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2019–2021 LWML MISSION GRANT #1

Mission Grant Prayer Guide and Story

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayer For: Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya

PRAYER #1

Jesus proclaimed, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." We praise and thank You for the clean, healthy and earthly life sustaining water that the Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya mission grant will provide. We pray that this water will strengthen the students so they may receive You and Your eternal water of life. We pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Dear Lord, we thank You for Your goodness and Your mercy. We thank You for these rain water collection systems including gutters, pipes, collection tanks, and water spouts, as well as micro-filters and hand washing stations. We praise You for the blessing of people who are knowledgeable in putting these water systems together for Your good and gracious purpose. May the technology and these materials continue to be used for Your glory. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Precious Heavenly Father, we pray that our mission goal offerings for Mission Grant #1, Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya, will be blessed by You. In thanksgiving and praise, we give You these offerings so they will provide clean water to the students in schools and orphanages. We pray that these children may also hear Your Holy Word. In Jesus holy name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised! Your mercy endures forever. According to World Vision, an estimated 844 million people around the world don't have access to clean water. Lord, we pray that this mission grant will bear fruit. Only You can give the increase. We pray that all might receive clean water and receive Your springs of living water. In Your Holy name we pray. Amen.

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WATER AND THE WORD FOR RURAL SCHOOLS IN KENYA

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya — $80,000

I was thirsty and you gave me drink (Matthew 25:35).

And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward (Matthew 10:42).

The children in Kenya struggle to have water in their schools and often walk miles each day to gather water that is not necessarily clean water. Very often, the children must leave school and walk to the local water source. These water sources can be miles away from the school. Children are not only drinking dirty water and getting sick, but falling behind in school because they spend so much of their day hauling water.

In 2008, a man from Nebraska traveling in East Africa saw the need for clean water and sought a way to help. Through contact with a social worker and educator in Nakuru, Kenya, he devised a system of water harvesting equipment (rain gutters and tanks), filters, hand wash stations and clean water storage to be installed in schools in Kenya.

In 2016, LCMS members from Nebraska took over the management of the project. They visit Kenya every year traveling to schools assessing their water needs. Then teams from the US go to install rain gutters and tanks for storage. Hand wash stations and clean water "buckets" are placed in all classrooms. The members teach personal hygiene, hand-washing and the importance of drinking only clean water. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) clubs, made up of students and staff, are formed to be responsible for the clean water program.

This grant will help the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) extend their ministry by expanding the clean water project to their schools and orphanages thereby building a relationship with ELCK as they provide sound biblical teachings in their sponsored schools. Every dollar goes to help bring clean water and the Word to the children in Kenya!