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Dear brothers & sisters in Christ at Holy Trinity,

We are deeply grateful for all your prayers, encouragement, and for your continued support of the Lord's work to proclaim the Gospel in the Dominican Republic. We are excited that you are a part of this mission with us - THANK YOU!

Merry Christmas!  
Many thanks for your support & prayers!

Your friends in our Risen Lord,

Bill *Kirsten*  
*Harissa* *Nicole*

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." - John 11:25-26a NIV

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
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USA

**Our family  
thanks you for  
being part of the  
Lord's mission  
with us in the  
Dominican  
Republic!**



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Dear Friends in Christ,

The members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church wish to once again extend our sincere thanks and gratitude for your continuing generosity. Our congregation continues to grow, in no small part, due to your support.

In Gratitude,  
Eric Anderson, Treasurer

Attention: Linda Cassady

Dear Christian Friends,

The people of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, State College, Pennsylvania, are deeply grateful for your congregation's recent gift to us. And we are encouraged to learn that you hope to provide additional financial support for us in the coming year.

We at Emmanuel have used your gifts principally for advertising in our local papers. While the cost for advertising is expensive, we have found it to be quite effective in drawing people to our church. No fewer than five people have worshiped with us and have joined our congregation as a result of our advertising efforts. For a congregation of fifty worshipers, this is a significant number.

We will continue to use your gifts as well in printing brochures and other materials.

On behalf of the people of Emmanuel, I thank you again for Holy Trinity's support, and we pledge to use your gifts to enlarge our mission and ministry here in State College.

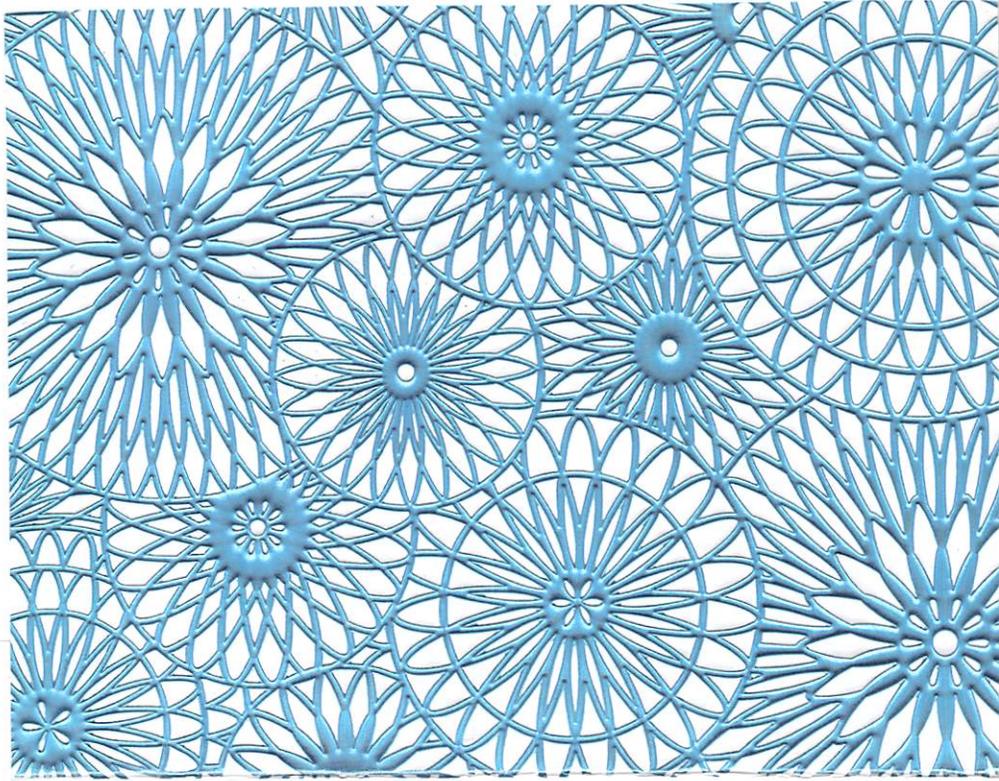
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Paull E. Spring  
Pastor

God With Us!

SO VERY MUCH!

THANKS



  
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October 24, 2016

*Thank you!  
What an amazing  
kind gift!  
Kristen*

Linda Cassady  
Mission Commitment Chairperson  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Linda,

We thank you and all our friends at Holy Trinity, Abington for the generous and heartfelt donation of October 18, 2016 gift totaling \$2,000 to Silver Springs - Martin Luther School! There are many worthy charities to which you could direct your charitable support, and we thank you for choosing to assist the children and families served by Silver Springs – Martin Luther School.

As you requested, we directed your donation as follows:

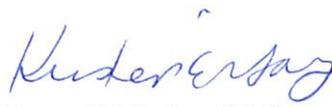
- \$1,000 of your October 18, 2016 gift will support our Christmas Fund; making it possible to create special lifelong memories for our boys and girls; as well as
- \$1,000 of your October 18, 2016 gift will help us provide high quality healing, educational, and nurturing programs for children with great needs from our shared community.

Additionally, we will report to you before June how your gift was applied and helpful to the children and families we serve. We would be happy to welcome members of the Congregation to visit our campus at any time; please contact me at (610) 825-4440, ext. 206 or [Lunipan@silver-springs.org](mailto:Lunipan@silver-springs.org) if you would like to set up a visit.

Sincerely,

  
Lynn Unipan, CFRE  
Development Director

*Many  
Thanks!*

  
Kristen E.M. Gay, Ph.D.  
President/CEO

*No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift. Silver Springs – Martin Luther School is a 501(c) (3) organization, Tax ID # 23-2310084. Contributions are tax-deductible as permitted by law.*



December 1, 2016

Dear Linda,

***“When people send kids to Silver Springs it sometimes means people did bad, scary things to hurt them.” - Mariah\*, age 11***

These are the words of one child served by Silver Springs. It always is heartbreaking to hear a child talk about bad and scary things happening to them. However, Mariah’s next few comments convey the hope that we try to instill in each girl and boy through their time with us – hope for the bright future they deserve and that we are happy to help them achieve.

*“Silver Springs taught me a lot of things. I learned that it’s adults’ job to keep kids safe. I learned that when bad, sad, scary things happen to kids, they get big feelings like mad, sad, and scared. When kids have those big feelings they do unsafe things... like run out a window.*

*Silver Springs helped me make those feelings not so big.... I learned how to use my coping skills and I am not going to yell and scream anymore. Sometimes I worry about what will happen to me when I leave Silver Springs and if I will still be safe. Now I know... next year I am going to a new school and I am going to go to a new home and be happy. My life is going to be different because no one is going to hurt me.*

***Here are some things I believe about myself now: I am smart because I am good at math. I am lovable because I always hug people and they give me hugs back.”***

**This is the work of Silver Springs.** We help children to heal and to learn, to know they are lovable, and to realize this is just a beginning for them. We help each child reach for their bright future.

