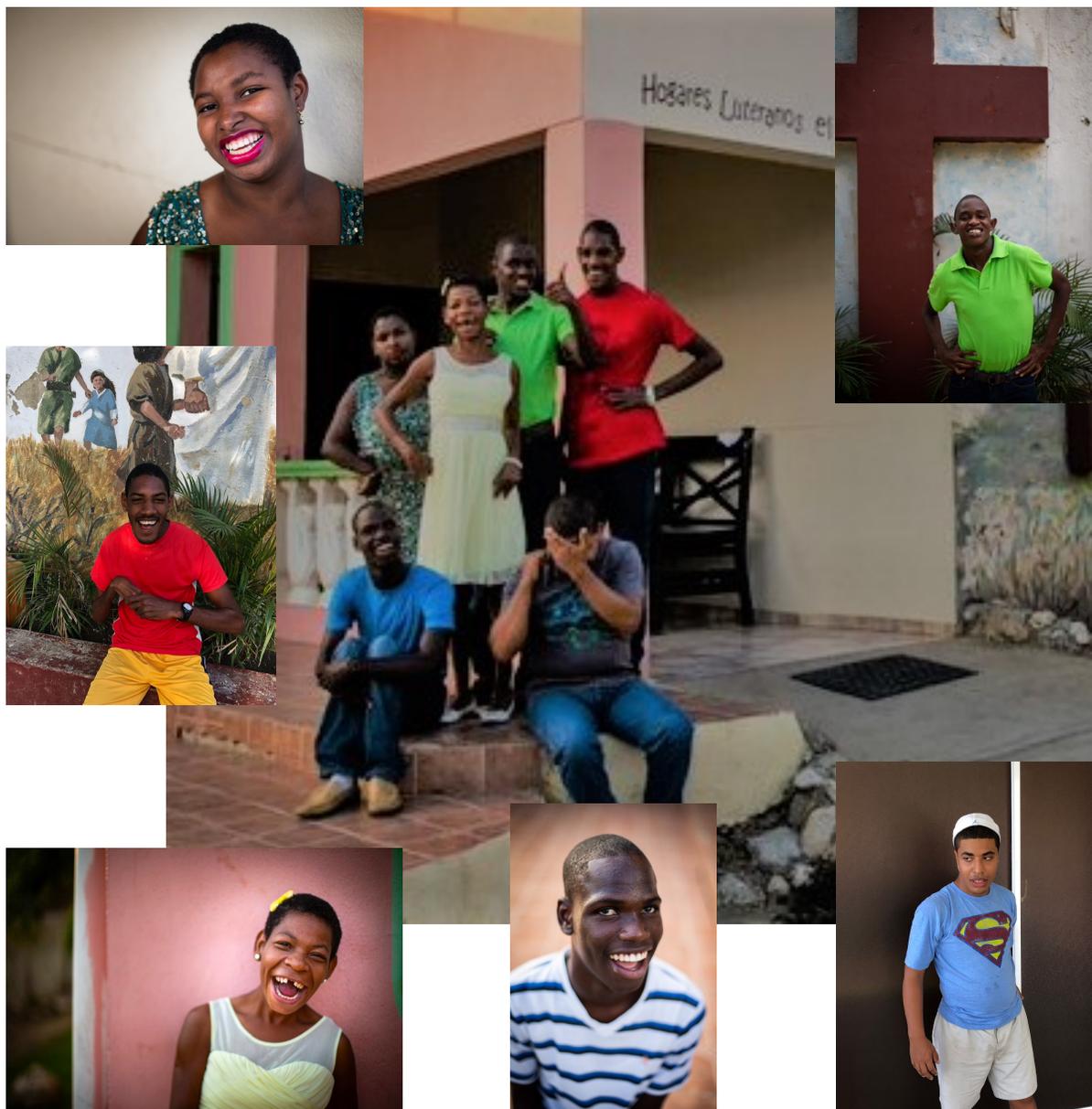


Expanding the Disability Ministry in the Dominican Republic as God's Word and
Jesus Love is Shared
\$6,500

Funding from this grant will help meet the financial needs of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Home (Hogares Luterano el Buen Pastor) in the Dominican Republic, providing for the daily needs of six intellectually and developmentally challenged teenagers living in the home. More importantly they hear of Jesus' love and become part of the body of Christ in the Lutheran congregations. It will also provide the ability for missionaries to share Jesus' love with children and adults residing in the governmental institutions. There is no present, or future, plan of governmental financial assistance for the spiritual care of people who are intellectually and developmentally disabled.



Financial Assistance for the Concordia Theological Seminary Food and
Clothing Co-op
\$5,000

The Food and Clothing Co-op on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, in Fort Wayne, Indiana plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. Grant funds would be used to purchase eggs, milk, ground beef, fresh fruits and vegetables and other perishable items. This is a vital ministry to our seminarians and their families who may have left jobs to attend Concordia Seminary and no longer have a regular income but continue to have the same financial obligations. During 2016-17 the Co-op assisted 130 students and their families.



