



AUGUST 2013 DEVOTION

LUTHERAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA - \$72,000

Sing: Jesus loves me! This I know, Jesus loves me! He who died
 For the Bible tells me so. Heaven's gates to open wide.
 Little ones to Him belong; He has washed away my sin,
 They are weak, but He is strong. Lets His little child come in.
 Refrain Refrain

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
(Lutheran Service Book, hymn 588)

Leader: In countries of Southeast Asia, new Christian parents want to teach their children about the love of Jesus.

READER 1: SINCE 2005, LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION HAS PUBLISHED LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM IN MORE THAN A DOZEN SOUTHEAST ASIAN LANGUAGES.

READER 2: SINCE 2008, LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION HAS TRANSLATED A CHILD'S GARDEN OF BIBLE STORIES INTO NINE SOUTHEAST ASIAN LANGUAGES.

READER 3: IN THAILAND AND CAMBODIA, THE SUPPLY OF BOOKS THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO LAST SEVERAL YEARS WAS DISPERSED TO CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR.

ALL: **Bless the efforts of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to meet the demand for these books in Southeast Asia.**

Leader: In the United States these books can be used to reach the 4.4 million immigrants from China, Japan, and Southeast Asia.

READER 1: THE GIFT OF A BOOK TO ASIAN IMMIGRANTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN – IN A LANGUAGE THEY CAN READ AND UNDERSTAND – OPENS DOORS TO TALKING ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, INTRODUCING THEM TO JESUS CHRIST.

READER 2: AFTER READING THEIR CHILDREN'S BIBLE, PARENTS OFTEN ASK FOR MORE INFORMATION. A CATECHISM WRITTEN IN THEIR LANGUAGE IS PROVIDED TO GUIDE THE NEW CHRISTIANS.

All: **Precious Jesus, open the hearts of members of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to provide the funding for this grant of \$72,000 so that Your love and saving faith may be shared with Southeast Asians through books published by the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. In Your holy name, Amen.**