Last year, Silver Springs served more than 2,400 children and family members through our Residential Treatment Program, Approved Private School, Foster Family Care, and Community Based Mental Health programs. **You are an important partner in our work to help all of “our” children – children who have known far too much disappointment and sadness – to believe in themselves and a hopeful future.**

As the end of 2016 nears, please consider making a charitable gift to Silver Springs. Your support will help children to heal and to learn, to find hope, and to believe in the better tomorrow that each and every child deserves.

Thank you,

Kristen E.M. Gay, PH.D.  
President/CEO

*\*Child’s name changed to protect her privacy*



November 4, 2016

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Susan Schied  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington, PA 19001-1136

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued giving of \$1,250.00 to Compassion's Where Most Needed Program.

I am so grateful for your compassionate heart for children living in poverty. Your gift is truly a blessing, and I want you to know that we sincerely appreciate the trust and support you have shown for this ministry.

You are touching lives for eternity in the name of Jesus! May the Lord richly bless you as only He can.

In Christ,

Santiago "Jimmy" Mellado  
President and CEO  
Compassion International

P.S. If you ever want to talk with one of our Compassion representatives, call us at (800) 336-7676 — or visit us at [compassion.com](http://compassion.com). Thanks again for your generous support!

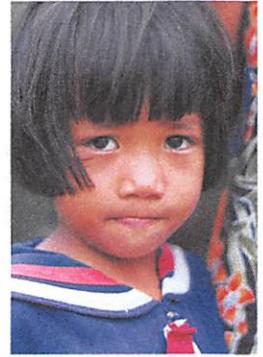
*"If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."*  
— 1 Peter 4:11, NIV



Colorado Springs, CO 80997

# Contribution Statement

*Thank you for being a champion for children!*



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November 20, 2016



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
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Received since December 20, 2015

\$1250

**See back for account details.**

Sponsor number: 3691247-0

Thank you for being a true champion for children in need!

Your faithful, caring generosity is releasing children from poverty -- spiritually, emotionally, economically, socially and physically. In fact, you are helping transform lives in ways that you cannot even imagine!

The children Compassion serves often express their amazement that people they have never met, who live in another country, could care for them so much. On their behalf, thank you for coming alongside these children and supporting them in their journey to overcome poverty and thrive!

Thank you again, and may God richly bless you.

With gratitude,  
Compassion International

### Questions?

Please call us at  
**(800) 336-7676**  
Monday - Friday  
7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. MT  
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Please do not include written statements or enclosures with the return coupon below.

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### Contributions Received

Contribution	Amount
Where Most Needed Fund	\$1250

Amount Enclosed

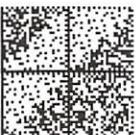
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Unsponsored Children's Program	\$ _____
Where Most Needed Fund	\$ _____
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**Total amount enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Compassion International**  
Colorado Springs, CO 80997

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church: 3691247-0



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# Account Activity - December 21, 2015 through November 20, 2016

for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (3691247-0)

Activity Date	Contribution For	Amount	Comment
11/01/16	Where Most Needed Fund	\$1250	Thank you for your generous gift!
	Total received:	\$1250	
	2016 contributions*:	\$1250	



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\*Compassion is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Contributions to Compassion are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in consideration for the contributions except as reported above.



Gifts received after November 20, 2016 will be on your next statement

Non-monetary gifts will be receipted separately (stocks, bonds, etc.).

### STEP 1 — CHOOSE your automatic payment option.\*

Monthly Credit or Debit Card: *Charge my card this amount:* \$ **.00**

Credit or Debit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Checking Withdrawal: *I hereby authorize Compassion to charge my bank account this amount each month:* \$ **.00**

Preferred Monthly Checking Withdrawal Date:    5th    10th    15th    20th

Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

*\*You can change or cancel this payment option at any time by notifying Compassion five business days prior to the withdrawal date.*

*All payment types may be processed electronically and may be withdrawn from your originating account immediately upon receipt. You may not receive a canceled check back from your bank.*

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Account Holder's | First Name

Last Name

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_



November 2016

Dear Pastor Tavella,

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.*" (Matthew 9:37)

Thank you for your gift of \$2,000.00 in November 2016 to the Theological Education Fund of the North American Lutheran Church in support of our seminary (NALs).

This is Thanksgiving week for our students. There are only two days of classes. Some students will venture home to their families, some will find friends close by to share a Thanksgiving meal with. Many will spend the break reading and studying as they anticipate the last few weeks of the term. At this time of year, the NALS is especially thankful for all those who support us both financially and prayerfully. It has been another great year and we look forward to continuing our work here with the gracious support of all of our partners.

As our partner, we always appreciate your prayers for our students as well as your generosity in financial giving. We also ask that you pray for potential students who are yet discerning a call to ministry. We ask you also to help identify future students.

Your gift will assist us in continuing to pursue our goal, financially, and will also support our efforts to educate NALC seminarians and to form pastors who are driven by our four core values: We are Christ-centered, Mission-driven, Traditionally-grounded and Congregationally-focused. Jesus sent out the call for more laborers. With the help of our ministry partners, we are continuing to prepare faithful pastors for the harvest.

Blessings in Christ,

President, North American Lutheran Seminary

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**Electronic Funds Transfer**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form to EFT, Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200

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**Thank you for your gift.**

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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In the event of an error, I have the right to tell my bank to reverse any transfer. However, I must tell them in writing within 15 days of the bank statement or within 45 days after the transfer was made.

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Dear Linda, Missions Committee  
and the Holy Trinity Family,

I just wanted to say  
thank you for your generous  
support of Young Life.

It is a true blessing!

- Jeff Pearson

- I look forward to updating  
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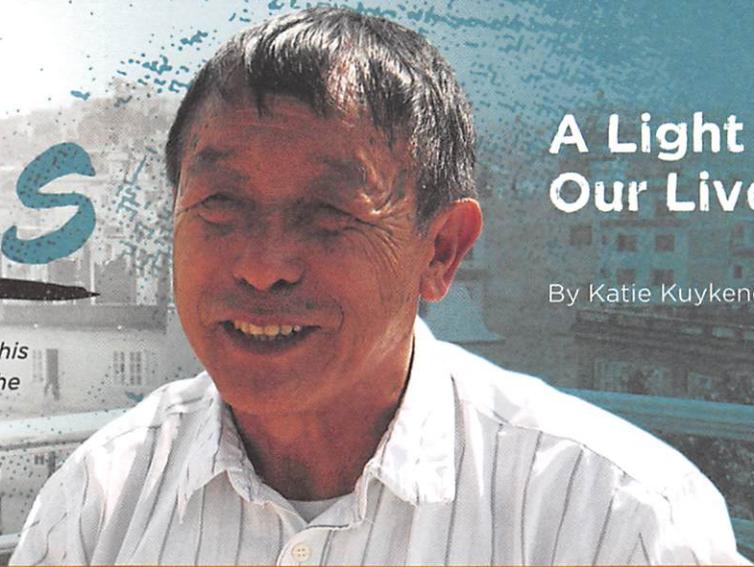
# InFocus

VOL. 21 NO. 3

*As part of a special campaign called #WhyBible, this edition of InFocus focuses on the importance of the Bible in the lives of people all over the world.*

## A Light for Our Lives

By Katie Kuykendall



Jyabu's wife was very sick. He didn't know how to care for her himself, and with each day her condition grew worse. If she died, he'd have to raise their little boy alone. He knew what he had to do.

