

- 1. New Female Missionary for Christian Outreach to Muslims in Nebraska** **\$10,000**

Georgette Alaraj is POBLO's lead missionary in NE. Lincoln houses the second largest Yazidi group in the world outside of Iraq along with Shiites and Sunnis. She is a Christian from Palestine and works with the women of these groups. **(POBLO)**
- 2. Concordia International Radio Saves Lives Spiritually and Physically** **\$5,811.50**

Concordia Int'l Radio was established in Haiti in 2012 as an offshoot of first Evangelical Church of Jacmel under the direction of Rev. Markey Kessa. In addition to reaching ~ 350,000 people with worship services, bible studies and Christian music, the station is also used to share vital information about areas of violent gang activity, markets w/scarce goods, or to inform loved ones of an illness or death.

(Ministry in Mission)
- 3. Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide** **\$5,000**

International students to Concordia Seminary might receive some financial assistance from home, it tends to be minimal. After receiving their master's or doctoral-level degrees, these top theological scholars from their home country, and return home where they serve as church leaders. This grant will help cover costs for two for three students.

(Concordia Seminary – St. Louis)
- 4. World Lutheran Deaf Outreach** **\$7,000**

98% of Deaf people do not believe in Jesus. There are many reasons, but one of the biggest is 90% of Deaf Children are born to hearing parents. Sad, these parents and family members often do not learn how to sign and communicate with the Deaf people in their families. They developed a program used world-wide called ASL Jesus Signs. It is a way to learn ASL through Bible stories. \$4,000 would be used to pay for the On-Line hosting cost for two years. Remaining funds would be used for promotion of this program. **(We are LCMS called Church Workers and LCMS members – not an RSO)**
- 5. In Every Tongue-Translators for MOST Ministries Mission Teams** **\$6000**

"In Every Tongue" would help MOST mission teams by providing for translation services so that the people served will receive the care they need and hear a clear presentation of the Gospel in their own language. While MOST Ministries team members offer their hearts and hands, they rely on native speakers to be their voices. **(MOST)**
- 6. Intellectual and Developmental Disability Mercy Ministry in the Dominican Republic** **\$7,500**

In 2011, six children with IDD were moved from a government orphanage into a loving, Lutheran group home built with funds from a national LWML grant. The children did not know what love was, or how to receive it or give it. Today, they are baptized, active Christian young adults who are integrated into their community and congregation. The need is for on-going financial support for the operation of the group home. **(LCMS Mission Advancement)**
- 7. Here I Am! Send Me – The Payne Family in Tanzania** **\$10,000**

In Tanzania, the Lutheran Church is growing so fast, they cannot produce pastors and deaconesses quickly enough. The LCMS has been asked to come alongside them to provide laborers to send into the harvest field. Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne will serve the Lord through the LCMS in Tanzania. Missionaries are funded solely through voluntarily given donations. They are in charge of their own fundraising. They deployed in January 2024. No other grant applications are being requested.

(Mission Central)
- 8. Physical Wellness for At-Risk Children** **\$7,500**

The gym floor at the Minot Campus was repurposed from another school, is nearly 50 years old, and has been used well. Along with Christ-centered care, physical wellness is also an important part of the children's healing. Many have not learned positive health habits. The new gym floor will be vinyl, and in addition to being more modern, it will be more durable and easier to maintain.

(Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch)
- 9. Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry** **\$10,000**

In South Sioux City, Nebraska, we have been blessed with the opportunity to reach out to our Hispanic neighbors and share the love of Jesus with them. We have extended a Divine Call to Rev. Carlos Catalan to be our missionary-pastor for the *Siouxland Hispanic Ministry*. LCMS Nebraska District, LCMS Iowa District West, and Mission Central are collaborating in

support of this ministry. We still are in need of financial stability to continue the ministry. **(Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry-not an RSO)**

- 10. New Shepherds for South Sudan \$7,200**
South Sudan, Africa, one of the poorest countries in the world, home to the Evangelical Lutheran church of South Sudan/Sudan (ECLSS/S), recently came into altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS. They began 30 years ago with a single congregation of 5 members, and now in a country the size of Texas, they have grown to 200+ congregations with more than 150,000. There are fewer than 80 ordained pastors to serve these congregations. This mission grant will provide the costs of tuition, room and board, textbooks, and supplies for 2 Lutheran seminarians in South Sudan.
(Lutheran Heritage Foundation)
- 11. Shepherd's Canyon \$6,000**
Shepherd's Canyon provides week-long counseling retreats and has successfully helped hundreds of ministry workers who are in various stages of burnout, stress, depression, compassion fatigue and conflicts of all kinds, many of whom were ready to quit the ministry. The grant funds will be used to provide scholarships for pastors, ministry workers, and spouses who need extra financial assistance to attend a Shepherd's Canyon Retreat. **(Shepherd's Canyon)**
- 12. Acts 1:8 Students in Mission \$10,000**
Concordia University, NE is seeking funds to provide mission grants to students who may not consider taking part in a mission experiences due to financial concerns. Students can apply for up to 1/3 of the cost of a Gospel-focused short-term mission experience. **(CUNE)**
- 13. Ministering Out of Visual Darkness Around the World \$5,000**
Lutheran Braille Workers receives numerous orders to produce hundreds of volumes of Braille and Specialized Large Print Bibles and other Christian materials, requiring the additional purchase of supplies and equipment for production of these materials. This grant would fund the purchase of required resources to produce approximately 650 volumes of Braille and Specialized Large Print materials for free distribution to people with visual impairment in need of knowing Jesus as their Savior.
(LBW)
- 14. Ukrainian Mission and Ministry \$10,000**
Orphan Grain Train continues to seek funding to help Ukrainian refugees relocate and assimilate into the Norfolk area. Many of the Ukrainians have no Christian church affiliation. As they relocate , Norfolk, OGT works to connect them to our LCMS churches and other Christian churches. Besides the cost of moving them to the United States, there is an ongoing need to provide them with housing, transportation, clothing and other personal property, ESL instruction, employment and more.
(Orphan Grain Train)
- 15. Christian Outreach Resources for Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool \$2,163**
Winnebago has a poverty rate of 39.08%, and the only other preschool in town is a public preschool which charges no fees or tuition for preschoolers. The majority of students when they start preschool at JOS have not heard of Jesus or have an inaccurate picture of Jesus and the Triune God. This grant would provide funds for several outreach resources for the preschoolers, their family, and the community. These resources for each preschooler includes: *My First Bible Storybook*, *The First Christmas* book, multiple Arch books, a t-shirt with the theme verse of the year, LHM materials, and Resurrection Eggs.
(Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Preschool, Winnebago, NE)
- 16. CTSFW Food Co-op to Purchase Food for Seminary Students \$10,000**
When students decide to leave their job and come to Seminary, their financial inflow significantly decreases but their financial needs remain the same. The Food Co-op is currently able to supply between 80-85% of all food and household goods each month. This grant would be used to only purchase perishable food items.

Total \$119,174.50