

LIGHTS FOR CHRIST SCHOLARSHIPS

Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala — \$95,000

but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 19:14).

When members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wichita, Kansas, served on a mission trip to Guatemala in 2014, they observed the devastating poverty of people living in the Zacapa landfill. They also saw how Divine Savior, the local Lutheran Church, was reaching out with Christ’s love to the families. Working cooperatively, a scholarship program, Lights for Christ (Luces de Cristo), was developed to enable the children in the garbage dump to attend Divine Savior Lutheran School. The two churches are enthusiastic about this program and are eager to expand in order to provide more children with the opportunity to receive a Christian education and to share Christ’s love with their families.

The Lights for Christ Program offers Christian education to children whose parents have been economically dependent on collecting garbage in the municipal landfill. The children come

to this program with many needs. They are provided with spiritual and physical support, as well as receiving a Christian education.

LWML Mission Grant funds will enable Lights for Christ to expand the children’s education beyond grade six by providing them an academic education in grades seven through twelve at the Lutheran School. It will cover a portion of their tuition fee and a school supply bag, books, task materials, and a tutor. It will also cover the cost of a Christian education teacher, transportation, food, clothing, medicine, and other personal care items.

The Lights for Christ Program is bringing the life-saving Gospel of Christ to children and families in the Zacapa landfill. It has provided essential theological, financial, medical, and people resources, as well as being a valuable mission opportunity for Holy Cross members as they support Divine Savior Lutheran School’s Gospel outreach in Zacapa.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light (Psalm 36:9).