Jyabu is a member of the Lhomi community, a language group in northeastern Nepal that historically practices a combination of Tibetan Buddhism and a local shamanism. According to the Lhomi people's traditional beliefs, a shaman is summoned to perform healing rituals and animal sacrifices to combat illness — a very expensive obligation. Jyabu gave everything he had to heal her. He spent all his money, sacrificed his animals and even took out loans, but nothing worked. The shaman couldn't save her.

Jyabu was devastated. "That was the moment I thought, 'There must be someone who can help me and save my life,'" he says.

That's when he met Olavi and Marja, linguists from Finland who traveled to Chepuwa to translate the New Testament into the Lhomi language. Jyabu got to know Olavi and Marja, and decided to join them in the capital city of Kathmandu to help them learn the language and do translation. Jyabu didn't know anything about the Bible, but with nothing tying him to Chepuwa, he agreed to help.

They started working through the book of Mark, and Jyabu learned about the God of the Bible. In time, he decided to pray.

"The first time I prayed to God I said, 'Maybe you're the God I've been looking for in my heart.' I prayed

every night," he says. "One night I heard God answering me! When I knew it was him responding, I poured out everything I had in my heart."

He continued translating the New Testament story by story with Olavi, and the deeper they went, the more the stories about God in Scripture became real to him.

"It's very difficult to find key terms in Lhomi. One key word, love, was a very big thing for me. When we were translating the Bible, we came to a point where we had to translate John 3:16. Those words really stuck in my heart. It was a turning point for me," Jyabu says.

"I know human beings' love. When we're in need of help, they're not able to help us or solve all the problems we have. I know that God's love is unchanging. He keeps loving us, but people — they change. That really helped me trust God."

"In the Bible there are a lot of things that we can hope for. When I studied the Bible, I found God inside. That's how I believe in him. It's the Word of the Lord where we can know who God is, where we can study his character, where there are life-giving words. It's a light for our lives."

Today, when Jyabu smiles, joy radiates from his entire face. His laugh — which you hear often — is hearty and sincere. There's a tangible peace in him; it's pure and contagious.

We've heard stories like Jyabu's from people all around the world whose lives are changed forever when they have the Bible in their own language.

## Now we'd like to hear your story.

Wycliffe invites you to join a movement of individuals and organizations of all backgrounds sharing stories of the Bible's impact on individuals, communities and the world. You can be a part of that movement through the **#WhyBible** campaign!

If you have a story about how the Bible has impacted your life, all you have to do is write up your experience and mail it in with your next donation or email it to us at [why\\_bible@wycliffe.org](mailto:why_bible@wycliffe.org). We'd love the chance to hear how God has used his Word to touch your heart, impact your life and mold you into the person you are today. We'll share these stories online to encourage others, too!

The Bible matters and we want people to understand why. Join us in telling the world why it's important to you!

[wycliffe.org/whybible](http://wycliffe.org/whybible)

**#WHYBIBLE**

*It is the same with my word. I sent it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.*

— Isaiah 55:11 (NLT)





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Thank you for your prayers and gift of \$2,000.00 (details below). Your financial contribution helps advance the King's work as your missionaries bring the Gospel to those least likely to have heard, believed, or benefitted from its saving and transforming power. Our monthly newsletter is a quality mission & prayer resource which brings you the latest news on your 100 missionaries at work in 20 countries. Write mobilize@wmpl.org or phone the number above to request a free subscription. We'll be happy to send it via postal mail, e-mail, or both.

Received	Designated Fund	Amount	Note
10/24/2016	Diedone and Serafina Panzo - Ministry Fund	\$500.00	for educating students
10/24/2016	Diedone and Serafina Panzo - Support Fund	\$1,500.00	

Gift Type: Check  
 Account Number: 683  
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## Circumnavigation

October 2016

Dear colleagues:

Every now and then, on clear nights in my backyard, I go satellite hunting with my grandchildren.

Our sky is full of space contraptions of every sort and variety. There are booster rockets launched long ago, now abandoned in low-earth orbit. There are weather satellites, communications satellites, spying machines – all kinds of things. One of my favorite contraptions is the *International Space Station*. You can see it clearly on cloudless evenings, arcing across the night sky – even in the glare of south Minneapolis.

I have an “app” on my telephone that traces the movements of these things.

Here in south Minneapolis, my “app” reports, the Space Station will appear in the western sky at 8:28 pm. I have just now had a look, in fact – and *there it was*, whipping along at nearly 5 miles per second, completing its arc from horizon to horizon in approximately ten minutes. It was bright and near. It was almost as if I could peek into the window and see our astronauts having their supper.

Imagine an “app” that would track our *prayers*, coming and going around the world, making their way toward heaven. Up and down, left and right – in any direction we may care to look – our field of view would be full of them.

There is nothing at all whatsoever – no human activity, no social endeavor, no private or public, mental or material undertaking of any sort whatsoever – that interpenetrates our world as deeply and as thoroughly as prayer. Prayer circumnavigates the world in an instant. Prayer covers the human experience from corner to corner. Prayer envelopes our concerns and disquiets, our troubles, aches, yearnings and incompleteness in every way completely. Prayer is the language of heaven itself. Prayer bends the attention of heaven toward the brokenness that surrounds us, toward the lost and needy ones that may sometimes capture our hearts. Prayer touches them all.

An “app” to track our prayers would reveal millions upon millions of petitions for the lost ones of the world. We would see gaggles and droves of intercessions – that God would reach the lost with the good news of salvation, then equip them to reach still more. If our “app” could manage it, I suppose, we might see heaven’s answering, too. We might see our Lord intervening on their behalf. We might see the gospel reaching around the globe. We might see people like you.

There is no “app” of this sort, of course. There are only the faithful. There are only the prayerful, and the giving, and the obedient. There are only people like you and me. And “app” or not – this kind of people reach around the globe.

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry.

Your servant for Christ’s sake,

Pr. Charles Lindquist  
General Director



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Dear Friends,

In July 2016, the Harvest USA Philadelphia Office relocated to a new, larger, better configured space. Our new office location provides us with more and better room for our staff to work, as well as more room for our biblical support groups and for In-house training events.

We are so thankful to the Lord for providing this new space for us! We look forward to what he will accomplish through the work of Harvest USA in this new space in the coming years! And, we are so thankful for YOU, for your faithful support of our Kingdom work. Please pray along with us that the Lord will continue to prosper the work of Harvest USA in our new location, and that he will continue to use us for his glory!

