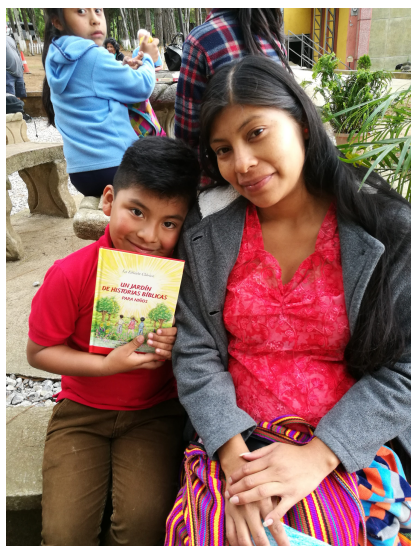


LWML Oregon District Mission Grants 2022-2024 Biennium

Bibles for Oregon's Spanish-Speaking Families, \$5,000

Oregon is home to over 365,000 Spanish speaking people, many of whom are unchurched and have small children. Bibles are needed in their own language to help bring them to the saving Grace of our Lord. The Lutheran Heritage Foundation has translated and published the *Bible and Small Catechism* and *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* in Spanish at the cost of \$5.00 per book. Books are badly needed in Hispanic ministries at Trinity Lutheran Church in Portland and Lutheran Latino Ministries in Mount Angel.



Bringing Spanish Braille Bibles to Central and South America, \$6,500

Lutheran Braille Workers has been asked to provide 1000 complete Braille Bibles in Spanish, primarily for Central and South America Bible societies. Cost is approximately \$200 per Bible as each Bible consists of 44 volumes. LBW is seeking \$6,500 to fund 1,300 volumes of Spanish Braille Bibles for free distribution. "If people are asking for the Gospel, how can we possibly say no?" LBW is the largest non-profit producer of free, Christian materials in Braille, Specialized Large Print, and Audio Formats. There are currently two Large Print Centers in Oregon, one in Gresham and one in Roseburg.



Connecting Mercy & Church Planting – Latin America, \$5,000

Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic serves 47 Seminary students in 12 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean region, along with 140 women in the Deaconess program in 5 countries. Deaconess students are Lutherans seeking to increase their understanding of the Bible and Christian doctrine as they work alongside pastors. Through their acts of mercy, they have the opportunity to bring the Gospel message to those in need. This grant will be used to help fund scholarships for pastoral formation students and support online and intensive diaconal formation courses.



Dominican Republic Disability Ministry: God's Word and Jesus' Love Transforming Lives for His Kingdom, \$6,500

Hogares Lutheranos el Buen Pastor is requesting funds to continue the wonderful Christ-centered care in the group home for six youth and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities; to continue to reach out to the government institutions serving their residents by providing body and soul care; and ultimately change the way Dominican Republic as a country views and cares for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The home is located in Palmar Arriba next to Concordia Lutheran Church and Seminary.



Feeding Haitian Children Physically and Spiritually, \$6,500

The goal of this grant is for Trinity HOPE to reach the children in the Lutheran Schools in Haiti with the Word of the Lord by providing a nutritious meal during the school day and witness first-hand Christ's love for them. An estimated 4.4 million Haitians suffer from malnutrition; for many poor Haitian children, this is their only meal for the day. With this physical need met, they are able to be fed spiritually, becoming young missionaries to their families. This grant would provide a noon meal for 130 children at a Lutheran school in Haiti for an entire school year (over 24,000 meals).



Financial Aid Funds for Latino Children, \$6,000

There is a great need for well-prepared pastors and leaders to minister to the burgeoning Spanish speaking population. Trinity Lutheran School (Portland) has been successful in providing Latino children with a solid Christian faith foundation, as well as strong academic skills. They have the potential for leadership roles in LCMS ministry to Spanish speaking people but many of the neighboring Latino families are unable to afford tuition costs. This grant would assist Latino students in obtaining a Christian education at Trinity.



Denisse graduated from Trinity School in 2009. She has completed a B.S. degree in Biology. She lives in Austin, Texas, where she works as a research analyst, communicating daily with businesses around the world.



Steven graduated from Trinity School in 2016 and has completed high school. He is posing with Pastor Eric Moeller and Dr. Charles Kunert. Steven is planning a career as a Lutheran Pastor.

