



TREASURED NEWS



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WHERE IN THE WORLD HAVE OUR MITES GONE??



Training Indigenous Pastors and Teachers Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, Indiana

The cultures of many countries do not encourage men teaching women. This makes sharing the Gospel through missionary pastors difficult. LWML Grant #3, Training Indigenous Pastors and Deaconesses, will provide funding for women from other countries to be trained in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Deaconess program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, so they can carry the message of salvation back to the women in their home countries.

Please mark your offering for “missions” to help fund the remaining balance of \$70,572 to assist in the training of these missionaries.

Thank you!

Rebuilding Nord Est Haiti Lutheran School

These happy children are thankful to have uniforms to wear to school where they learn of Jesus’ love and memorize Bible verses. These uniforms are usually the best clothing they have and the hot meal they receive each day may also be the only food they eat all day.

Along with their religious instruction, they are taught French grammar, Creole, math, science, social studies, history, and geography. They appear eager to learn!

Several years ago, the enrollment at this school was over 180 students and the need for expansion was evident. The school has three levels of kindergarten through sixth grade.

Your gifts supporting LWML missions have helped to provide a safe and comfortable learning environment for many children in Haiti.



\$50,000 paid with \$50,000 remaining to be paid.

MITE REPORT BY DISTRICT — SEPTEMBER 2014

DISTRICT	CURRENT	TOTAL	DISTRICT	CURRENT	TOTAL
ATLANTIC	3,196.71	16,146.05	NEBRASKA NORTH	443.27	15,203.84
CAL-NEV-HAWAII	929.64	30,390.81	NEBRASKA SOUTH	1,239.89	27,486.65
CAROLINAS	1,776.02	8,954.65	NEW ENGLAND		9,452.84
CENTRAL ILLINOIS	801.23	30,074.52	NEW JERSEY	406.49	4,312.61
CHESAPEAKE		14,031.23	NORTH DAKOTA		20,581.57
EASTERN		8,442.60	NORTH WISCONSIN	517.00	23,977.00
ENGLISH	1,104.71	9,597.57	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	910.00	29,652.34
FLORIDA-GEORGIA		29,142.14	OHIO		27,047.35
GULF STATES		8,025.24	OKLAHOMA	2,191.12	46,237.79
INDIANA	118.88	24,436.51	OREGON		14,802.58
IOWA EAST		21,040.71	PACIFIC SW		33,382.32
IOWA WEST		30,523.29	ROCKY MOUNTAIN		21,437.76
KANSAS		22,422.69	SELC		2,815.77
LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI	1,938.74	7,718.41	SOUTH DAKOTA	1,449.15	17,425.60
MICHIGAN	1,728.58	47,817.78	SOUTH WISCONSIN	715.00	33,598.39
MID-SOUTH		19,581.17	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS		11,014.71
MINNESOTA NORTH		25,158.16	TEXAS	2,902.68	53,838.25
MINNESOTA SOUTH	1,005.95	42,099.68	UTAH-IDAHO	209.08	8,995.33
MISSOURI	2,000.67	52,070.27	WASH-ALASKA		24,139.98
MONTANA	282.40	8,435.83	WYOMING	68.31	11,772.08
			TOTAL	25,935.52	893,284.07

MITES FROM OTHER SOURCES

Mite Donations	5,384.46	61,009.64	Annual Appeal	110.00	50,817.38
Mite Donations Restricted	1,059.50	8,428.48	GoodSearch		1,807.49
Conv. Offering #1		54,017.32	Thrivent Simply Giving		345.00
Children’s Miss Adv		1,159.78	Thrivent Choice Dollars	633.00	35,150.00
Mission Pledge Walk		73,791.04	Amazon Smile		109.35
Golf Tournament		7,218.74	OTHER MITE TOTAL	7,966.96	300,550.22
PayPal	780.00	6,696.00	GRAND TOTAL	*33,902.48	1,193,834.29

* Total Mite Offering needed each month to reach our Mission Goal of \$1,830,000 by the end of the biennium on March 31, 2015 = \$106,027.61.

