



July 2008 Story GOD IS DOING HEAVY WORK THROUGH MITES - WORLDWIDE

God is at work through Mites! The Spirit of God is using our mites to deliver His Word, which has power to drill through darkness and to the ends of the earth!

Mites are at work for **Portable Medical Clinics for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sudan**, carrying two finished clinics to administer medical and mercy care to these rural areas *"For I was sick and you looked after me"* (Matthew 25:35-36).

Mites are toiling for **Building 10 Churches in India**, helping to purchase sites for chapels on common village property for new congregations and baptisms because *"We pray for God's Spirit to work in the hearts of those who hear the Gospel through His Servants, that they might be brought to His eternal fold."*

Mites are laboring for a **Female Missionary to Muslim Maninka in Guinea**, the first one of its kind in the LCMS who hopes to train formerly Muslim, now Christian, women to be leaders and evangelistic trainers *"to touch the Muslim women with the Good News found in Christ."*

Mites are making progress for **Lutheran Bible Translators' Transportation** to provide vehicles and repair services so that missionaries travel safely to different project areas on a regular basis *"to help bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by making the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts."*

Mites are bending for **Muslim Outreach and Education – Bangladesh**, to bond with POBLO and provide land and a permanent school building in Beniarchar where there is no other school within a 60 mile area *"to bring the Gospel and education to the predominately Muslim population..."*

Mites are stretching for a **Female Missionary in Africa for Human Relief Development**, to provide a female perspective and understanding of human care opportunities and to take advantage of favorable conditions to lay the groundwork for proclamation ministry to people in desperate situations *"so that ultimate healing might be accomplished through the Holy Spirit creating faith in the hearts being served."*

Mites are moving for **HOPE Christian Family Counseling Center – St. Petersburg, Russia**, to provide Lutheran pregnancy care and family counseling centers closely connected to the Word and Sacraments in Novosibirsk and the St. Petersburg region to meet the physical, emotional, and physical needs of Russian women, children, and families because Our Lord said *"Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...' He said to the paralyzed man, 'I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home'"* (Luke 5: 23-24).

Mites are mining to **Expand Mission Work in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan and Ethiopia**, to prepare the ground for multiple Mission Training Centers where missionaries will train new believers who show leadership qualities to become teachers, evangelists, pastors and to use secular talents in support of the new congregation: *"...every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old"* (Matthew 13:52).

Mites are small things used by God to eternal advantage. Mites are a reasonable service for those of us who have been brought out of darkness into His marvelous light.

To Him who finds nothing too difficult, we declare: *"How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings"* (Psalm 36:7).