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# ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

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## ELCA GLOBAL LINKS – October 2019

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**Advent in Palestine Virtual Pilgrimage** —In the first video of the “Advent in Palestine” series, the Rev. Ashraf Tannous, pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Beit Jala, Palestine, delivers a powerful message on maintaining hope in the middle of Turbulence. “Let us keep asking from God to give us this hope so that we stay hopeful people no matter what we are living in this world,” he said. Watch the video at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9R0Gd7nPPOY&t=1s>

“Advent in Palestine” is a four-week virtual pilgrimage from the ELCA’s Peace Not Walls and Young Adult Ministry teams, featuring voices from the ELCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. You can still see past reflections on the ELCA Young Adults Facebook page.

**News Around the World!** Hurricane Eta made landfall in Central America in early November, and less than two weeks later, Hurricane Lota hit Nicaragua—both as Category 4 storms. Lutheran disaster Response is supporting a number of companion churches and ecumenical partners in the region. Activities will include delivering food packages, solar lamps, and Hygiene kits.



### Mission Personnel

**Reflection** by Jessica Moes, Young Adults in Global Mission (Yagm) alum  
During my time in Cambodia, my host mother, Lai Heak, was my person. She was 35, a mother of two hilarious girls, and incredibly poignant, perceptive, and smart.

While we washed dishes or cross-stitched, we would sit and talk about the deep things affecting her life, such as friendships and frustrations.

Many months into my time with her, she turned the conversation to me “How are you, Jessica, really?”

And, well, I floundered. Read more at

<https://www.facebook.com/ELCAYAGM/posts/10159471938360450>

### Apply for Young Adults in Global Mission

**(YAGM):** Calling young adults ages 21 to 29 – apply now for an international service year with YAGM! The deadline is January 15, 2021, for service beginning in August 2021. Spread the word! Learn more and apply for YAGM at <https://elca.org/yagm> (Two people from our Parish have been YAGM missionaries – Sara Nyhus Penning & Pastor Luke Peters)

**YAGM Country Program Fun Facts:** Follow Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) on Instagram to learn interesting facts about each country program. This month, YAGM is highlighting the Central Europe and Mexico country programs. Test your knowledge below

- Hungarian inventor Erno Rubik created the Rubik’s cube. How many cubes make up a Rubik’s cube puzzle?
- How many recognized indigenous languages are still being spoken in Mexico?

See the answers in YAGM’s Instagram story highlights at [www.instagram.com/elcayagm/](http://www.instagram.com/elcayagm/).

### Get Involved

This Christmas, give joyful gifts in honor of your loved ones. Through ELCA Good Gifts, you can choose from 50 charitable gifts that will make a global impact – from a goat to a piglet to a simple water well. It’s easy to make your gift online and personalize a card to print or e-mail. Choose a gift through ELCA Good Gifts.