Lutherans for Life Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline Expansion

\$4,000

This grant will help to provide professional counseling for individuals in the Oregon District who have participated in an abortion decision. This is accomplished through the *Lutherans for Life Word of Hope*, a nationwide, professionally staffed, post-abortion crisis hotline that is presently only available part time. Funding provided by this grant will help expand the *Word of Hope* hotline making it a full-time ministry within the Oregon District reaching many more suffering women and men. This connection with individuals will provide an opportunity to learn of, and receive, God's grace and the message of salvation through faith in Christ, who paid the price for all sin, including that sin of abortion. Promotional information for the hotline will be given to Oregon District churches via emails, brochures and by other means.



Mentoring Alaska Native Teen Leaders
\$6,500

Volunteers have been ministering to Alaska Natives for over 20 years through VBS programs. In 2014, a Teen Camp was “born.” Interest has grown and so has the number of participants. The growing number of participants has outgrown the current facilities and it is desirable to offer a second camp. Grant funds would provide scholarships to cover the expenses of travel, food and activity fees for older teens (16-18) to attend Teen Camp and participate in a week of fellowship, learn life skills to navigate the city of Fairbanks and to be better prepared for making life decisions in the years ahead. The goal is to equip youth to become productive citizens, caretakers of their families, the land and their communities, and most importantly share the love and joy of salvation through Christ.



Mobile Dental Van Program with Medical Teams International

\$6,500

Funded

For 14 years, a dental van clinic in Salem and the surrounding area has provided monthly Christian compassion to those in pain with dental issues including extensive decay and infection. These people do not have insurance or the means to pay for dental care. Counseling and Jesus' love is shared with patients waiting for treatment. This grant is providing funds for the purchasing of an autoclave for sterilizing the clinic's instruments and equipment. Having the larger capacity autoclave will allow more patients to be treated as well as meet required state guidelines in caring for the patients seen at the mobile clinic.



Support Nathan Schmidt's LAMP Ministry in B.C., Canada

\$6,500

Funded

Nathan Schmidt was called to serve Indigenous people in Northern British Columbia, Canada, as a full time missionary with LAMP - Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots Inc. Nathan will provide a hands on ministry, sharing the gospel message in remote villages where half the population is often under the age of 14. This grant will provide support for Nathan's travels and his opportunities to build community relationships and provide on-going Christian education through Bible studies and Vacation Bible Schools, thus bringing hope to many as God's love is proclaimed.



