



Reaching India with the Light of the World — Jesus

Sharing Jesus' Love in India Lutheran Braille Workers — \$100,000

2021–2023 Biennium
Mission Goal:

\$2,150,000

Mission Grant #19

\$100,000

*The harvest is
plentiful, but the
laborers are few,
therefore pray
earnestly to the
Lord of harvest to
send out laborers
into his harvest.
(Matthew 9:37).*

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) is the world's largest non-profit producer of braille, specialized large print, and audio Christian materials. LBW has shipped over fourteen million volumes and millions of pamphlets, calendars, and other materials, in forty languages, to 164 countries. Millions of people have been reached with the Gospel message. Thanks to the generosity of volunteers and donors, every single volume of material distributed is free of charge.

Individuals who are blind or visually impaired are living in a world most others cannot comprehend, as the loss of vision can seem debilitating to those with sight. In parts of the world, people who are blind or visually impaired are taught their vision loss is due to the anger of the gods or because of their sin. This burden of guilt causes a spiritual darkness that is often worse than their physical darkness.

India has the second largest population of people who are blind or visually impaired. Many of these individuals live in rural areas without access to proper medical care, meaningful jobs, or services to assist them. They are shunned by their communities and left to survive on their own. LBW has been sending braille and specialized large print Bibles to India for 40 years and is able to share the Good News that Jesus is the light of the world. The light of Christ can shine even though they live in physical darkness.

Due to increasing anti-Christian sentiment in India, it is becoming more difficult to send LBW printed materials into the country. Boxes of braille and large print Bibles are returned to the US smashed and shredded. But the need for materials is increasing and the demand is great for the blind and visually impaired people of India.

Lutheran Braille Workers plans to open a new production and distribution center in India called Ministry Production Center. Braille and large print materials would be published in India and shipping and customs concerns would decrease along with shipping costs. This grant will help LBW to purchase and set up equipment for the center, purchase needed supplies of paper, zinc plates, and bindings, and cover travel cost to India to train office staff.

Lutheran Braille Workers believe God is telling them to share the love of Jesus to a population considered undeserved in India, those suffering from physical and spiritual darkness. The Ministry Production Center in India will produce and distribute braille and specialized large print Bibles and other Christian materials in English, Malayalam, and other languages needed in the country and region. In cooperation with churches, missionaries, and ministries in India, the love of Jesus will be shared and will bring spiritual light to the blind and visually impaired people of India.

To learn more about Lutheran Braille Workers go to lbwloveworks.org.

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