

## Devotion

### LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund - \$80,000

**Leader:** Have you ever made a quilt? If so you have a good idea of how much time it takes and if it's a quilt made by skilled quilters, how much love goes into each work of art. These quilts have intricate patterns and brilliant colors. Some like those of my grandmother made were embroidered blocks quilted onto a backing. If you have a quilt made by a relative you probably treasure it. It is special, it is beautiful and yet it is functional. Do you remember how you felt when you received it? Then you can imagine how it must feel to receive a quilt from a complete stranger from a foreign country. Who would send me such a gift?

**All:** *Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).*

**Leader:** The people around the world who receive supplies from Lutheran World Relief (LWR) have no idea where these things come from. They may know they come from America but that may not mean anything to them. They only know as they open the crates and containers, that someone has sent them things they need and sometimes things they will treasure. We are blessed to have people willing to give of their talent and time to make Lutheran World Relief the provider of aid that it is today.

**All:** *As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God (2 Corinthians 9:9-11).*

**Leader:** The health kits, baby and school supply kits and quilts are desperately needed. Our societies supply these items sometimes as groups and often at conventions. Maybe you were at the Albuquerque convention and walked by the gifts of the heart room. The donations there filled up the room. So think about all the donations that come into Lutheran World Relief headquarters and their various shipping ports. After you have this picture in your mind, think about the cost to ship these items. We as women of the LWML who donate the necessary supplies must also remember to help with shipping costs. Our support for this grant will assure the delivery of quilts for waiting families around the world.

**All:** *This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved your selves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:12-15)*

Prayer: Gracious Lord, giver of all good things, we ask your blessings on the work of Lutheran World Relief. We know that through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have asked us to love one another as we love ourselves. We pray for this grant of funds to ship these supplies to where they are needed. We hope and pray that those receiving these gifts will know they are from you and we pray that they will come to know you as their Lord and Savior. We have heard your word to “sow generously” and have responded through Lutheran World Relief. Bless this organization and all who make it work. Hear our prayer, in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