Our new address is:

Harvest USA  
715 Twining Road, Suite 200  
Dresher, PA 19025

If you have any unused return envelopes with our old address on them, please dispose of them—and send your next gift to our new address. Thank you!

In the Lord,



Tim Geiger,  
President

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# Asia Harvest



## Receipt

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<b>Date:</b>	10 November 2016	<i>Project Smile</i>	\$1,500.00
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Sum:</b>	One Thousand Five Hundred dollars		

Dear Linda,

Many thanks for your recent letter and support for Project Smile, specifically the cleft surgeries we perform for many children in Vietnam.

We would be honored if you would consider us for support next year. In response to this generous gift, we enclose a print out of recent testimonies sent to us by our coworkers in Vietnam who run the project. Please feel free to use these as required.

Until All have heard,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul".

and the team at Asia Harvest

## **PROJECT SMILE.**

### **CLEFT LIPS & PALATES**

Every year thousands of children are born in Vietnam with cleft lips and palates.

When Doan was born with a cleft lip the other villages said that his mother must be cursed, that she must have done great evil to have a son whose face was so deformed. Some in the village said that if you allowed her shadow to touch you, then your children would also be born with such a deformity.

For Doan life was to hide in the family hut. Whenever he ventured out the other children would call him the “ugly boy.” Such was his rejection that he always held his hands over his face. His parents could never afford the surgery, but then one day they heard a radio broadcast saying that a Christian group was giving free surgery for children with clefts.

When Doan arrived at the hospital he would not show his face, the painful memories of his village were just too deep. Yet four days later when the bandages were removed, Doan’s life took on a whole new meaning. In the space of those days we saw yet another child transformed.

Doan has now returned to his village, his world is no longer limited to the family hut, his mother is no longer an outcast, for we have blessed that family by giving Doan the ability to smile, and a future that he would have been denied.

## **Testimonies for cleft lip children:**

### **Testimony No:1**

As the children continue to come for the surgery we hear many stories that touch our hearts.

One father shared how he had heard of the program through a radio broadcast. He could hardly contain his excitement, his dream of one day providing the surgery for his son were now possible.

Yet it was not a simple matter for him to get to the registration point. In fact it took four days walking over mountainous terrain.

There were no motels on his journey, no fast food outlets. Each evening he would try to fashion some shelter alongside the dirt track, where they shared their meagre food supply.

Through the night he would hold his small son closely, keeping him as warm as possible in the cool mountain air. Their small fire keeping the wild animals at bay.

It was an exhausting journey, for once they arrived at the registration area, they still had another 24 hours on the old bus to bring them to the hospital in Saigon.

In the days that followed his son's face was transformed, a smile finally replaced sadness.

After a week at the hospital they prepared to leave. This meant another 24 hours north on the old bus, and another four days walking to reach their village.

We can but imagine as he walked those remaining kilometres, the quickening of his step, and the excitement that would sweep over the village when at last they were home, and a little boy was no longer a reject, but a child beaming with life and hope.

### **Testimony No:2**

Mirrors are such a basic item that we simply take them for granted. We use them to check our appearance, to comb our hair, to ensure we present ourselves as to those around us in the best possible way.

Hien, a fourteen year old girl from central Vietnam hated mirrors, for each time she looked she saw the gaping red gash that parted her top lip to the base of her nose. Each time she caught her own reflection a sharp stab of pain pierced her heart. She saw no hope, no future, no chance to be like the other teenagers in her village.

Hien had many question, why was she born like this, why was her family so poor they could not afford surgery, why did people look away from her where ever she went? She was trapped in a world not of her making and each time she passed a mirror she was reminded of the cause of her deep sadness.

When Hien heard the radio announcement that free surgery was available in Hanoi she could not believe that life could now offer such hope, for she had come to know disappointment as her constant companion.

As she travelled to Hanoi she thought surely she would be rejected for this free surgery, but no, she was admitted. When the surgeon came to examine her she again thought he would say that nothing could be done, but no, instead he said in two days he would operate.

Later that week Hien sat on the bed in the ward, they were about to remove the bandages, surely, now her disappointment would be forthcoming, surely they had not been able to fix the mess of her face. As the bandages were removed she anticipated the worst, and when she was offered a small mirror she held back.

Surely now her disappointment would be realized. But then as she took the mirror she was stunned, her eyes filled with tears for the image looking back at her was beautiful.

That morning Hien parted company with the dark companion of disappointment, that morning Hien began her new life, that morning Hien began to live out the dream in her heart, for now she really was just like the other teenagers in her village.

### **Testimony No:3**

To see the love that Vietnamese parents have for their handicapped children is something that continually touches our hearts and encourages us to do whatever we can to see their burdens eased.

Chuoï came from the distant tribal provinces, she was over forty years old and her life had been one of much misery because Chuoï had been born with a cleft lip.

Her world of poverty descended into an even deeper despair when she gave birth to two children for each child also had a cleft lip.

Chuoï knew the future that lay ahead of them. She knew the pain they would have of rejection, of being treated as sub normal, of being mocked. She knew what it was like to be the target of superstition that said if her shadow was to touch a pregnant woman then the child would be deformed.

The only love that Chuoï knew was the love of those precious babies, but in her love for them she lived an existence of deep gnawing sadness, for she knew only so well the life that they too would have to endure.

When word reached her distant village that free surgery for the children could be had Chuoï experienced an excitement she could not contain. The clouds in her life began to part, for the first time she began to know the meaning of hope.

Chuoï has now returned to her village, the faces of her children totally transformed. Chuoï's babies look lovingly at their mother, they don't see her face as others see it. I hope Chuoï can come back to the hospital soon, for our delight will be to see her face also transformed.

### **Testimony No: 4**

We praise God that His hand has been upon the thousands of children who have received the surgery. The conditions are crowded, often two or three children to a bed, yet despite the tremendous risks of infection we have seen all the children healed, and set on the path to a new life.

But dramas do occur, and that's when we see the Lord answer prayer.

A few weeks ago we were walking through one of the wards when Loi, a seven year old boy who had just received the cleft lip surgery gave a cough and blood began to pour from his mouth. His mother was frantic as we rushed him to the critical care unit. Quickly the doctors diagnosed a very rare and life threatening condition. Loi's life lay in the balance.

The doctors told us he needed to be urgently transferred to a speciality unit, he needed immediate blood transfusions. He might not make it. Loi's frantic mother sobbed as she said she had no money, and in a poor nation that means no treatment.

Linda quietly ministered to her, assured her. We told the doctors Vietnam Outreach would cover all the costs. As we prayed Loi entered the biggest battle of his young life.

Loi won that battle, and today has returned to his village, where his life has been transformed, from an outcast with a disfigured face, to a happy little boy who can run, laugh, and smile.

We praise God that He positioned us to be walking past Loi's bed at that critical moment in time. We praise God that His hand was on Loi throughout his battle to survive.

#### **Testimony No:5**

Suong's life changed forever that night the fire engulfed the families hut.

That a young child survived with such deep burns across her whole upper body is in itself amazing. Her fingers melted together, her face covered with scars, her scalp so deeply burnt that hair will never return.

