

September 2010

PRAYER GUIDE FOR LWML MISSION GRANTS

1. Pray for the Church in Kyrgyzstan – 50¢
2. Pray that the Central Asian Seminary can be registered and continue to train men for pastoral ministry – 75¢
3. Find Kyrgyzstan on a map of Central Asia – 25¢
4. Find out what a yurt is – 50¢
5. Remember your pastor in prayer today – 50¢
6. Pray at noon for good jobs to be restored to American workers.
7. Give thanks that villages served by Lutheran medical clinics now have Bible studies – 25¢
8. Notice the new moon – 50¢
9. This Rosh Hashanah pray for Jewish people to accept Jesus as the Messiah – 12¢
10. Tell a friend about how much Jesus loves them – 25¢
11. Honor America's heroes. Fly a flag – 25¢; no flag – \$1
12. Thank God for grandparents. If they are believers – 50¢; if not, pray for them – \$1
13. Pray for LCMS World Mission and their many projects.
14. Ask the Holy Spirit to increase the faith of Kyrgyz believers– 50¢
15. Pray for the Muslim population in Kyrgyzstan to learn to know and love Jesus – 80¢
16. Thank God for the Wades who are building relationships with the Dungan farmers of Kyrgyzstan.
17. Send a card to a veteran in honor of MIA/POW Day – 50¢
18. On this day of Atonement, thank Jesus for being the sacrifice for all of our sins – 25¢
19. Say "Hello" to someone you have not yet met in church today – 25¢
20. Pray with your LWML sisters at noon for God to open our hearts to the needy – \$1
21. Ask God to help the Pfeils and Wades build strong relationships with the Kyrgyz people – \$1
22. Ever been a Mission Opportunities Short Term (M.O.S.T.) volunteer? – 25¢; never been on a short term mission team? – 50¢
23. Enjoy the bright full moon tonight – \$1
24. Thank God that this grant will extend the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Kyrgyzstan.
25. Thank God for the opportunity to attend church as you prepare for worship.
26. Pray for the unbelievers that are part of your life – 50¢
27. Join your LWML sisters in prayer this noon.
28. Enjoy the lovely Fall flowers in full bloom – 25¢
29. Volunteer to help in a day school or Sunday school room – 50¢
30. Donate used eyeglasses to M.O.S.T. Praise God eyeglass clinics have shown Jesus' love to many Kyrgyz people – 25¢



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

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SUPPORT REMINDERS.

MISSION GRANT STORY

KYRGYZSTAN LOCALS TRAINED FOR EVANGELISM

\$100,000

Kyrgyzstan is a beautiful mountainous country in Central Asia. Formerly part of the Soviet Union, it has been an independent nation since August 31, 1991. With a population of 5.2 million people, two thirds live in rural areas and 40 percent live below the poverty level. The ethnic make-up is 67 percent Kyrgyz, 14 percent Uzbek, 10 percent Russian, one percent Dungan, and eight percent others.

While formally atheists under Communist Soviet rule, today Islam is the most widely held faith in Kyrgyzstan. Official sources estimate that 80 percent of the population is Muslim. Almost all of the Muslims are Sunni. As of May 2007, there were 1,650 mosques.

Prior to World War I, early settlers from Germany established Lutheran churches in Kyrgyzstan, and there is a very small Lutheran presence there today. LCMS World Mission began work in Kyrgyzstan in 1998. Concordia Lutheran Church, Bishkek, was founded with 14 confirmed members and registered as a religious entity in Kyrgyzstan in 2001. Because their mission has been to plant churches and train pastors and leaders, as of May, 2008, there are 35 churches and home groups. The mission provides theological education for the new Russian and Kyrgyz Christians who want to serve in the national Lutheran church. The mission works in Russian, Kyrgyz, and the Dungan language.

Six career missionaries (three couples) currently serve in the areas of church planting, theological education, and humanitarian and medical missions. An example is the medical van funded by Concordia Mission Society, which has given free medical and dental care to some 180,000 children and women of childbearing age since 1999. Many of the church plants are a result of the medical van being in a village.

As of April, 2010, in response to political upheaval, there is a new president in Kyrgyzstan. To date, this new administration is still accepting of the work done by Christian churches, as well as that done by Muslims, because they say it adds moral stability to the country. Churches, such as the Lutheran Church in Bishkek, are required to register for state approval to avoid being seen as cults. God has blessed the work being done there by Lutheran missionaries and granted this certification. However, more local Christian leaders are needed to spread the good news of Jesus.

This LWML mission grant for \$100,000 will be used to equip local leaders to share the Gospel message with the people of Kyrgyzstan, most of whom are Muslims. By proclaiming Christ's love, they hope to bring peace and comfort to a country still struggling after gaining independence from the Soviet Union.

