



LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION GRANT UPDATE:

LUTHERAN BOOKS FOR MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD



LWML - CAROLINAS DISTRICT MIGHTY MITES AT WORK!

Thanks to the generous gifts of LWML women throughout the Carolinas 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.

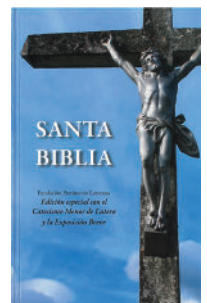
At their 2018 LWML Carolinas District convention, members voted to send \$4,000 to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) for a project called “Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World.”

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!”



RESOURCES FOR THE CAROLINAS 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 Carolinas:

“I will be traveling with a group of LCMS people to Toirac, Haiti for the dedication of a school that we helped raise money for. We traditionally like to bring gifts for the children of the village and I thought that bringing Christian material in the language of the village would be the best thing I could bring. I would especially be interested in the book of Bible stories if it is available in French Creole.” – Rev. Johnson, Conover, NC

“I am collecting a few books to take with me to the Dominican Republic’s Samanna Peninsula. We travel to a small village on a mountain top and have helped to build a church. I would like some [Spanish] books to help the children read and the adults to understand the Lord better. Could you please send me 25 of *A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories* (hardcover) and 50 of the *Bible with Small Catechism*?” - Adam T. North Charleston, SC

“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 Carolinas 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.



Kazakh A Child’s Garden of Bible Stories



In appreciation for the LWML Carolinas District’s \$4,000 mission grant to the LHF mission, thanks for their support will be acknowledged in an upcoming LHF publication: *Visits with Jesus* (children’s devotions) in the French language for the people of the Haiti.