

# September 2013

## PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

In this month's Prayer Guide you will notice that we have not put monetary amounts for each day. However, we hope that, as you use this guide, you will remember to generously give mite offerings on a regular basis.

1. Thank your pastor for his service to you.
2. Pray for all who are gainfully employed.
3. Praise God for the work of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to publish and distribute Lutheran children's books for Southeast Asians.
4. Thank God for Christian teachers.
5. Be reminded of the faith of children by singing "Jesus Loves Me."
6. Pray for Lutheran Bible translators.
7. Have "A Cup with Kay" for 9 minutes @ 9 a.m. and thank God for volunteers.
8. Ask a child about today's Sunday school lesson.
9. Pray that God will help students to be joyful learners.
10. Praise God for spreading the Gospel in Southeast Asian countries.
11. Ask God to protect Christians from persecution.
12. Pray that God will bless all teachers.
13. Thank Jesus for the translating of A Child's Garden of Bible Stories into nine Southeast Asian languages.
14. Have "A Cup with Kay" and pray for missionaries who distribute Christian books.
15. Live a little! Sit in a different spot in church today! Pray for your new pew mates.
16. Did you read a Bible story to a child today? Praise God that He gave you the opportunity as you ask Him for more opportunities to do the same.
17. Try to read an instruction manual printed in a foreign language. Thank God for translators.
18. If you are able, volunteer to teach English as a Second Language (ESL), praising God for those who volunteer.
19. Be a Christian witness.
20. Pray for peace for families of soldiers who were prisoners of war or are missing in action.
21. Have "A Cup with Kay" and thank God for teachers in your life.
22. Attend adult Bible class and thank your teacher.
23. Thank God for the change of seasons.
24. Praise God for the translation of Luther's Small Catechism into more than twelve Southeast Asian languages since 2005.
25. Bless all who study Luther's Small Catechism to better understand God's Word.
26. Praise God that a \$72,000 mission grant will provide 15,000 Christian books for Southeast Asian families.
27. Ask God to provide the tools to spread the Gospel in our homes, nation, and the world.
28. Have "A Cup with Kay" and ask God to bless Church leaders.
29. Sing "Jesus Loves Me" in Spanish in Lutheran Service Book (588).
30. Ask God for generous gifts of mites to fund all mission grants.

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# MISSION GRANT STORY

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

The Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to preach the Gospel in the languages of the people at Pentecost. Today He uses the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) to translate books that explain Scripture for people around the world.

In many of the Buddhist nations of Southeast Asia, Lutheranism did not even exist a generation ago. With the growth of Lutheran churches and missions throughout Southeast Asia, China, and Japan, requests have increased for Lutheran materials in their own languages.

The Lutheran Heritage Foundation has translated and published books like A Child's Garden of Bible Stories, along with Luther's Small Catechism, into the languages of Southeast Asia. Since 2005, LHF has published the catechism in more than a dozen Southeast Asian languages. Since 2008, LHF has translated A Child's Garden of Bible Stories into nine Southeast Asian languages.

Due to an overwhelming response, requests for more books far outpace LHF's ability to provide them. In Thailand and Cambodia, the supply of books that was supposed to last for several years was eagerly claimed by Christian families in less than twelve months!

A Child's Garden of Bible Stories is used by parents, missionaries, and church leaders in Southeast Asia. For most of these children, this is the only book they own, and they eagerly share it with friends. Adults use it because it is easier to understand than the Bible.

In the United States, with 4.4 million immigrants from China, Japan, and Southeast Asia, the gift of a book to a family for their children in a language they can read and understand opens doors to talking about the Christian faith and introduces them to their Lord and Savior. After reading their children's Bibles, parents often ask questions. Since many American pastors cannot speak the language, a copy of Luther's Small Catechism, written in their language, can be provided to guide the new Christians and answer their questions.

With the \$72,000 grant adopted at the Pittsburgh LWML Convention, 9,000 copies of Luther's Small Catechism and 6,000 copies of A Child's Garden of Bible Stories will be printed for distribution so that Southeast Asians may come to know and love their Savior, Jesus Christ.

