

August 2010

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

1. Praise the Lord for your house of worship – 50¢
2. Pray together at noon for those who do not have a church home – 25¢
3. Find the Baltic on a map and praise God for His creation – 25¢
4. Pray for God's people of Latvia to return to their Reformation faith – 50¢
5. Pray for Lithuanians, some of the last to become Christians in Europe – 50¢
6. Read Psalm 100 and be glad!
7. Pray for guidance in your own mission walk – 50¢
8. Pray for missionaries, especially Rev. Mark and Rose Krause – \$1
9. Together at noon, lift our Lord's name on high – 25¢
10. Thank the Lord for freedom to worship in America – \$1
11. We trust You, Lord; You have a plan for our future!
12. Pray for those at risk or in harm's way – 50¢
13. May our mites provide a means of comfort for the downtrodden – 25¢
14. Read Psalm 119:81-88 in hope!
15. Pray that empty churches will be filled with believers in You – \$1
16. Thank Him for hearing and answering the noontide flood of prayers.
17. Are you complaining of August heat? – 25¢
18. Be glad that you are warm and fed – 50¢
19. Are you struggling with your family? – 25¢
20. Pray for all the families of God – 25¢
21. Remember the very young and very old nearest you in prayer – 50¢
22. Give thanks for our seminarians – \$1
23. Carry your noontime prayer with you all day long!
24. Bless your Pastor and his wife with a note of thanks – 25¢
25. Humbly do a self-examination as you read Psalm 131.
26. Pray that abused women will seek Christian help – 50¢
27. Lift the youth outreach of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod – 25¢
28. Give what you can to provide strong women's ministries – free will offering
29. Give thanks for recovered churches in Latvia and Lithuania – 25¢
30. Pray together for Pastors to fill pulpits where God needs them – 50¢
31. Thank you Jesus for your love! – \$1



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

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

MISSION GRANT STORY

HUMAN CARE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES

Developed in Latvia and Lithuania - \$87,500

“Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled... telling the message only to Jews. Some of them, however,... began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord, Acts 11:19-21.”

Latvia and Lithuania are neighboring countries in northern Europe. Latvia became Lutheran in the 1600's when the Knights of the Sword disintegrated; neighboring Lithuania remained Catholic. The long agrarian/merchant history changed abruptly when Hitler and Stalin carved up Europe in 1939, followed by a takeover by the Soviet Union at the end of the war. Christian faith was forbidden, and houses of worship were repurposed as social halls, recreation centers, swimming pools, and even stables. When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, many churches were reclaimed as cultural heritage, much of it funded by Scandinavian neighbors across the sea. However, the lost Christian culture cannot nourish new believers. People struggle, seeking their Christian heritage. Latvia has the greatest percentage of adult converts in all of Europe. In their twenties and thirties, these new believers want to share Christ with their families and communities. This region is ripe for harvest — the people want what was taken away from them.

Reverend Mark and Rose Krause were sent to work with our partner churches there. With this mission grant they can provide temporary housing for abused women, building on the already successful work of the Lithuanian Lutheran orphanage and active youth programs at Jesus Lutheran Church. Youth and youth leaders will be trained for evangelistic outreach in Riga where many young Latvians come to live and work. Christian support and resources for pastoral leadership training and for women's ministry in Riga will be established. Pastor and Mrs. Krause hope to hold conferences similar to our LWML conventions, as well as purchase Bible study materials for use in their outreach efforts.

