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MISSION GRANT STORY

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS PLATE EMBOSsing DEVICE

\$100,000

Lutheran Braille Workers is committed to providing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the visually impaired throughout the world. With more than 180 million people around the world who are blind or who have only partial sight, the need is great. Since 1943, Lutheran Braille Workers has provided Christian materials in more than 30 languages to visually impaired people in more than 120 countries. Each year, Lutheran Braille Workers produces and distributes over 11 million sheets of Braille material throughout the world, as well as large print books of the Bible and other Christian materials.

Lutheran Braille Workers has grown into one of the largest faith-based producers of free Braille Bibles and Christian materials throughout the world. Lutheran Braille Workers currently supports almost 200 work centers with over 5,100 volunteers in the United States and Canada, who punch, emboss, and collate sheets of Braille paper and large print materials for distribution.

LWML is providing \$100,000 in funding to help Lutheran Braille Workers purchase a new Plate Embossing Device (PED) to replace worn

out zinc plates, as well as create zinc plates for new Braille titles. The PED is the sole device in the United States to emboss Braille plates for the production of Braille books. Without the PED, the ability to produce Braille material would be restricted in the near future as existing plates wear out. Thus, obtaining a new PED would ensure continued production of the zinc plates for many years to come, allowing Lutheran Braille Workers to continue providing Braille Bibles and other Christian resources to visually impaired people worldwide. Lutheran Braille Workers has pledged to commit \$50,000 toward the \$150,000 needed to purchase, ship, and provide supplies for the new PED.

The free Braille and large print Bibles and Christian materials provide the message of salvation through faith in Jesus to individuals who are visually impaired, bringing those on the edge into the Kingdom of God and providing those already with Jesus the comfort of reading His Word. Your mites will aid thousands of people who are not able to see but who want to be with Jesus.