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BACK TO SCHOOL - Mission Grant Story

For many people, the season of autumn is their favorite. Fall reminds us of the beautiful sight of leaves changing colors and falling off the trees, harvest time of crops, apple cider, and enjoying being outside with nature in the mild and delightful temperatures.

The calendar may designate January 1 as the beginning of the New Year. For many of us, however, fall seems like the real start of a new year. There is a certain excitement following the summer and vacation time. Many of us are dictated by school schedules when it's a time to start fresh and embrace new changes.

Those changes can mean new schools, new teachers, perhaps making new friends due to a move, and new school clothes. Many of our societies are gearing up for their fall programming, zones are planning their fall rallies and events, retreats are being scheduled, and districts

are busy planning for their conventions in 2016.

Adapting to these new changes is easier for some than for others. But all of us can be challenged to make one important resolution: to spend time in God's Word on a daily basis. In His Word our Lord reveals Himself and His will for our lives. His revelation informs our hearts, heads, and hands and transforms our lives and lifestyles.

Please continue to pray for your LWML, its members and leaders. Let us also pray for the 2015-2017 mission grants that were voted on just a short time ago at Des Moines. In Lamentations, we are reminded that God's compassions never fail; they are new every morning; great is [His] faithfulness! (Lamentations 3:21-23) Because of His new mercies and grace each day, we can be confident in facing any "new" beginnings in September.