

# April 2015

## PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for Christ-Centered Tutoring Through Rebecca's Garden of Hope

### PRAYER #1

Dear Jesus, as we gather our mites to further Your Kingdom, we pray that Rebecca's Garden of Hope accomplishes the goal that will reshape children's lives and break the vicious cycle of poverty that has become their reality. May these little ones grow into fine young men and women, willing to go out and share the love they have received, letting the world know that You are the One on which they can rely. We praise and glorify Your name, as we, also, share the love of Jesus with those we encounter daily. Amen!

### PRAYER #2

Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessings on children that struggle in an environment that is not conducive to their spiritual growth and success in school and life. We see it in all communities, the violence in homes or neighborhoods, and other difficult circumstances. Rebecca's Garden of Hope (RGOH) has seen the need and taken a stand. We ask You to keep their efforts alive, lift up the staff, and give them the reassurance that You are in control and hear the pleas for these children. Please remember those congregations that are using the materials and training that RGOH has to offer. In Jesus Name, we pray, Amen!

### PRAYER #3

Come Lord Jesus into our hearts, open our minds to hear Your message of love and compassion to those less fortunate. Use us as Your voice. As Your workers in the harvest fields, keep us focused on Your mercy to us and others. For 70 plus years, the growth of mites to further Your Kingdom has been blessed by You. Once again funds are needed to develop and provide Christ-centered educational materials, update computers and computer labs, and support travel to train and develop congregational leaders to implement this outreach ministry. We thank and praise You for the gifts of mercy, love, and life that You have given to each on of us. In Your Holy Name, we pray, Amen!

### PRAYER #4

Gracious Lord, Thank You for those members of Rebecca's Garden of Hope (RGOH), and their servant hearts You have given to them as is shown by their vision and the willingness they have to care for these children and their families. Thank You for the congregations that are reaching out to "at-risk" children in communities, using the model and materials provided by RGOH. To You be all glory and praise! Amen!

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# MISSION GRANT STORY

## CHRIST-CENTERED TUTORING THROUGH REBECCA'S GARDEN OF HOPE \$100,000

Rebecca's Garden of Hope (RGOH) is a faith-based after-school tutoring and mentoring outreach program. It became a non-profit 501 c-3 organization in January 2011, and is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. They are located in Orlando, Florida.

Springtime is here; plants and flowers are popping up out of the ground. Everything is turning green and fresh after the cold of winter. RGOH is reaching out to at-risk children living in unstable high-risk environments that are not conducive to their spiritual growth and success in school and life. Children without direction and support will in many cases, fail. The concept of Rebecca's Garden of Hope, Inc., is to give children opportunities for great success. Mentoring and Tutoring Outreach Program seeks to nurture each child with love and encourage them to build on a foundation on Christ. RGOH is equipping congregations free of charge by providing a tutoring and mentoring model that reaches out to these at-risk children, provides a safe environment for their spiritual growth, and enhances their life skills.

This grant will be used for:

- developing and providing educational materials and Christ-centered support for congregations, students, and their families;
- updating used computers and labs for these children in LCMS congregations;
- providing travel expenses and training manuals for congregations using the RGOH tutoring and mentoring template;
- providing travel expenses to bring this mentoring model to other congregations across the United States; and
- purchasing needed office equipment to print training manuals and mass produce CD's for congregational tutoring and mentoring outreach.

Through the efforts of Rebecca's Garden of Hope and the LWML, many congregations and thousands of children are given the opportunity for Christian tutoring and mentoring that can spiritually change these children's lives forever as they learn about the Good News of salvation in Christ.