Suong was amongst a group of children who had also suffered horrific burns. They had come from their villages for plastic surgery to cut away the scars, to free up limbs, to rebuild their faces.

Yet the thing I remember so vividly about Suong was not the scars, but her sweet and gentle smile. Every day we visited the hospital she would be waiting, her smile beaming, her soft voice welcoming.

Her father told us the story, how when she heard on that radio that we were performing free plastic surgery she poured out her heart saying, "Please Daddy, take me to Hanoi so I can be like the other children."

Like countless millions in Vietnam, Suong's father is poor, yet he knew he had to take hold of this one opportunity to help the daughter he loved so much.

Even the few dollars to buy the bus ticket meant having to sell precious family possessions, but Suong's pleading could not be ignored.

The plastic surgery is now healed, and Suong has returned home. Her life will be different now, for she has been given hope. I can still hear the sweet gentle voice thanking me, and the picture of her smile is a treasured gift in my heart.

Suong is only one of thousands of lives who have been touched as God has led us in Vietnam, but we could never have seen such transformations had the Lord not gathered such a dedicated team of supporters for the work.

#### **Testimony No:6**

This months a time of much activity, hundreds of children coming from the provinces for surgery for "hare-lips" and "cleft palates."

Each child I see reminds me of my own father who himself was born with a "hare-lip" back in 1914. Dad had the surgery a year later and went on to have a life that brought great blessing to many people.

Sadly Dad has now passed on, but his life stands as an encouragement.

Often we see tears stream down the faces of the Vietnamese parents when they hear of Dad's story. Suddenly they see that their own child, one who was born so disfigured, one who was destined for a life of rejection, pain, and hopelessness need not be trapped by the destruction that Satan tried to bring in the womb.

They see hope, hope for their child, they see that when darkness had descended, the light of love will still make that darkness flee.

Countless times we have seen the overwhelming appreciation the parents have.

I remember one man, obviously poor, his son about eleven years of age had come for the surgery. As we entered the ward he stood to thank us, but he could only utter a few words through lips trembling with emotion. His tears burst forth, he could not speak, he sobbed and sobbed, for the dream he carried for eleven years to see his son given hope had now come to pass.

For many of these families it is their first ever contact with Christians, and you and I, we are the hands and hearts through which Christ is reaching out to those who are lost, sick, poor and hurting.

As you read this, many more tears of thankfulness will be flowing as the children's lives are transformed. It happens because you have chosen to allow God's love to be expressed through your giving.

#### **Testimony No:7**

The hospital in Hanoi was in bedlam...we had near 140 children and adults in this group, all crowded together sharing 35 beds! There was much excitement, for it was their first trip to the capital, some had come several hundred kilometres.

Lan was the eldest to come for the surgery, she was twenty one. She would never look us in the eye, she always stood at the back of the crowd, as though she knew that was her place, the place of rejection, her eyes focussed on the floor. Lan would have been a beautiful girl, had it not been for the ugly red and raw opening of her cleft lip.

Lan had never been to school, she was too shy over her disfigurement and now, unable to read or write she worked as a labourer in the rice fields. She was single, "no one would want to marry me" she said, "I am too ugly."

In Lan we sensed a desperate cry to be accepted, to be normal. What was it like for her when she was a little girl. Each night did she let her mind wander, dreaming of what her life could have been? Did she dream what it must be like to go to school, what it must be like to have friends, what it must be like not to be laughed at?

Tears came to my eyes as I could see a little girl wondering each night why she was the one who was different, of going to sleep desperately hoping she would awake to find a miracle, that her disfigurement was gone. I could imagine tears trickling down her cheek with the pain of years of disappointment.

Yet Lan's miracle came to pass, when she awoke from the surgery & began a whole new life. Lan shared with us her new dream, to go to school, to marry, for now she is beautiful.

Thank you for making Lan's dream come true.

#### **Testimony No: 8**

A new group of "cleft" children had arrived at one of the hospitals. There was much excitement, for the capitol city of Hanoi was a far cry from the distant villages and hamlets they came from.

We could see by their ragged clothing this group was amongst the poorest of the poor. When all had found their assigned wards we then gathered them together to welcome them and to quietly share of God's love.

We began to speak saying "We are Christians, we have come to provide this surgery because God's love has brought us to this place." Before we could continue one of the children's fathers fell to his knees and began to cry out "hallelujah, hallelujah."

We were amazed, for here in Hanoi was a brother in Christ who had come several hundred kilometres with his thirteen year old daughter to receive the free surgery. His excitement bubbled, God had answered his prayers and he was praising for all to hear that his Father in Heaven was and always will be the only true answer.

Each day as we visited the hospital he would hurry to greet us, and despite his poverty in material things, despite a life of hardship and toil his faced glowed with the joy of the Lord.

He has returned to his village now, his daughter fully recovered from the life changing surgery, her life filled with the hope of a future, just like the other children in her district.

Even now I think of the joy that filled his countenance, a simple and poor farmer who had come to know true riches. We know that his testimony of how God came through for him will be told many times to many hungry souls.

#### **Testimony No:9**

Hoan was small, even for a Vietnamese seven year old. Yet the most noticeable feature she carried lay in her left eye, for its positioning was nearer to where the left temple should have been.

This was not her only deformity, she had come to have a cleft palate repaired, but it was obvious, this young child suffered many serious conditions.

I remember squatting down alongside her, to build a friendship, to ease her concerns and to calm her fears.

Hoan only wanted one thing, she only wanted to be normal. She wanted people to understand her when she spoke, she wanted people to stop staring at her, she wanted to be accepted.

Within Hoan lay a beauty, the beauty of innocence, and despite the devil's plans to destroy her, Hoan had survived, her innocence still radiating.

I remember watching Hoan in the days that followed the surgery, quietly coping with the pain. Our hearts went out to her, such a special child, one who had endured so much, one who wanted nothing more than to be just like the other children from her village.

Hoan would have been denied any help had we not provided the surgery. Her family is poor, and her parents hearts must have ached at what they wanted to do for her, yet could not.

We praise God that His love has moved the hearts of many and that has seen many children like Hoan receive the gift of life and hope.

#### **Testimony No:10**

Earlier this year a man named Hom appeared at the hospital, he was 38 years old, and he brought his 2 year old son, Khanh to have the little boys cleft lip repaired. Hom was desperate his son receive the surgery, for Hom was a poor labourer, shunned and taunted all his life, because like his son, he too had a "hare-lip."

Hom's dream was to spare his son the pain of rejection, the barbs that other children often give for they don't realise the agony they cause within.

Had it not been for this program of free surgery, then Hom would have had no answer to spare the little boy he loved with all his heart the hurt that these past 38 years had brought.

Our team said "Yes, little Khanh will be operated on in two days, "and Hom, we will be happy to operate on you the day after." He could not believe this, he thought this was only for children, his joy was boundless.

