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PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

Prayers for: Renovation of JEM Seminary Buildings

PRAYER #1

Dear Lord God, We thank and praise You for the gift of salvation You have provided us through Your Son, Jesus Christ. As we contribute our mite offerings for the support of renovating Jonathan Ekong Memorial (JEM) Seminary in Nigeria, keep us ever mindful of the importance of sharing this Good News with others. We humbly ask that You continue to richly bless their efforts in training young men to prepare for and then proclaim the Gospel to all people of the world. In Jesus' Holy name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #2

Oh Triune God, bless our efforts to support the renovation of the buildings of the Jonathan Ekong Memorial (JEM) Seminary in Nigeria by contributing our mites in a generous way. Guide us, Oh Holy Spirit, to keep in mind the great need for funding to provide safe and serviceable structures allowing the continuation of instruction in Your Holy Word. Heavenly Father we thank You for sending Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to redeem us and all people, and ask that You continue to richly bless JEM Seminary so they also may continue to proclaim to others of Your generous gift of salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER #3

Dear Lord, we confess that all men have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We acknowledge that Jesus came to save sinners, and this was accomplished through His death and resurrection. Since we have been blessed by Your Spirit with this knowledge, help us to remember the need for all people to hear this Good News of salvation in their own language. As we contribute our mite offerings to You, Oh Lord, keep us mindful of the needs in Nigeria at Jonathan Ekong Memorial (JEM) Seminary for safe and serviceable buildings so that they can continue to train up ministers to proclaim Your precious Gospel with others. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER #4

Grant Oh Lord, we pray that we be moved by Your Holy Spirit to generously contribute our offerings to You so that the mission grants selected in convention may be abundantly supported. We ask at this time for Your blessings on the funds given for the renovation of buildings on the Jonathan Ekong Memorial (JEM) Seminary campus in Nigeria. As our partners in Gospel proclamation, we pray their needs are met so they are enabled to continue to serve You as they prepare men for the ministry of Your Word. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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MISSION GRANT STORY

RENOVATION OF JEM SEMINARY BUILDINGS \$120,000

The Lutheran Church in Nigeria (LCN) is the LCMS's oldest partner church in Africa, currently with approximately 80,000 members in 339 congregations. The seminary in Obot Idim, Jonathan Ekong Memorial (JEM) Seminary, continues to be an important partner for gospel proclamation, preparing young men for the ministry in the LCN in the most populous country in Africa.

To accommodate the record-high number of students enrolled in JEM, the existing dormitories need renovations such as repairing roof structures and termite damage. Without renovation work, these buildings will become dangerous to the students, if not useless. The goal is to make the buildings safe and serviceable for the growing student population as well as serving the Seminary community made up of teaching and non-teaching staff and students totaling approximately 150 people, not including visitors.

The proposed repair work is to resurface the floors and walls, replace roofs and ceilings, replace all electrical and plumbing installations, and paint. Termite treatment is also planned.

In addition to making the buildings safe and serviceable, the seminary is preparing to apply for accreditation from the Nigeria Universities Commission. Students at JEM complete five years of academic work and three years of internship before graduation. The seminary seeks to provide recognized credentials for their students as well as for the development of the seminary and church.

LWML grant money will help pay for some of these renovations providing a safe and serviceable space for the continuation of training pastors to carry the message of salvation to people of various languages and cultures in their respective homelands.

