



Washington - Alaska District Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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1. Aid to Seminary Students (\$4,000 each)

\$8,000

Two LCMS seminary students from the Northwest District have requested financial aid. **Eric Hutchinson** was called by God after completing his undergraduate work at Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah, Washington. Eric is currently enrolled at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. Funds will be used for tuition, books, and living expenses for himself and his family. Eric is married to Ashley and they have two infant children, Bella and Anastasia. Second-career student, **James Matthews**, continues his education at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, in the Masters of Divinity Program and is scheduled to graduate in 2011. Funds will be used to pay for tuition, fees, books, and supplies. James is from Faith Lutheran Church in Lacey, Washington.

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessings upon Eric Hutchinson and James Matthews who have been called to serve You as fulltime workers in Your Kingdom. May these two students studying at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis be blessed with the loving financial assistance that the Washington-Alaska District LWML will supply with its mites. Also bless their families during this time of transition and growth. In Your Holy Name we pray, Amen.

2. Financial Assistance for the Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op

\$8,000

The Food and Clothing Co-op on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, plays a key roll in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. Nearly seventy percent of the students are second-career men with families. The Food and Clothing Co-op is supported through individual donors, churches, and organizations. Currently, the Food Co-op is able to supply between seventy to eighty percent of all food and household needs at no cost to the students. The Co-op operates as a true cooperative with each family working a given amount of time each month in either the food or the clothing areas. The Food and Clothing Co-op currently spends \$14,000 a month on perishable and non-perishable food items. This grant will fund one month's perishable food purchases.

Dear Father in Heaven, thank you for the men who come with their families from around this country and the world to study at Lutheran seminaries. Lord, these souls need assistance with clothing and food while they prepare for the ministry. Bless the Concordia Theological Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op at Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the Washington-Alaska District LWML contributes its mites for food for the nourishment of men who have been called to serve you and for their families. In Your Blessed Name, Amen.

3. The Morning Star Girls Club and Mentoring Program Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. \$5,500

Vicar David Sternbeck and his wife Rosemary first created and now coordinate and implement the activities of the Morning Star Club on the Makah Reservation at Neah Bay, Washington. David, a Nu-Cha-Nulth Native American, carries out this active ministry to help grow generations of young Makah women to be teachers and leaders in their church and community. For girls six to twelve years of age, The Morning Star Club members learn the Bible and practical skills in homemaking. A new Mentoring Program is designed for young women twelve years and older to study God's Word, to hone witnessing skills, and to participate in sewing, cooking, gardening, mission, and community service projects. The Morning Star Club and Mentoring Program are the types of ministry that God uses to raise up Native American leadership for the future. This grant will provide assistance in starting the Mentoring Program through Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S.

Dear Lord, bless the new Mentoring Program for young Native American girls of the Makah Tribe on the Olympic Peninsula as they study Your Word. Through this program for girls ages twelve years and older, please lead them to live by the God-pleasing social skills taught there and so needed to raise up Native American leadership for the future. According to Your will, please allow the needed funds to come from the Washington-Alaska District LWML mites. Thank you for the love which is shown to these very young people by the Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. In Jesus' Holy Name, Amen.

4. African Immigrant Outreach Ministry in Seattle \$10,000

About 20,000 Ethiopian immigrants live in the greater Seattle area. Non-denominational churches that attract immigrants generally do not baptize infants, consider communion as only symbolic, and confuse the Gospel with Law. First proposed by Synod and encouraged by the Northwest District, a mission to plant three Lutheran churches for this ethnic group is being supervised by Reverend Michael Schuessler and St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Edmonds, Washington. Ethiopian Mission Church planter Berhanu Seyoum, a licensed deacon of the Northwest District and candidate for ordination through the Colloquy Program, planted the initial mission congregation, Mekane Yesus Evangelical Lutheran Church in Seattle. He has identified two Ethiopian immigrant leaders who are now preparing to be pastors and church planters. This grant will pay for one member of Mekane Yesus Evangelical Lutheran Church to be trained as a pastor in Synod's Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, and for some of Berhanu Seyoum's salary.

Our Father in Heaven, a need exists to minister to the 20,000 Ethiopian immigrants in the greater Seattle area. To reach this ethnic group, leadership has come from Mission Church Planter Berhanu Seyoum [Bər ha' nū Sē' ū]. Thank you for his faith. Keep him strong and full of Your spirit as he and other men train to reach the lost by sharing the Gospel. Bless the African Immigration Outreach Ministry efforts as the Washington-Alaska District LWML contributes its mites so many can be led to faith. In Your name we pray, Amen.

