

May 2010

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

1. Thank God for Spring. – freewill offering
2. Pray for your pastor today. – 25¢
3. Pray at noon for district LWML convention committees. – freewill offering
4. Thank God for His blessings and add 25¢.
5. Did you have a reason to smile today? Add 50¢.
6. Pray for missionaries serving children with special needs in the Dominican Republic.
7. Thank God for doctors and nurses. – 50¢
8. Pray for an opportunity to give your testimony to someone who doesn't know Jesus – add 25¢.
9. Thank God for caring mothers. – \$1.00
10. Join LWML sisters in prayer today. – 50¢
11. Did you see robins in your yard today? Yes – 50¢ No – 25¢
12. Send a card and pray for a sick friend. – 50¢
13. Thank God for the sunshine. – \$1.00
14. Thank God for your family. – 10¢ for each sibling
15. Did something nice for someone today? – 25¢ If not, 50¢
16. Offer a word of encouragement to your pastor. – freewill offering
17. Join LWML sisters in prayer today at noon. If you forgot, add 75¢.
18. Pray for all missionaries. – 50¢
19. At dinnertime, pray for the hungry in your town. – \$1.00
20. Pray for children with developmental disabilities and their families. – 50¢
21. Pray for LCMS World Relief and Human Care.
22. Freewill offering of thanksgiving in "Mite Boxes."
23. Attended Bible class and worship services today? Add 50¢.
24. Give thanks at noon for your LWML sisters. – \$1.00
25. Offer a gift of love for those who serve in the armed forces of our country.
26. Thank God for your friends; you decide the offering.
27. Did you say "thank you" to someone today? Add \$1.00.
28. Pray for the coordinator of LCMS Mission to the Dominican Republic. Add 25¢.
29. Did you spend time in God's Word today? If so, add 25¢. If not, 50¢.
30. Pray for and offer thanksgiving for your congregation's leaders.
31. Thank God for something you usually take for granted in His creation. Add 50¢.



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

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SUPPORT REMINDERS.

MISSION GRANT STORY

MISSION SUPPORT TO DISABLED CHILDREN

Dominican Republic - \$50,000

In the Dominican Republic, children with developmental disabilities and their families need training and support to enable these children to enjoy a full life. By this we mean necessary therapeutic services, spiritual care, encouragement, and education in order for them to become all God intended them to be.

Many families are ill equipped to provide resources to care at home for their children with special needs. There are no government support services, and community-based services are minimal for families to enhance the development of their children with disabilities. A Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) disability outreach worker has been working in the Dominican Republic for almost three years. Her work has been extremely successful, resulting in good relationships with parents, the community, and government leaders responsible for the care of children with disabilities.

Much work has already taken place in partnership with two Dominican Republic community-based providers that have a similar mission and goals for providing services to individuals with disabilities in the country. These providers need our support and expertise so that they might have an even greater impact in the communities where they serve. The LCMS disability outreach worker will continue training programs for providers, families, and governmental officials who care for or have contact with special needs children and their parents.

The focus of this mission project is to reach out to the children who are often forgotten by training their caregivers to provide appropriate physical and spiritual care. An additional emphasis is to advocate for cultural change in the Dominican Republic in regard to the treatment and inclusion of children with special needs. Often these children are neglected because of a lack of information concerning how they can best be helped.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League grant will provide \$50,000 to partner with LCMS World Relief and Human Care to reach out in mercy so that children with special needs can be successfully integrated into their society. More importantly, the children will learn about Jesus and by God's grace be led to faith and become members of the Body of Christ. We pray for God's grace and mercy to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Dominican Republic.