Sharing Jesus with People of ALL Abilities

\$6,500

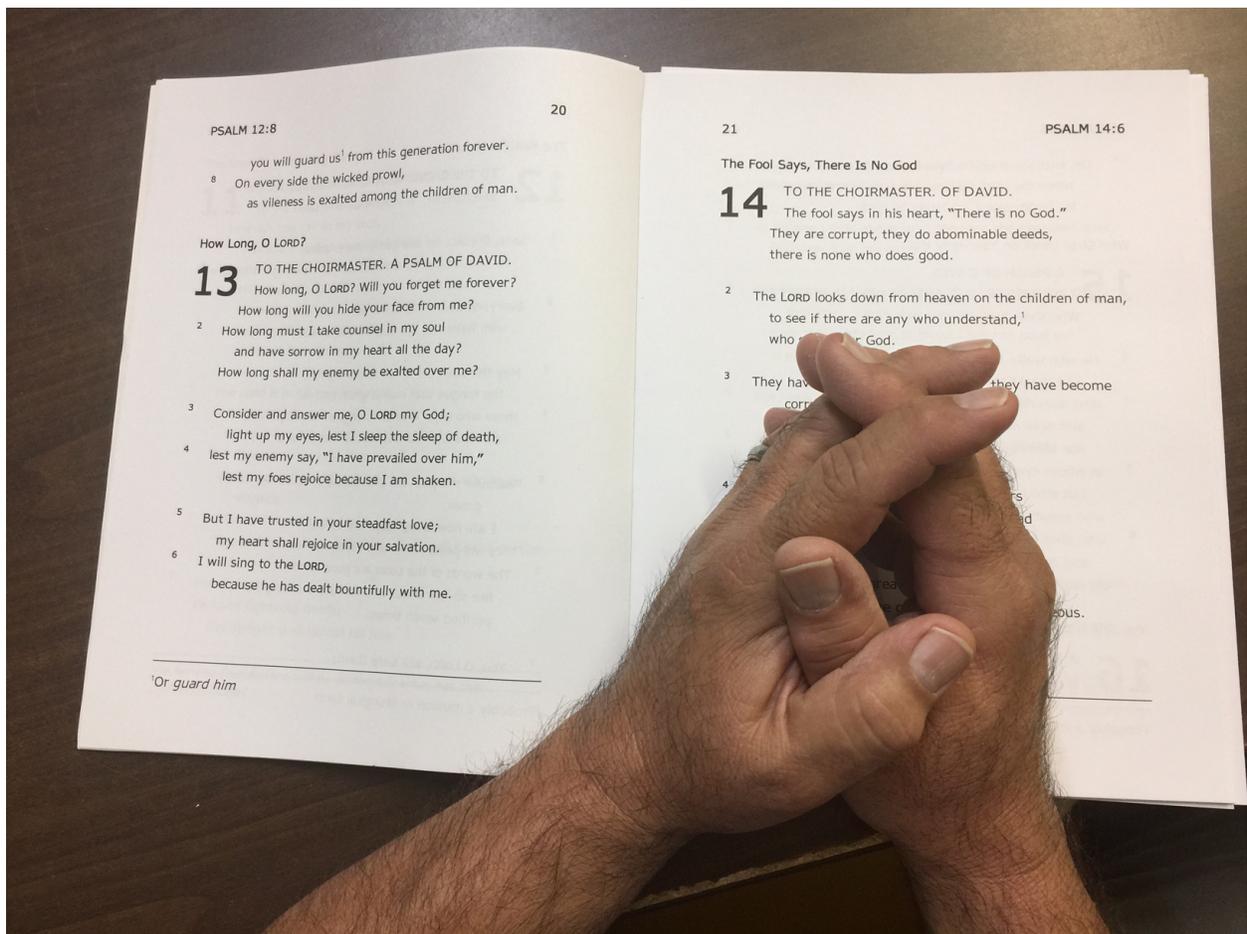
Funded

The funds from this grant are being used to help cover the travel expenses for Pastor Philemon Ngare, Bethesda's Ministry Consultant in Oregon and Washington. Since no government funding (Medicaid) can be used for religious life expenses, Bethesda is dependent upon charitable dollars to cover them. Pastor Ngare visits approximately 200+ people in Oregon and 44 in the Renton WA area, for whom Bethesda provides services. His goal is to share the love of Jesus with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and the staff who care for them. Pastor Ngare will also reach out to engage and equip congregations, facilitating a faith connection with the Bethesda Community.



Reaching Visually Impaired Inmates with God's Love
\$6,000

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) hope to purchase equipment for a work center to produce specialized, large print, English Standard Version (ESV) Bibles. This new product will enable inmates to read God's Word. The current large print Bible is not acceptable in most correctional institutions because of its size and metal spiral binding. LBW regularly receives requests from visually impaired inmates and, as far as they know, no one else is providing incarcerated, visually impaired people with God's Word in specialized large print, and free of charge. The grant funds will be used to help with the start-up costs of producing this large print Bible, and *through the Holy Spirit, people will "see" Jesus and live with Him forever.*



Trinity HOPE Haitian Feeding Program

\$5,000

Trinity HOPE works to assist Lutheran churches in Haiti in sharing the Gospel and a message of hope to hungry children attending school. All of the funds granted would provide a daily noon meal for 110 children for the entire school year for 187 days. This is often the only meal the children may receive on a daily basis. Many of the students walk one to several miles simply to attend school. As the children give thanks for each meal, their prayer becomes a powerful witness of how much Jesus loves them. The children often carry this message of Jesus' love home to their families.



Support for Concordia Seminary's International Graduate School Students
\$6,500

Concordia Seminary's Graduate School enrolls many qualified international students from developing nations who do not have seminaries that offer advanced-level theological degree programs and do not have the financial capability to send passionate, excellent students to high-quality seminaries abroad. This grant would help fund these students' graduate-level educations, thus allowing them to return to their home countries to carry out the Great Commission by becoming teachers/professors and church leaders. The spreading of the Gospel message, by these graduate students, will impact future generations and will help raise up the next generation of pastors.



Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families

\$3,000

LCMS Ministry to Armed Forces (MAF) is served by almost 200 Chaplains around the world. Chaplains may be deployed and be away from their families for weeks or months at a time. MAF endeavors to support and care for these chaplains through one of two pastoral training retreats each year. There is a rising need of wellness training and support for our military chaplains and wives, teaching them to care for themselves and their families, thereby enabling them to better minister to those they serve. Cost for chaplains only to attend the seminar is funded by the military. This grant will help fund the costs of wives attending the seminars with their husbands.



Financial Aid Funds for Latino Children to Attend Trinity Lutheran School
\$5,000

Jesus said: *Let the children come to me... (Matthew 19:14)*. Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Portland, Oregon is striving to meet the educational and spiritual needs of the children enrolled at the school as well as reaching out to the neighborhood to provide opportunities for families to hear the Gospel message of Christ's love for all. The funding from this grant will assist in enrolling several immigrant Latino children at Trinity Lutheran School, where they may receive a Christ centered education and experience the support of Trinity Lutheran Church and School.



Lace Up with Love - Love INC Shoe Drive

\$5,562.50

Funded

Love INC's mission is to build relationships with people in need. This grant is providing approximately 160 pairs of shoes for homeless students in the local public schools in Clackamas County and help in the building of shelving to store the shoes. The shoes are being distributed by the school liaisons, who work directly with the children in each school. The primary purpose of this shoe project is to build ties with students and their families, thus demonstrating the care and love of Christ through Love INC.