STEWARDSHIP TIPS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Stewardship Involves Giving Some of What God Has Given Us Back To Him - Part 1

In order to use wisely the money and things God constantly gives to us, it is important that we give back to Him. Without a doubt, as we said two months ago, as Christian stewards we are called upon to plan ahead and put money away for college one day, or other big ticket items we see down the road. That being said though, we are also called upon to return to God a portion of that with which He has blessed us. You have probably heard the number 10% tossed around as a good number. (As you know, the tithe, the giving of 10%, is an Old Testament regulation, but since we are freed from the Law by Christ, we are not bound to it.)

I would still say though that it is a fine number, as long as it does not somehow become a New Testament requirement in our thinking and thus a stumbling block to Christian stewardship. We taught our children that 10% was a good place to begin, and as I have visited with you about this before, from there the sky is the limit as you are invited to increase that percentage year after year. With children I think we can begin there,

as we have said, while the numbers are small and the teaching is taking place.

If we are dealing with folks who are a little older and the numbers are a little bigger, maybe we need to start with 5%, or some other percentage that we have prayed about, endeavoring all along to increase that number year after year as we grow in this grace of giving.

We should also add again that this giving does not just have to be dollars and cents, but that it can include the time we give in service to our Lord as we serve others. It may be through the giving of our time or the talents with which God has blessed us. It may be through our gifts of tissue and touch and testimony and trash and our recycling efforts.

(Stay tuned for Part 2 in the November issue for stewardship examples that can be applied within the family.)

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AN ANCIENT STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Some Christians actively avoid church on Stewardship Sunday because giving is a private matter “between me and God.” New pastors are even sometimes advised never to preach about money, lest certain people get “riled up.” Yet Jesus talks frequently in the Gospels about giving and sharing our material goods — and He wasn’t the first in Scripture to do so.

A thousand years before Christ’s birth, King David prepared to hand over the kingdom to his son, gathering tons (literally!) of gold, silver, and other materials for Solomon to use in building the temple. Revealing his take on stewardship, David prayed: *“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand”* (1 Chronicles 29:14, NIV).



ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME
Edward Perronet - 1779



Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels, authorities, and powers having been made subject to him (1 Peter 3:22).

Augustus Toplady (featured last month) wrote a paper called *The Gospel Magazine*. Included in the November 1799, issue was an anonymous hymn called "On the Resurrection, the Lord is King":

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.*

Some time later, the author was revealed to be Rev. Edward Perronet.

Edward's father was a vicar in the Anglican Church and Edward followed in his footsteps. He traveled with the Wesleys for several years but broke away because of a disagreement over policies. The Wesley's stripped all of Edward's hymns from the Methodist hymnal.

Edward then became a pastor of a small independent church in Canterbury where he died in 1792. His last words were:

*Glory to God in the height of His divinity!
Glory to God in the depth of His humanity!*

*Glory to God in His all-sufficiency!
Into His hands I commend my spirit.*

"All Hail the Power" has earned its place in the music and mission history of the church. A missionary to India, Rev. E. P. Scott, had been trying to reach a savage tribe with the Gospel. One day he met a large party of warriors who surrounded him with spears pointed at his heart.

Believing he would die soon, Scott breathed a prayer, closed his eyes, and while playing his violin, he sang, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" The words, "Let every kindred, every tribe" was heard by the warriors and when Scott opened his eyes, he saw the warriors, some in tears, and every spear lowered.

For the next two years, Scott shared the Gospel with the tribes in India. Edward Perronet did not know the impact the words of this hymn would have in the mission field and around the world.

—Taken from [Then Sings My Soul](#)
By Robert J. Morgan 2003
(Thomas Nelson, Inc.)



Fear or Joy

"Whatever fear still assails us
is either a temptation of Satan
or a remnant of the old man,
for in Christ there can be nothing but
supreme assurance and joy."

— Martin Luther



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