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Devotion

Christian Eldercare Home Jacmel, Haiti - \$100,000

Sing: *Listen, God is Calling* LSB 833

Dear Lord,

We thank you for sending Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior from sin, death, and the devil. We ask Your blessing on the work of the LWML that Your word may be spread to all nations. We particularly ask Your blessing on LWML Mission Grant #16, Christian Eldercare Home in Jacmel, Haiti that will provide a caring and safe environment for the forgotten elderly of Jacmel.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ALL: ... *Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise* (Luke 3:11).

Little preparation is made for the care of the elderly in Jacmel, Haiti because life expectancy is so short. Many of the elderly have outlived their families and there is no place for them to live or receive care. LWML Grant #16-Christian Eldercare Home in Jacmel, Haiti Grant will build a dwelling with clean water and indoor plumbing; a place to sleep, food, and loving care.

ALL: ... *as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me* (Matthew 25:40).

After the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, LCMS announced the goal of having congregations in America help build 300 homes in Haiti. Three "Lutheran Villages" have been constructed; the one in Jacmel has a security wall, anchored by a Lutheran Church in the front, Lutheran homes in the center, and an orphanage at the rear of the property. There is space to add the Christian Eldercare Home as part of the village so there would be a safe and caring environment for all.

ALL: ...*go and make disciples* (Matthew 28:19).

There's been an abundant increase of Lutheran baptisms and church attendance since 2010, and the time is now for us to encourage and assist in the spiritual and physical care and nourishment of our brothers and sisters in Christ through the funding of the Christian Eldercare Home in Jacmel, Haiti. This grant provides an opportunity through our mites and prayers to be a part of equipping elderly Haitians with the Gospel and provide a home and care for them.

ALL: ... *Let brotherly love continue* (Hebrew 13:1).

Ministry in Mission, an RSO of LCMS, has worked in Jacmel, Haiti for over nine years and is a conduit to support and encourage The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti. Mission teams from many LWML districts provide aid in Haiti and visit the elderly providing food, humanitarian supplies, repairing the dilapidated structures that the elderly call “home,” helping pay rent, and providing spiritual support for these children of God. Completing the Christian Eldercare Home will afford a permanent and loving environment where physical and spiritual needs will be met.

ALL: ... *Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood* (Acts 20:28).

Mission teams coming to Haiti share the Gospel and provisions with the elderly so many learn of Jesus’ love and His plan of salvation for them. As mission teams visit The Christian Eldercare Home, the mission heart of the LWML will be at work and awareness of the importance and potential of mites and our prayers will be enhanced. Some mission teams, not associated with LWML, have gone back to their home congregations and begun collecting mites after finding out that mites funded The Guesthouse in Jacmel and The Center of Refuge Orphanage.

Closing:

Sing: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* LSB 660

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank You for using us to help further Your kingdom in Haiti. Help us remember that we are to *share our bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house*. Stir up our hearts to be ever vigilant to share Your Word with the world. We celebrate the opportunity to be a part of the Christian Eldercare Home in Jacmel, Haiti, so many will experience Your love and care through the our hands, and we pray many come to know You as their God. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

