

WOMEN'S WITNESS AND MERCY ASIA
Mission Central — \$100,000

Leader: *May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ... May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:5-7,13).*

Asia is a harvest field ripe for the Gospel. It is predominantly secular with Buddhist, Muslim, Hindu, and other false religions.

Response: *When he [Jesus] saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd (Matthew 9:36).*

Leader: Women doing missionary work in Asia are prepared to share their reason for hope as they minister to hungry souls. They do this by using their God-given talents serving as nurses, managers, teachers, coordinators, and deaconesses.

Response: *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).*

Leader: This grant will be used by Mission Central to support these sisters in their unique ministries in various parts of Asia. It will also be used for transportation to and from the mission field.

Response: *Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen (Ephesians 3:20-21).*

Closing

Hymn: "Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way" (LSB 708 v 1)