Financial Assistance for CTSFW Food and Clothing Co-op, \$5,000

The Food and Clothing Co-op on the Concordia Theological Seminary (Fort Wayne) Campus plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. The Food Co-op is able to supply 80%-85% of all food and household needs each month at no cost to the student. While at Seminary, the student has no monetary income and wives often cannot find work since employers realize these women will be short term employees. This grant will help enable the Food Co-op to purchase eggs, milk, ground beef, fresh fruits and vegetables, and other perishable items, easing an emotional strain on the families.



International Students: Making Jesus Known Throughout the World, \$4,500

This proposal will help international seminary students at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, who do not have resources to afford advanced theological preparation for ministry, which their countries do not offer. There are currently 50 students enrolled, from 25 different countries. Upon graduation, most of these students will become professors at their countries' seminaries, preparing the shepherds who will serve congregations and minister to the unchurched as they carry out the Great Commission.



Kruse Memorial Chapel Transformation, \$4,000

For decades the Kruse Memorial Chapel has been a key part of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, bringing Christ centered hope and healing to children from across the nation who have experienced severe psychiatric, emotional, behavioral and/or developmental challenges due to abuse, neglect, violence and more. With decades of use, the Kruse Memorial Chapel has outdated elements and is in great need of repair, creating an ineffective depressed learning environment. This grant will help transform the Chapel into a new child-welcoming learning space encouraging the children to experience a Christ-centered journey for healing and hope.



Matongo Seminary Chapel, \$5,000

The Evangelical Church in Kenya is in Altar and Pulpit Fellowship with the LCMS. Matongo Lutheran Seminary does not have a dedicated chapel space. Chapel services are currently held in a multi-purpose room used for lectures. The seminary's growing enrollment is resulting in crowded conditions. The chapel is the center of campus life and spiritual formation. A dedicated place of worship will provide a space for encouragement and strengthening of the students' spiritual formation. This grant would support architectural and engineering designs for the chapel, as well as construction up to the point of roofing.



Oregon's High Desert Church's Restoration, \$6,500

Remote churches in the high desert of Eastern Oregon are in need of Pastoral Aid, with reliable assistance to the churches with ongoing & emergency vacancies. Currently, pastoral counseling is provided by Pastor Emeritus Don Heien is filling the role of Circuit Visiting Pastor, administering the precious rites of the Sacraments and uplifting God's people in these trying times. This grant will help in setting up wi-fi at the churches or community sites, augmenting accessibility for the pastor and congregants to stay in touch and worship online.

John Day Christmas Valley

Silver Lake Burns

Serving Families – Growing God's Kingdom, \$6,500

Willamette Valley and the Portland/Woodburn/Salem area have two women – Deaconess Marta Luna and Deaconess Intern Hana Laughton who are instrumental in working with Lutheran Latino Ministries. Their purpose (since 2003) has been to bring Christ into the Hispanic/Latino homes by visiting families, providing devotions, praying and offering spiritual support while connecting them with LCMS congregations. Deaconess Intern Hana shares her commitment with the area youth. This grant will support salary, milage and communication costs, thus allowing God's Kingdom to grow.



Shelter From the Storm (MOST Ministries), \$5,000

Since 1990, Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries has been enabling committed Christians to go on short-term missions that share the love of Jesus through acts of service. They are receiving requests for construction and repair projects, especially in Central America and Mexico. MOST Ministries wishes to enable mission teams to provide “shelter from the storm” – the shelter from storms of fear and hopelessness afforded by God’s saving message of grace, as well as shelter afforded by secure structures. This grant will be used to purchase the tools that MOST maintains for the teams and materials required to carry out the project.



Wilderness Trails Christian Youth Camp Sponsorships for Foster/at-risk Kids in Southern Oregon, \$4,000

This program provided by Christian staff, mostly volunteers, show God’s love and provides support to at-risk kids, ages 8 through high school. These troubled children include those in foster care, those living in difficult family situations (drugs, abuse, homelessness) as identified by school counselors or teachers, or by other persons that think a child needs a break from a hostile environment. All programs are offered free of charge. This grant will allow the continued ability to provide outdoor Christian recreational activities/programs in order to build character, perseverance and hope for these vulnerable children.