As we shared with the people in the wards about God's great love, Hom attentively listened and nodded, for it was God's love that had brought this team to change his son's life, and to bless him personally with the fulfilment of but a distant dream.... His own ability to smile a smile.

Hom and Khanh left the hospital several days later... their smiles will linger in our hearts for a long time. One can only imagine the shock and the joy of Hom's wife, for through the doorway will come her beautiful child Khanh, and her very handsome husband Hom!

With Deep Love + Affection,  
Lynnae, Caleb  
Elias + Nathaniel

Dear Holy Trinity Council,

Please accept our humble thanks for your decision to continue to support us this year financially. Your faithfulness to love and care for us through your prayers and gifts provokes us to love and good works, and to thank our Lord from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for affirming our calls to serve His church, and for strengthening and encouraging us in these calls through your support. May every good and perfect gift be yours through Christ Jesus!



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November 7, 2016

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My dear fellow redeemed:

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December 2016

Dear Valley Christian School Families and Friends,

This Christmas, many Christians will pause to remember Jesus's birth and God's gift of salvation. For over forty years, Valley Christian School has partnered with parents and the community to provide families with a Christian alternative to traditional schools and give children an excellent education from a Biblical perspective. Each year, by God's grace and blessings, VCS prepares over a 100 students to live as Christians in an increasingly secular world. Each spring, VCS sends young graduates on to be disciples in their high schools, preparing them for an introduction into the work force and the community.

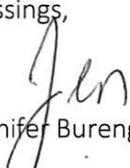
Like many nonprofit organizations, VCS utilizes your donations to enhance an already excellent program above and beyond the expectations of many. Monetary gifts have provided for transportation for the school's various trips to sporting events and academic competitions, provided for additional electives not offered at most other institutions, increased the number of computers and laptops in the classrooms and even provided for portable air conditioning units for those hot, sticky days at the end of the school year. Perhaps just as important, VCS has helped struggling families with a hot meal, a tuition payment and countless prayers during emergencies and sickness. I am so thankful that VCS, along with Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church, consists of families willing to pray and provide for those in need. Perhaps you have been the recipient of this priceless network of Christians?

During this season of giving, I am asking each of you to consider a financial donation to Valley Christian School and help spread God's gift of salvation to children, their families and their community. Your donation will give you an opportunity to invest in the development of young minds to enhance our future communities and our future leaders. By donating during this season of giving, you will help further the mission of Valley Christian School, to partner with each of you, to develop Christ centered thinkers, with a heart of God, equipped to serve and excel in all aspects of life.

Thank you to our faithful families and friends who continue to bless VCS with financial treasures, talents and time. The most precious gift you give to us is your faithful prayers and encouraging words.

I wish everyone a safe and blessed Christmas, filled with the joy of Jesus' birth.

Blessings,



Jennifer Burenga

School Board Chairman

*Luke 12:34 "For where your treasure is there your heart will be also"*



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Dear Pastor Mike and HTELC Mission Committee,

How blessed to receive your generous gift of \$3,000 payable to Valley Christian School. Our partnership with your church has been a huge encouragement over many years. Pastor Mike, you always have been a caring pastor for the well-being of VCS. Thank you.

Three days after receiving your check fourteen teachers and I went to Lancaster Bible College to attend a Professional Development Forum. We heard speakers such as Jay McTighe, originator of the Understanding By Design concept, John Stonestreet, president of Chuck Colson Ministry, speak about Rethinking Worldview, Roger Mackey spoke on teacher-leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and numerous speakers spoke on the topic of biblical worldview. These are just a few of the capable educators from whom we gleaned precious truth. We came away with valuable pedagogy, insight for how our digital natives need to be engaged, and reminders to be intentional in the spiritual formation of our students. We were challenged at so many levels and in so many areas.

Our students' educational experiences are being enriched from the expert professional development that we had the privilege to hear.

The added blessing is that this professional development forum cost VCS \$2,589.64. Yes, God provided for this need through Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. Thanks, dear friends, for thinking of VCS and sharing God's gifts with us.

I am blessed to tell you that we currently have three graduates pursuing missions work in the near future. Amy hopes to go to Ireland for two years. Genna and Caroline are planning to minister in Guatemala in December. And VCS graduate Stephanie recently passed her boards and is a doctor of physical therapy. Kevan is in a graduate program at the University of South Carolina to complete an advanced degree in sports medicine. Matt completed his four years in the US Marines and served in Afghanistan. VCS thanks God for the educational foundation she affords students who are helping many along the way in various areas of life.

Grateful for your partnership,

  
Susan Caler  
Head of School

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October 31, 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

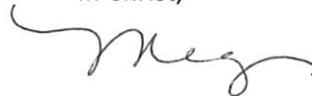
On behalf of the staff and children at Carson Simpson Farm Christian Camp we would like to thank you for your kind donation. We are humbled that you have again shared your resources with us.

We wanted to report that the funds are going directly into our scholarship fund for 2017. Last summer we gave out over \$20,000.00 in scholarship and less than half was covered by donation. This will go directly to bringing low income children to summer camp where they will hear the gospel message of Jesus Christ each week. They will have the opportunity to receive Christ as Savior and take away from camp a life transformed by the Holy Spirit. Your church will be a part of that.

We would love to be included in future decisions for funds. We will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019 and have continued to bring children from low income families from the city of Philadelphia and the tri-county area for a camp experience. Our mission is to glorify God and bring children to Christ through Christian camping. Praise God for individuals and churches who see camp as an important place for God to work in the hearts of children.

If you need any further documentation from us, please let us know. Again we receive your gift with thankful hearts and know that God will use it in a mighty way.

In Christ,



Meg Neitz,  
Program Manager,  
PEACE Ministries Coordinator

Carson-Simpson Farm Christian Center.  
3405 Davisville Road  
Hatboro, PA 19040  
Tel.: 215-659-0232  
www.CSFarm.org

## CHARITABLE TAX RECEIPT

This is an official receipt for income tax purposes

Tax Receipt Number: 766

Date Issued: 10/31/2016

**Donor Information:**

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington PA 19001

**Donation Information:**

Tax Receipt Amount: **\$1,500.00**

Donation Date: 31-Oct-16

Campaign: PEACE Ministries

Fund: PEACE Ministries 2017

Notes: Thank you for your support of our  
PEACE Ministries program. Many  
children will benefit from your  
generosity.

Fed. Tax ID 23-1520316

No goods or services were provided in exchange for your contribution

**Keep this copy for your files**



*"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." (Matthew 10:42, NIV)*

October 26, 2016

Rev. Mike Tavella  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington, PA 19001-1136

Dear Rev. Tavella:

On behalf of the millions of people served daily with safe water, we thank you for your support of Water Mission.

As Christian ministries, we have the joint mission of reaching out to those in need by being the hands and feet of Jesus. Your partnership in fighting the Global Water Crisis provides those we serve with an opportunity to hear about the true Living Water – Jesus Christ.

Our desire is that our relationship would not be simply transactional but transformational in the life of your church. Please take advantage of the many resources available to engage your congregation at [watermission.org](http://watermission.org).

