



NOVEMBER 2013 DEVOTION

TRAINING INDIGENOUS
PASTORS AND DEACONESSES \$100,000

Leader: We begin in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Group: Jesus tells us, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20a).

Leader: Father, You have called men to be Your pastors and women to be Your deaconesses.

READER 1: GIVE STRENGTH AND PATIENCE TO THOSE YOU CALL SO THEY CAN COMPLETE THEIR TRAINING AND GO OUT TO TELL THE GOSPEL.

Leader: There are Christians in other countries who hunger for training so they can share the Gospel in their own land.

READER 2: FATHER, GIVE STRENGTH TO THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES, COME TO AMERICA, AND TRAIN AT CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, TO BE PASTORS AND DEACONESSES. SEND THEM BACK TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES EQUIPPED TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL.

Leader: Father, there are people from other countries in our own communities.

READER 1: GIVE US THE COURAGE TO REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO SEEM DIFFERENT FROM US WITH YOUR LOVE.

READER 2: SHOW US THE WAY TO SHARE YOUR GOSPEL WITH PEOPLE WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND ENGLISH.

Group: “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20b).

Leader: Thank You, Father, for being with us and for reminding us we are not alone!

All: Heavenly Father, we know the precious Gospel message. Empower us with Your Spirit and Your Word so we can share it with others. Give us Your strength so we can be the one to reach out to others. Bless those who are training at our seminaries to serve You full-time. Use our mites to support the foreign students whom You will send to Concordia Theological Seminary. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.