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Blessed to be a Blessing

God has richly blessed the work of LWML. Millions of dollars have been raised for missions. Bible study and service to the Lord have strengthened each woman's relationship to Christ. We have been blessed to be a blessing.

Look at this chapter from our history of service for Our Lord Jesus.

"There's no question the church is behind you because in so many ways you are ahead of the church." With those words, a Lutheran historian applauded the progress of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) since its founding in 1942. Beginning in the 1850's, women of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) started local auxiliaries to meet the needs of people. Members of local congregations began to coordinate their efforts by uniting in state and regional leagues. LWML's founding convention was held July 7 and 8, 1942, when the 28 delegates adopted a constitution, approved a name, and chose two mission projects.

The purpose of the LWML, delegates agreed, was to develop a greater mission consciousness among women and to gather funds for mission projects for which no adequate provision was made in the LCMS budget. The blessing of the LWML, now also known as Lutheran Women in Mission, goes far beyond the millions raised for missions. Its benefits can be seen in faith deepened through Bible studies, in confidence built through leadership training, in the befriending of career missionaries, in blankets and clothing gathered for the impoverished, in food shared with the hungry and, above all, in the friendships nurtured and the lives changed by sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

(Taken from "History of the LWML" by Marlys Taege Moberg.)

To read more about the history of the LWML, go to the LWML website, click on "About Us", then "Our History." For Mission Grant History, point to "Missions" on left of page and click on "Mission Grants." Scroll down to the bottom of the page, look for the flashing red "New" and click on Mission Grants Resume.

May the Lord continue to bless the LWML as we "Serve the Lord with Gladness."