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MISSION GRANT STORY

PREGNANCY CENTER: NEWBORN PROTECTION—MALAYSIA, SE ASIA

\$54,500

*“For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother’s womb; I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made”
(Ps.139: 13-14).*

A prevalent problem in Malaysia is that young unwed women often resort to abortion or delivering their babies on their own without any medical assistance. Often due to the shamefulness of bearing children out of wedlock and/or pressure from their families they dump their newborn babies in common trash containers, public toilets or other public places.

The Malaysian government has appealed to non-government organizations, including churches, to provide care and counseling for young pregnant women who are unwed in an effort to stop the baby-dumping and abortions.

The Women’s Care and Counseling Center of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia is assisting young pregnant women to make God-pleasing decisions to keep and nurture their babies. This center is playing an important role in educating and assisting these women during their unplanned pregnancies and thereby protecting the lives of newborn infants.

This LWML Mission Grant will provide funds for relocation of this center and provide support to the young women by:

- establishing a network of resources;
- facilitating proper healthcare;
- assisting with finding temporary housing;
- assisting with adoption, if that decision is made;
- registering the newborn babies;
- providing birth and baby care preparation classes; and
- providing material goods for the care of the mother and baby.

This grant will also promote lifestyle changes by encouraging sexual purity and providing mentors and counselors for the women. Workers at the center will also teach the truth about abortions and the risks that are involved.

The center’s staff understands the difficulties unwed pregnant women face and the workers extend God’s love and care as they assist, strengthen and provide for the spiritual, physical, emotional, and psychological needs of these young women.

With your prayers and mites, this LWML grant will continue to provide pregnant women counseling, care and the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, thus empowering these women to become capable loving mothers.