landscape in a faraway country. How Mission Central is a model that can/should be replicated in other regions of the U.S.</i></p>
<p>Gary on camera</p>	<p>GARY SOT 00:56:31-56:48</p> <p>5630 In my opinion we need 3 Mission Centrals, we need an Mission Central in the Western part of the United States, we need this one in the central part of the US and we need one in the east part of the US. God has special people that He can raise up.</p>
<p>Ext b roll 00:09:09 Lighted sign Pretty night/dusk shots 12:34, cross against sky 12:18</p>	<p>GARY SOT 00:57:10-57:32</p> <p>And that’s one of the wonderful things that’s happened here at Mission Central—the Church has allowed us to be creative, to have our own volunteers. And that’s one of the things that’s very important, to use people and to allow them the privilege of serving Jesus.</p>
<p>Mark on camera</p>	<p>MARK SOT</p> <p><i>Scriptures say: How will they hear unless someone is sent? LCMS’s Mission Central not only sends laborers into the field to spread the good news of Christ’s love--but also connects individuals and entire congregations to God’s laborers/missionaries in a personal way.</i></p> <p><i>(MUSIC IN—CONCLUSIVE AND STIRRING)</i></p>
<p>Pretty field shots ext b roll 00:18:42 silo, corn fields</p>	<p><u>VOICE OVER NARRATOR</u></p> <p>From the fertile fields of western Iowa, God’s Word is spread far and wide through the efforts of Mission Central.</p>
<p>01:28:32 Gary walks to building</p>	<p>“Not normal” people like Gary Theis are raising millions of dollars to support LCMS World Missionaries...</p>
<p>Bus pulls up 00:52:29</p>	<p>hosting hundreds of LCMS missionary families each year . . .</p>

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<p>Gary talks to group Int b roll 00:33:03</p> <p>Gary on camera—could cover with exterior b roll</p> <p>Congregations file footage intercut with mission file footage</p>	<p>and educating tens of thousands of visitors about the mission work of The LCMS.</p> <p>GARY SOT 3551-36:16</p> <p>The history of Mission central is a story of a real miracle. What's happened at MC has nothing to do with me, it has everything to do with what God can do in the middle of nowhere. In the middle of a cornfield on the hills of western Iowa. And how God uses unusual people at just the right time.</p> <p><u>VOICE OVER NARRATOR:</u></p> <p>The story of Mission Central is one that starts with people like <u>you</u>—people who sow the seeds of faith to bring Christ to those who suffer.</p> <p>People who show their love of the Lord in ways that the world might find peculiar . . . who go beyond what is expected.</p> <p>People who are <u>in</u> this world, but not <u>of</u> this world. People who are “not normal” because they are committed witnesses to God’s Love.</p> <p><i>MUSIC UP & OUT</i></p>