Again, thank you so much for your support of our mission and ministry. We could not continue this work without your prayerful and financial support. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Herr".

Kevin Herr  
Church Partnership Manager

*Thank you for your generous gift which will provide safe water and the hope of Jesus to those in need around the world! In Christ, Kevin Herr*

**Gift Information**

**Gift Date:** 10/24/2016  
**Gift Amount:** \$1,250.00  
**Designation:** Where Most Needed

Water Missions International is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous donation. If this donation has been designated for a specific project or purpose, Water Missions International will make a good-faith effort to fulfill that request. In the event more funds are donated than can be used by a specific need, or if that need changes, Water Missions International will use the funds in a way that most closely aligns with the donor's intent and the mission of the organization. Please retain this letter as your receipt for tax purposes.



A Home for Single Mothers and Children

October 29, 2016

Ms. Linda Cassady  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women's Group  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Ms. Cassady,

Thank you so much for Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church's very generous contribution of \$1,500.00 to the Cradle of Hope. It is our joy to partner with you in this way to provide safe housing for mothers who choose life for their children. Your support is vital and we are thankful for you.

We are currently housing 6 mothers and their children. One of our current residents, Keyana, works part-time in a nursing home. She recently completed home health aide training and is seeking a full-time job. Two mothers at our new residence are working part-time for Every Good Gift, creating and selling gift baskets. A former mother, Shayron, will be graduating with her bachelor's degree in social work this December. These mothers are examples of young women making investments in the future by providing stability, security, and love for their children.

The women in our program work hard and make sacrifices every day to put their children first and do the hard work of parenting. They face significant challenges, strive to overcome them and find a better future for themselves. Here at the Cradle of Hope we seek to come alongside them offering hope, encouragement, prayer, rides, diapers, and more. Your gifts enable us to continue our ministry. You are investing in the life of a young mother and her child and the benefits of that will be reaped for years to come.

Thank you for joining us in this work.

Sincerely,

Betsy Stoltzfus  
Director, Cradle of Hope

Board Members: Eileen Britton, Cornell Davis III, Mershon Hinkel, Maureen Krueger, Esq.,  
Michelle Nejman, Connie Schandein, Cheryl Sumitra, Terri Supka

*"In the day of my trouble, I will call on you, because You answer me.*

*(Psalm 86:7)*

Cradle of Hope is a 501-(c)(3) charitable organization. Your gift is tax-deductible. You did not receive any goods or services in exchange for your contribution. The official registration and financial information of the Cradle of Hope, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

**Cradle of Hope**

1657 The Fairway, #140 • Jenkintown, PA 19046 • 215-572-5937

[www.cradleofhope.net](http://www.cradleofhope.net)



October 27, 2016

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Ms. Susan Tolton  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington, PA 19001-1136

Dear Ms. Tolton:

Thank you for adding the hungry, homeless, and hurting to your Thanksgiving Day shopping list! I am grateful for your support. Through the generous gifts of friends like you, we can continue to provide hearty meals and life changing services to our guests throughout the holiday season.

I love sharing Thanksgiving Day with my family and friends. It is the one time of the year where I can indulge in second helpings of some of my favorite dishes. But I know there are those who have nothing to eat and no home to go to on Thanksgiving Day. Fortunately, for many of our homeless friends, that will not be the case this year thanks to dedicated supporters like you!

You are the friends and the family for the hundreds of homeless men, women, and children who dine at the Mission on Thanksgiving. You come alongside your homeless neighbors and share in a wonderful meal that allows them to feel the bonds of community that fills their hearts with hope. Life transformation usually begins with a single meal at the Mission. Because of your devotion to those in need, you will help provide many life-changing meals this holiday season!

Thank you for your generosity and for showing compassion to the hungry, homeless, and hurting. You are truly making a difference!

Yours in Christ's Service,

Richard J. McMillen  
Executive Director/CEO

P.S. If you have any questions about your donation, please contact Rosalyn Forbes at (215) 922-6400 ext. 1005 or [rforbes@sundaybreakfast.org](mailto:rforbes@sundaybreakfast.org). Thank you for your help!

### DONATION RECEIPT

Donor#	Receipt#	Gift Date	Amount	2016 Giving Total
55122	609679	10/27/2016	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

*This receipt acknowledges that Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission did not provide any goods or services in exchange for your donation. Your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.*



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Baltimore, MD 21230 USA  
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October 25, 2016

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington PA 19001-1136

Dear Friends,

We recently received your gift of \$1,250.00 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! I'd like to share a story of the great work your gift will support.

Dugar Lumbagaol is a 62-year old father of five and coffee farmer in Indonesia. For many years he made a meager living trading rice before he decided to grow coffee instead. Even still, he didn't think coffee would provide enough income to support his family.

But because of gifts like yours, he and other farmers have found much success. Working as a cooperative, Dugar and others have participated in trainings on how to grow good quality coffee and increase their yields. They also have access to a "farmer field school" where they can observe new agricultural methods before trying them on their own farms.

This support has made a world of difference to Dugar and the farmers in his cooperative. Because of his newly acquired skills, he's improved both his coffee quality and yield and is earning more income.

That's just one example of how your gift changes lives around the world. I hope you will visit our website ([lwr.org](http://lwr.org)) or blog ([blog.lwr.org](http://blog.lwr.org)) to learn about more stories! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the LWR staff at 800.597.5972 or [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org).

On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous support and partnership. May God bless you!

Warm Regards,

Daniel V. Speckhard  
President and CEO

*Thank you so much  
for your generous gift!*

*As required by the IRS, this receipt confirms that Lutheran World Relief has given you no goods or services in return for your charitable contribution of \$1,250.00-LWR.*

10-31-16

Dear Friends

Thank you for being a  
strategic partner of your  
persecuted Christian family  
through your prayers and  
recent gift to The Voice of  
the Martyrs

Brenda

Heb. 13:3



The Voice of the Martyrs  
P.O. Box 443  
Bartlesville, OK 74005  
918-337-8015  
[www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)



*Evangelists in restricted nations baptize new converts using any means available — from water cisterns to rivers to showers. This evangelist works in northern Vietnam.*

October 25, 2016

Linda Cassady, Mission Commitment Chairperson  
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
206 Parkview Ave  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Linda,

On behalf of VOM and the persecuted Christians we serve, thank you for your partnership with VOM showing your interest in your persecuted family!

I have put a tickler file update request on my Outlook calendar to remind me we owe you an update on \$1,500 funds designated to where needed most during June, 2017. Please feel free to remind us as the time approaches.

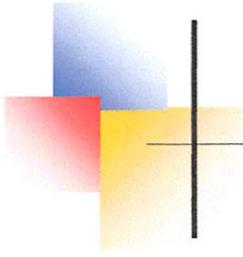
One way to become more engaged with your persecuted Christian family is through volunteering. We have opportunities in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. We have volunteers come from across the USA and they spend a day, a week, a month or longer with us. Check out our website for more details and the volunteer application. <http://www.persecution.com/public/volunteer.aspx> Click on this link and look under short-term volunteers. You should see a 'here' highlighted, please click and you should see the volunteer application. Wynette Kliewer is the volunteer coordinator and can answer any questions you might have about the volunteer approval process.