5. Production of *Portals of Prayer* in Braille - Lutheran Blind Mission at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley, Washington \$4,000

Formed in 1994, Lutheran Blind Mission had its beginning in 1923 by resolution of the Synodical Convention to serve the sight-less members of the church. This Lutheran Blind Mission supports blind people at more than forty outreach centers in the United States. The production of Braille magazines enables blind people to read, hear, and share the light of salvation seen through the cross of Jesus. Sixteen US cities have work centers where many LWML women volunteer to produce twelve Lutheran magazines in Braille. Redeemer Lutheran Church in Spokane Valley, Washington, is a work center for the production of *Portals of Prayer*. This grant will assist with the cost involved in the production of this magazine.

Heavenly Father, You know each one of the more than fifty-five million people who live behind the locked doors of blindness. Open their minds to understand the Scriptures as they read, hear, and share the light of salvation seen through the light of Jesus Christ by the *Portals of Prayer* produced in Braille. Thank you for allowing the Washington-Alaska District LWML to contribute its mites for assist souls through the efforts of the Lutheran Blind Mission at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Spokane Valley, Washington. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

6. Church Roofs in Republic of Guinea - LCMS World Mission \$6,000

LCMS World Mission sent its first missionary to Guinea in 1996 to work with refugees who fled to Guinea to escape civil war in Liberia and Sierra Leone. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guinea consists of one hundred forty congregations and sixteen schools. LCMS World Mission made a promise to the Christians in Guinea that if congregations would build the chapels up to the roof level, LCMS World Mission would supply the roofs. Until a congregation is ready to receive a permanent roof (about US\$500), it receives a tarpaulin (about US\$65) for a grass-roofed building. The churches in Guinea have been growing so rapidly that financing has not been available for roofing even though congregations still build the churches. When the rains come, the buildings are destroyed because the mud-block structures melt away without a roof to protect them. Funds will be used to buy the permanent roof building materials for twelve churches in Guinea.

O Holy Lord, once lost souls in more that one hundred forty congregations are coming to know You through the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guinea [Gin' ē]. With the mission grant from Washington-Alaska District LWML mites, a wonderful opportunity exists to provide permanent roofs for twelve churches being built in this very poor country. Thank you that we can help these people who are so hungry for Your Word. Bless all the work being done in Guinea through the LCMS World Mission. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

7. Puppet Ministry in Myanmar for Children and Families

\$15,400

The funding of this mission grant allows the Lutheran Hour Ministries Myanmar office, named Word of Hope, to share the Gospel. Drama and theater are very popular forms of entertainment in Myanmar, but there are no other religious organizations providing puppet ministry to the un-churched. Funds are needed to purchase materials for making puppets, to design and construct the sets and scenery, and to write the productions based on Bible stories. This grant expands the highly successful Cambodian puppet ministry program, which was funded by a 2006-2008 WA-AK LWML Mission Grant. This grant will fully fund the Word of Hope puppet ministry program as planned in a submitted detailed budget.

Father in Heaven, You are the God of Salvation. Your Word can be shared in many ways, including a puppet ministry in Myanmar [Mē' un mar], a country which greatly restricts the printed Christian Word. The Washington-Alaska District LWML needs Your help as mites are collected. By Your power, bless the puppet ministry so many children and adults will turn away from Buddhism and come to faith in Jesus Christ. The ministry's Good News is provided through Lutheran Hour Ministries Myanmar office, named Word of Hope. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

8. Kitchen/Food Bank Renovation - Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Lakewood, Washington

\$5,000

Located in the sixth largest city in Washington, the food bank of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is experiencing a dramatic increase in people it serves. This increase has resulted from a neighboring church closing its food-bank doors in 2005, from an increasing population of low-income, homeless, and mentally ill people, and from the need of military families at close-by military installations. The church kitchen is used regularly to prepare meals for a homeless shelter in Tacoma. Government commodity food is stored at the church facilities and distributed monthly. Funds from this grant will be used for the continuing renovation of the church's kitchen and of the areas used for a church food bank and the government commodity food distribution.

Dear Lord in Heaven, the congregation at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Washington, has a desire to provide nourishment and support for the lost, needy, and hurting in its community. We remember Matthew 25:40 where Jesus taught saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it for me." Bless the efforts in progress in Lakewood as the Washington-Alaska District LWML contributes its mites for the building needs of the church's kitchen and food bank renovation. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

9. The Lutheran Church = The Teaching Church: Translating *Luther's Small Catechism* for Kenya \$4,500

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) has demonstrated a strong concern for reaching the various peoples in Kenya and continues to open new areas where the Word of God is needed. In 2003, the ELCK requested the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) assist in training six former Anglican Church of Kenya pastors and one deaconess from the Meru and Tharaka Districts of Kenya. LHF provided seminars in *Luther's Small Catechism* and the other confessions of the Lutheran church. The pastors and deaconess rejoiced to find the truths of Scripture so clearly confessed and taught within the LCMS Church. The young pastors saw a need to put *Luther's Small Catechism* of the Meru and Tharaka languages into print for use in their ministries. This grant will provide for completion of the publication of the catechism into these two languages.

