



September 2009 Mite Box Devotion

Defray the Cost of Shipping Quilts Overseas
By Lutheran World Relief - \$80,000

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.
James 1:27

Leader: We begin in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

[The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.]

All: Sing “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way” (LSB 857)

Leader: Every day in 35 countries, Lutheran World Relief works to combat the causes of poverty and the dignity it robs from people’s lives.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reader 1: In Peru, a woman selling vegetables in the city square used a tattered dirty blanket – the only one she owned – to display her vegetables on it by day. At night she relied on it to provide her protection from the cold. When she received a quilt from Lutheran World Relief, the woman shared deep gratitude for the gift. She would now have a beautiful clean quilt to cover herself or wrap around her baby and the old tattered blanket would only be needed for displaying her vegetables.

Reader 2: In Azerbaijan, an elderly gentleman lay his LWR quilt carefully out on a table beneath a picture of himself with two young men. The man explained that the young men are his sons, soldiers who died in conflict related to the battles over land in Western Georgia, Azerbaijan. To this man, his LWR quilt is the most beautiful thing he owns, therefore making it the only item that can appropriately honor his sons.

Leader: We give thanks and praise to God our Father who has comforted His children through the generous gifts of quilts and much more, and, most of all, the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord that we are saved by His grace.

All: Glory be to God.

Close by praying the Lord’s Prayer.