



LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION GRANT UPDATE:

LUTHERAN BOOKS FOR MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD



LWML - ATLANTIC DISTRICT MIGHTY MITES AT WORK!

Thanks to the generous gifts of LWML women throughout the Atlantic District, LCMS missionaries and partner churches around the world are being supplied with good Lutheran books, translated into the languages of the people they serve.

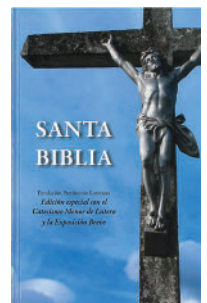
At their 2018 LWML Atlantic District convention, members voted to send \$3,000 to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) for a project called “Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World.”

Since then, LHF has been able to answer the calls for books like Luther’s *Small Catechism*, the *Book of Concord* and *A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories* from missionaries in Tanzania, Kazakhstan and the Dominican Republic.

LHF has provided a steady supply of the Spanish *Bible with Small Catechism* in the Dominican Republic, where Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf (pictured at left, above) are sharing the Gospel with Spanish speakers not only in their own church, but also in the communities around them.

“I received a phone call last week from one of our members who serves as the president of the council of residents in a government housing project,” Rev. Neuendorf shared. “He frequently asks me for Bibles to give to residents, which I happily supply him from our bottomless stash provided by the saints at LHF. This time he was calling me from San Juan, where he was at a meeting of all the government housing projects on the island. Apparently, our Bible distributions have been causing a stir in Ponce, and other presidents would like us to come!”

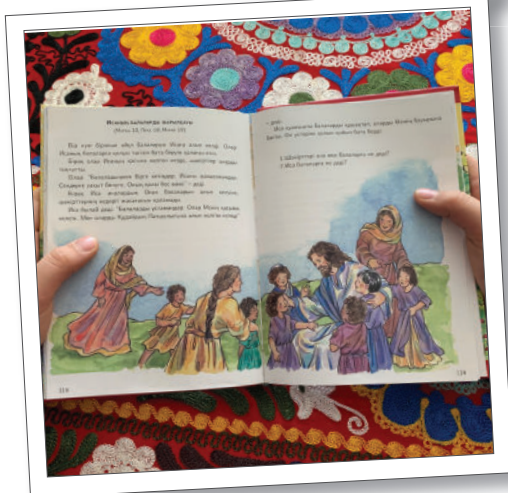
In Tanzania, LHF coordinators Tuomo Simojoki and Rev. George Ondieki have worked with Rev. Shauen Trump (pictured at left), LCMS area director for Eastern and Southern Africa, to distribute and introduce the Swahili language *Book of Concord* and *Small Catechism*.



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“The congregations and pastors are thirsty for resources and training. Some of the pastors came from Anglican backgrounds, a few from Methodist, and also some from Pentecostal backgrounds. Because of a lack of training, many African pastors’ theology is shallow and limited,” explained Tuomo Simojoki. “But a change has come, from hearing good Lutheran theology. They are impressed by the depth and Biblical truth of our Lutheran teachings. The congregations were impressed that a Church had such materials and they want more!”



Kazakh A Child's Garden of Bible Stories

RESOURCES FOR THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Sometimes, LHF resources are needed by missionaries right here at home! Thanks to LWML support, LHF also has been able to answer calls like these from the Atlantic District:

“I would like to find out whether you have Luther’s *Small Catechism* in Farsi Western available? Currently I live in New York City. I am looking for the catechism in Farsi for an Iranian family I know. I am very thankful to LHF for everything that you do!”

- Kate H., Flushing, NY

“I am pastor at True Light Lutheran Church in Chinatown, Manhattan, NYC and I serve with the Atlantic District of the LCMS as a Chinese ministry field developer. I work with several Chinese Lutheran congregations in NYC. I would like to receive a box of Chinese/English Catechisms (Traditional Characters preferred), as well as a box of *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* in Traditional Chinese. I would also be happy to have some of the small blue catechisms in Chinese.”

- Rev. Shaun Daugherty

“Requests for our good Lutheran books continue to pour in from all corners of the world,” said Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise, LHF executive director. “People everywhere need to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ – in a language that they can read and understand. By providing for the printing of catechisms and Bible storybooks, the LWML mites from the women of the Atlantic District are providing an inestimable gift, for which we’re deeply grateful.”

To learn more about the LHF mission, go to www.LHFmissions.org. LHF is at work in more than 80 countries and has translated and published Lutheran books and materials in more than 110 languages.



In appreciation for the LWML Atlantic District’s \$3,000 mission grant to the LHF mission, our thanks for their support will be acknowledged in an upcoming LHF publication: *The Lutheran Difference: Law and Gospel* in the Dinka language, for the people of South Sudan.