Dear Lord, thank you for the help, strength, and cooperation of the Lutheran Church in Kenya. In their training, six Kenyan pastors and one deaconess rejoiced to find the truth of Scripture so clearly confessed and taught within the LCMS Church. This truth can be taught to the people of Kenya by putting *Luther's Small Catechism* into the Meru and Tharaka languages. Guide the Washington-Alaska District LWML as it collects mites to complete publication of the catechism for use in Kenya through the mission of The Lutheran Church—The Teaching Church. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

10. Ghana Seminary, Ghana, West Africa - LCMS World Mission \$7,000

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (ELCG) was established in 1958 by LCMS missionaries and became a partner church in 1971. Ghana is 92,000 square miles (about the size of Idaho) with a population of twenty million people (about twenty times that of Idaho). If the country were divided equally among the thirty-eight ELCG clergy members, each pastor would receive a territory 2,350 square miles (about eleven times the area of Chicago). The major mode of transportation is by walking, and the annual per capita income is US\$460. Many more pastoral leaders are needed. The yearly seminary tuition alone is about US\$830. This grant will provide for seminary students' needs of living expenses, transportation and medical expenses, and books and materials.

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise that since the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana was founded by LCMS missionaries in 1958, it has continued to grow. Thirty-eight clergy serve Ghana now but more clergy are urgently needed. Your Word admonishes us in Matthew 28:18 to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Prosper this mission at the Ghana Seminary to provide for seminary students' needs. Bless the generosity of the Washington-Alaska District LWML as it contributes mites, and continue to bless the LCMS World Mission in its work in Ghana. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

11. Scholarships for the Themba Trust–Siyathemba Girls’ High School of Dirkiesdorp, South Africa - LCMS World Relief/Human Care \$7,450

The girls who attend Siyathemba High School in Dirkiesdorp, South Africa, come from extremely impoverished families. Scholarships to the high school allow the girls to receive a Christ-centered academic education, life-skills training and intervention, catechesis in the Lutheran Christian faith, and practical mission application of the Gospel. The Themba Trust cooperates in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Southern Africa, the Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa, and the Selbständige Evangelisch–Lutherische Kirche of Germany. LCMS World Relief/Human Care has provided academic scholarships, curriculum development, and facilities improvement to the school since 1989. Administered by LCMS World Relief/Human Care, this grant would provide for one-year academic scholarships for three students to attend the Siyathemba Girls’ High School in Dirkiesdorp, South Africa.

Our Father in Heaven, many girls in South Africa are receiving a Christ-centered academic education, life-skills training, catechesis in the Lutheran faith, and practical mission application of the Gospel at Siyathemba [Sī ya tem’ bə] High School in Dirkiesdorp, South Africa. Bless the teachers who spread the Word. The Washington-Alaska District LWML is collecting mites for three one-year academic scholarships at Siyathemba Girls High School through the Themba [Tem’ bə] Trust and LCMS World Relief/Human Care. We ask for Your watchful eyes to guard the education of the girls. In Your Holy Name, Amen.

12. Catechism for Mexico from Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones, Tijuana, Mexico \$2,150

Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (Christ for All Nations) in Tijuana, Mexico, is part of the Central and South American International Ministry of the Lutheran Hour Ministries. Some of the work by the Tijuana center is producing materials and resources for work in catechizing children and adults. Funds are needed to create and print a booklet that would contain material on the Lutheran Church and its doctrine as well as elements of *Martin Luther’s Small Catechism*. This must be a small resource and inexpensive to produce so mission churches could use these materials in their evangelism and outreach activities in addition to use in doctrine classes. This grant will assist CPTLN Mexico in writing the content for this Spanish catechism and printing in Mexico 10,000 booklets of twenty-four pages with a color cover.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the opportunity that Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (Christ for All Nations) has to share Your Word with a large and hungry mission field in Mexico. A low-cost resource in Spanish that would teach the basics of faith, of the Lutheran Church, and key elements of *Martin Luther’s Small Catechism* would be valuable in reaching the people. Bless the production of such a resource, which is being assisted by a grant from the Washington-Alaska District LWML mites so many can be brought to faith through the printed Word. Continue to bless the work of the Lutheran Hour Ministries in Mexico of which CPTLN is a part. In Your Name we pray, Amen.