

Keep Going!

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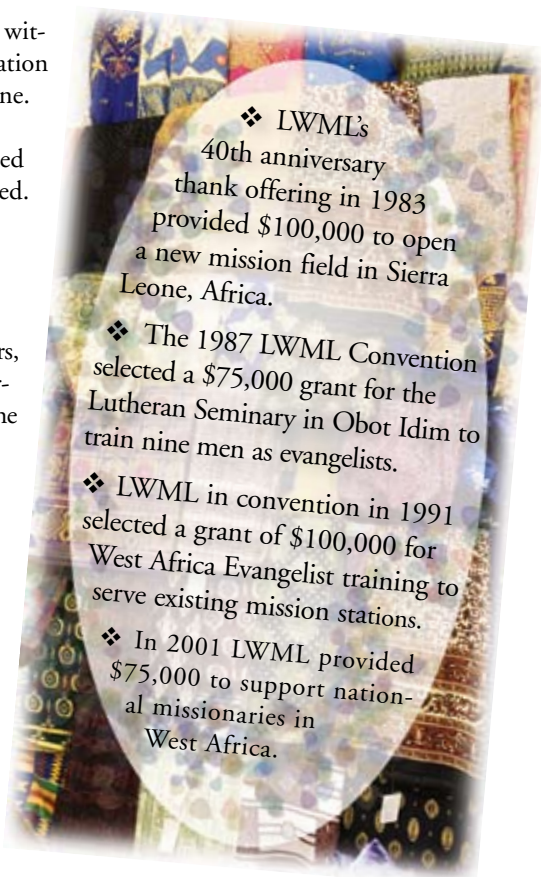
On my recent trip to West Africa with the LCMS Board for Mission Services, I saw, heard, and witnessed the amazing blessing our grants have provided! The highlight of the trip was participating in the graduation ceremony at Concordia Center for Theological Studies in Jembe, Sierra Leone. This theological education comes from our 1983 grant! At that same event, I met Robert Ngumah, a pastor in Monrovia, who received LWML grant money to attend the Lutheran Seminary in Obot Idim.

More of the LWML generosity was witnessed as we visited several mission station churches in both Togo and Sierra Leone. In these locations, your faithful support for evangelist training has provided opportunity for the Gospel to be shared.

It was an inspiration to see how the LWML response and support through prayers, mites, and mission grants have allowed the Gospel message of Hope to be shared around the world! For 64 years, the LWML has been committed to sharing the love of Christ to people down the block or halfway around the world.

Our challenge as Lutheran women in mission continues: not only to *get going*, but *keep going*! The mission goals for outreach/inreach selected at our 40 district conventions amount to over 5.6 million dollars, coupled with our national mission goal of \$1,625,000 for this biennium.

So *get going* in God's Word daily! Continue to pray for our missions and missionaries and keep filling those Mite Boxes™ with your gifts and your prayers! Remember to be **Together in Prayer** each Monday at noon for our missions and missionaries as they encourage and equip people to live their lives in faith.



- ❖ LWML's 40th anniversary thank offering in 1983 provided \$100,000 to open a new mission field in Sierra Leone, Africa.
- ❖ The 1987 LWML Convention selected a \$75,000 grant for the Lutheran Seminary in Obot Idim to train nine men as evangelists.
- ❖ LWML in convention in 1991 selected a grant of \$100,000 for West Africa Evangelist training to serve existing mission stations.
- ❖ In 2001 LWML provided \$75,000 to support national missionaries in West Africa.