

# April 2010

## PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

1. Read Leviticus 19:34 – freewill offering
2. As you ponder Jesus' death, praise Him for winning our salvation!
3. Filled with the Lord's hope, we praise Him for the work He gives us – 25¢
4. Praise our Living Lord! He is risen indeed!
5. Pray at noon for teens in LWML – \$1
6. Praise God for Building Hope in the City, Cleveland, Ohio – \$1
7. Read Deuteronomy 24:14 – 25¢
8. Send a note to a shut-in inviting her to pray each Monday at noon – 25¢
9. Give a mite box to a friend and share about BHITC with her – 25¢
10. Drink an extra glass of water today and thank God for it – 50¢
11. Sit in a different spot at church – 25¢; couldn't do it? – 50¢
12. Pray at noon for your Pastor, giving thanks for him – 50¢
13. Give away 2 items of good clothing to your favorite charity – 25¢
14. Add non-perishables for donation to your grocery list – 25¢
15. Send a note of encouragement to your society president – 25¢
16. Put all the money you find in the bottom of your purse in your mite box.
17. Give the LWML Web site address to someone – 10¢ for each one.
18. Read Leviticus 25:35 – 50¢
19. Pray at noon for the person you least know in your church – \$1
20. Put your feet up, close your eyes, and praise God for the hope He gives.
21. Mark LWML convention dates on your calendar – 25¢
22. Laugh and make a joyful noise at your LWML meeting – 50¢
23. Pray for the person you talk to least in your church – \$1
24. Ask the Lord to bless the leaders of Building Hope in the City – 25¢
25. Still drinking an extra glass of water every day? – 25¢  
You aren't? – 50¢
26. Praise the Lord at noon for your church home – 25¢
27. Do you work inside the home? Praise the Lord for this – 50¢
28. Read Deuteronomy 15:7 – freewill offering
29. Do you work outside the home? Praise the Lord for your job!
30. Praise Jesus for all the donations He has provided – \$1



*\* Please be Together in Prayer at Noon every Monday  
with LWML sisters.*

[www.lwml.org/missions](http://www.lwml.org/missions)

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AND KEEP PRAYER GUIDE IN YOUR BIBLES FOR DAILY MISSION  
SUPPORT REMINDERS.

# MISSION GRANT STORY

## THE HOPE CENTER FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS

Ohio - \$90,000

*"The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself; for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the LORD your God."  
(Lev. 19:34).*

In August 2003, Building Hope in the City (BHITC) began as a mission organization in Cleveland, Ohio, to serve the people and communities where churches are located. The vision of the members of 153-year-old Trinity Lutheran Church has assisted many churches in developing missions that are tailor-made for their congregations and specific to their local mission visions. BHITC serves as a rallying point and springboard for hundreds of area Christians who want to express their faith and serve the Lord in new ways in the city. Hundreds of volunteers and dedicated staff in Cleveland, Akron, Cincinnati, and Youngstown have impacted the lives of thousands of their neighbors.

Volunteers provide English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, job training, tutoring, mentoring, resettlement assistance, and worship in the languages of Arabic, Swahili, and Kirindi. These programs build trust with new immigrants who are seeking the assurance and learning opportunities that will enable them to live better lives. The bottom line in everything the volunteers do is building relationships; and it works. Buddhists, Hindus, Muslim, and Christian immigrants are favorably impressed when they learn that these valuable ministries are staffed by people who receive no money for what they are doing – Christians who are willing to give their time to learn about them and who respect them.

Imagine the Thanksgiving potluck dinner where Mokchiya, Buddhi, Santa, Sujata, Tanka, Godawari, and Tulashi shared their ethnic foods with their new American brothers and sisters and learned about their Christian religious heritage. They are now interested in Christianity and Lutheran schools, visiting churches, asking questions, and sharing what they have learned with their friends. This shared meal is just one small example of BHITC's loving support.

The Hope Center, a new urban storefront, will serve as a citywide Lutheran hub, linking newly arriving refugees and immigrants with Lutheran congregations and the Word of God. Our mite dollars will allow them to continue and expand in ways that bless both the immigrant and the servant, the Pastor and those in the congregation. Please visit their website to learn more about them.

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