



Then and Now

Jesus told His disciples: **Let the children come to me** (Mark 10:14). Since its beginning in the 1940s, Lutheran Women in Mission have funded grants to support children's ministries around the world. Today, mite offerings continue to make the Gospel available to children. **The LWML's basic purpose remains: MISSIONS!**



Europe, post WWII

Then

Post-war Europe was filled with children living in poverty of body and spirit. In 1945, LWML's second mission grant (\$73,262.33) was used to help fund an orphanage and to send clothing, food, medicine, and religious literature to thousands of these orphans. Many of them lived in Germany, where the work of Dr. Martin Luther had led to the Reformation 428 years prior. LWML grants have always supported children around the world:

- Supplied food for children in Africa.
- Established a kindergarten in Japan.
- Built schools in Taiwan and Guatemala.
- Funded resources for deaf children in Brazil.

In 1957, LWML supplied grant money to build the Rosa Young Dormitory for Girls at the Alabama Lutheran Academy in Selma.



Brazil



Lebanon

Now

Children's ministries grants for the 2015–2017 biennium include Rosa Young Academies, providing children with a safe environment for educational and spiritual growth (pictured at top), and Outreach in Refugee Camps—Lebanon, supplying physical relief and sharing the Gospel with women and children in that war-torn country.

From Shelley Moeller, 2013–2017 LWML VP of Gospel Outreach:

"LWML mite offerings have traveled around the world, bringing the Gospel to children who have never heard of God's love. Those mighty mites, by His grace, will continue their work to share Jesus with more children for years to come."

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