

### Mission News!



### Pray for Missionaries!

**Beth Heiney** sends this plea from the mission field in Guinea: “Being here without the backing of people at home in prayer would be like trying to get somewhere in a vehicle without putting in fuel. We could probably push the car a ways but we’d get tired and give up.”

**Margaret Sturm** from **Massillon, Ohio**, has lifted each member of the Heiney family in prayer each day ever since receiving a picture of the family in a 1995 church bulletin insert. Margaret was thrilled to get a new picture of the family in the Summer 2007 *LWQ* and promptly used it to replace the old one clipped to her prayer list.



### Mites at Work in Ambur, India

Sharing God’s love and human care is an effective partnership in Ambur, India,

working through a **Michigan District LWML** grant. **Apryl Brandt** reports that **Bethesda Lutheran Hospital** in **Ambur** was able to purchase updated surgical equipment with their mites.

### Helping Those with Unspeakable Tragedies



**Gerry Burkee** and **Luella Hovie** of **Blessed Savior Lutheran Church, New Berlin, WI**.

### Diana’s Angels: Burial Clothing for Tiny Babies

A Diana’s Angels group, a circle of the LWML society at **Benediction Lutheran Church** in **Milwaukee, Wisconsin**, has made over 5,500 items of burial clothing for stillborn and premature babies since the group’s inception in 1999. Leader **Annette Raebel** states: “At one time, we served 20 area hospitals with the clothing. Since then, we were able to get three other churches to start groups of their own.”

Stillborn babies often are so tiny that regular baby clothing is too large, and thus grieving parents may need to purchase baby doll outfits at a toy store for the burial. Having handmade clothing available at the hospital relieves them of this task and shows God’s love to those who are hurting.

Patterns for Diana’s Angels clothing items are available in the current edition of the **LWML Catalog**, item #59598 (page 25).



### Help for Cancer Victim

The LWML at **Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church** in **Lillian, Alabama**, responded to a woman diagnosed with cancer (but no medical insurance) by donating part of the proceeds of their fall yard sale to her to help with her medical expenses. **Nita Leigh** was presented with a check from the LWML, that was supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

### Kitchen Shower for Flood Victims

Can you imagine your church losing all of its kitchen equipment in a flood? An *LWML Sister to Sister Cash Kitchen Shower* was organized by **Minnesota South's Winona Zone** to assist churches in their area that were victims of floods last August. Zone President **Charlotte Rupprecht** says that besides cash, they "received words of encouragement from their LWML sisters."



The LWML society at **Grace, Stockton**, was a recipient of the cash collected to replenish their kitchen equipment, as was **St. Mark Lutheran Women for Christ** in **Rushford**. President **Margaret Boehmke** reports that hundreds of dollars were donated from their LWML sisters. She writes: "We were, and still are, totally humbled by this generous and loving gift."

### Aid to Ice Storm Victims

Over \$2,000 was collected by **St. John's Lutheran LWML** in **Omaha**, for continual aid to victims of **Nebraska** ice storms. They created and sold a cook-book specifically designed for this project, receiving supplemental funding through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

### It's "Sew" Nice to Help!



### Sewing ... for the Mobility Impaired

People who use wheelchairs and walkers often need bags to attach to their equipment so they can transport items that others carry in their hands. **Betty Wentland** from the LWML society at **Peace Lutheran Church** in **Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin**, reports that women gathered at the church for three days to sew and sewed 144 bags that were donated to members of their congregation, local nursing homes, and assisted care facilities. A church member who owns an interior design store donated all the fabric from discontinued upholstery samples.

### Sewing Bibs ... for Nursing Home Residents

Bibs were sewn by women of the **Dorcas Circle LWML** at **St. Paul Lutheran Church, Gillett, Arkansas**. President **Vivian Stille** reports that 75 bibs were made and donated to a local nursing home.

### Sewing Lap Quilts ... for Retirees

The LWML society at **Atonement Lutheran Church** in **Columbus, Ohio**, combined their God-given talents of shopping for fabric bargains, designing, cutting, and sewing by machine and by hand to make colorful lap quilts. **Mary Ludlum** from the group reports that 40 quilts were lovingly stitched and presented to assisted living residents at the local Lutheran retirement and care facility.



*Pictured, L-R: Lucy Lockman, Mary Rossman, Shirley Cruse and Linda Simko.*

### Sewing ... for Head Start

**St. Luke's Afternoon LWML** in **Oviedo, Florida**, fashioned dresses, skirts, blouses, shorts, pants, and shirts that were modeled by Head Start children to benefit their Head Start program in Pinellas County, Florida. President **Nancy Chalis** tells us that the group is carrying on the project which was started by **Loretta**

**Rewa** over 35 years ago. Upon **Loretta's** death, she bequeathed funds to the society. They use the funds to purchase socks and underwear and deliver them along with the clothing that they sew.

### Ideas for You to Use



### Relieving Tensions

"Cast all your care on Him, because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7) was presented in an innovative and memorable way by leader **Shari Miller** at the **Divide Zone's** fall rally in the **Montana LWML District**. Shari used Scripture, slides, and music to encourage attendees to let go of their burdens, tensions, and stresses by writing them down, crumpling up the paper, and literally "casting them away" by tossing them around the room. Several times the papers were opened for group and individual prayers. Finally, the papers were placed at the foot of a cross to emphasize Who takes our tensions from us.

### News! News! News!



"My Day — Everyday in His Word" is the theme for the Winter 2008 issue of the *Quarterly*. How does daily Bible study help you with the pressures of life? Do you participate in an on-line Bible study? What innovative ways have you, your church, or your LWML group developed to stay in the Word? How do daily devotions keep you closer to God? Please send pictures (electronic preferred, prints acceptable) and stories to **Carolyn Blum**, News Editor, at [newseditor@lwml.org](mailto:newseditor@lwml.org) or to 911 Tara Hill East, Hartford, WI 53027. Deadline is **June 15, 2008**.