If we can be of further service to you, please feel free to call or email at your convenience.

In His service,



Brenda K Matlock  
Strategic Partner Services Manager  
(877)337-0458 toll-free  
sps@vom-usa.org



**ATLANTIC MISSION DISTRICT**



**NALC**  
North American Lutheran Church

January, 2017

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
The Rev. Michael G. Tavella & The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$1,500 for October—December, 2016 to the Atlantic Mission District of the North American Lutheran Church. Thank you also for your total 2016 benevolence gift of \$1,716.05. Your support of the Atlantic Mission District is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Rev. David McGettigan  
Dean, Atlantic Mission District

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
 2086 PARKVIEW AVE  
 ABINGTON, PA 19001-1136

Thank you for your prayers and gift of \$1,000.00 (*details below*). Your financial contribution helps advance the King's work as your missionaries bring the Gospel to those least likely to have heard, believed, or benefitted from its saving and transforming power. Our monthly newsletter is a quality mission & prayer resource which brings you the latest news on your 100 missionaries at work in 20 countries. Write mobilize@wmpl.org or phone the number above to request a free subscription. We'll be happy to send it via postal mail, e-mail, or both.

Received	Designated Fund	Amount	Note
3/3/2017	Diedone and Serafina Panzo - Ministry Fund	\$1,000.00	

Gift Type: Check  
 Account Number: 683  
 Year To Date Giving: \$1,000.00

**Please retain this receipt for your records.**

While we make every effort to honor the designation of each gift, WMPL exercises discretion over the allocation of donated funds, per IRS regulations. You have received no goods or services as a result of deductible donation(s) -- only intangible spiritual or religious benefits. We are a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Your donation is deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

*You may return this portion with a future gift. Please make check payable to WMPL.*

Previous Gift Received	Previous Designation	Previous Amount
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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Account # 683)  
 2086 Parkview Ave  
 Abington, PA 19001-1136

e-mail: MGTavella@msn.com

Please, correct your address & email, if needed.  
 Let's go paperless. Please send future receipts via email.

Please, note fund (re)designation below, if applicable.

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March 3, 2017

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington PA 19001-1136

Dear Friends,

We recently received your gift of \$1,200.00 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! I'd like to share a story of the great work your gift will support.

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On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous support and partnership. May God bless you!

Warm Regards,

Daniel V. Speckhard  
President and CEO

*Thank you!*

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Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Mission Committee  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington, PA 19090

March 28, 2017

Dear Mrs. Cassady and the Holy Trinity Mission Committee,

The Inter-Faith Food Cupboard has been blessed to be associated with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church since 1970 when the Women's Committee agreed to give us a home. Holy Trinity has supported our mission to fight hunger in our community in many ways, including donating food every week, providing gift cards for our clients at the holidays, and recently a generous gift from the Mission Committee. Your gift of \$1,500 for our holiday give-away and subsequent gift of \$1,500 for purchasing food has been like a life raft in a sea of hunger in our community.

At Thanksgiving Inter-Faith served 282 individuals and families 2 bags of non-perishables and a \$20.00 gift card to Giant Food Stores. The \$20 card is valuable to people who wish to buy fresh meat or produce for their holiday meal. The Mission committee provided many of those cards. At Christmas, Inter-Faith served 200 families with 2 bags and a \$10.00 gift card.

I have enclosed 3 letters from clients that came in at Christmas. When receiving our donations, most of the clients express their gratitude with a "Thank you and God bless you." They are grateful for every little offering of help as they have many struggles in their lives. Holy Trinity has been a colossal help to Inter-Faith, and the special gift from the Mission Fund has truly been a blessing. Thank you for including Inter-Faith in your mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Kelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rebecca Kelly  
Food Cupboard Coordinator

Thank you so much for helping  
me to provide food for my family.  
Also the workers there are so  
kind and friendly. They seem  
so happy to help others who  
are struggling to make ends meet.  
Thank you and God bless  
you all, The Martin Family

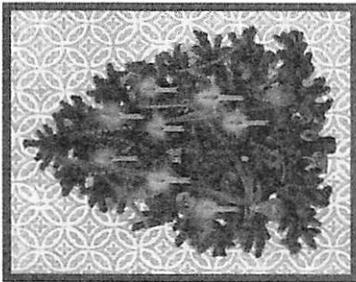
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Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

I just want you to know, that  
I greatly appreciate your Food  
Cupboard. The gift bags of food  
that I receive have been a  
great blessing to my family. There  
have even been items, that my  
children claimed for their lunch  
and snack time. Not to mention the  
delicious turkey we all enjoyed on Thanksgiving.

To All At The  
Minnie's  
Food

Wishing you  
all the happiness  
your holiday can hold.  
Merry Christmas!



Thank-  
you &  
God  
of  
Heaven!  
Merry  
Christmas  
love  
Margaret  
& Tom

484-274-2774



To All the Staff at  
the Food Bank.

Hoping your holiday is flat out fun!

**Merry Christmas**

Thank you for all you do for myself & family  
in this time of need. May you all have a  
Blessed, Healthy, Happy New Year.

Thank you  
Christine Rhoades & Family

# Helping the Hungry, Homeless & Hurting

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington, PA 19002

Dear Mission Committee Chairperson,

Thank you so much for the gift you sent in October of 2016 from Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Abington. Holy Trinity's almost ten years of support is a true testament to your desire to help others and spread the gospel!

As you know, Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission has ministered to the poor and disadvantaged in Philadelphia for over 130 years. Not only that, but Sunday Breakfast is the only free service provider of breakfast, lunch, and dinner on every day of the year in Philadelphia! Over the past few years, our efforts have been expanding outside of Center City and into the surrounding counties.

Your generous donation provided resources for those in Montgomery County. Despite the relative tranquility of Montgomery County, poverty, addiction, and homelessness exist below the surface – hidden from the public eye.

The Montgomery County Outreach initiative has focused on homeless prevention and poverty alleviation by helping families secure housing, pay utility bills, and purchase groceries. This past year, we have introduced a Poverty Seminar series that focuses on the issues of addiction, homelessness, and food scarcity in the Montgomery County community.

I truly hope that we will continue to partner together in the fight to end homelessness in Philadelphia and Montgomery County!

Yours in Christ's Service,

Rosalyn Forbes  
Director of Development  
(215)922-6400 ext. 1005  
[rforbes@sundaybreakfast.org](mailto:rforbes@sundaybreakfast.org)  
Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission





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May 12, 2017

Linda Cassady, Mission Commitment Chairperson  
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Abington PA 19001-1136

Dear Friends in Christ at Holy Trinity,

This is to thank you for your \$1000 gift of financial support to our congregation – the second such gift we have received from you. It is also to apologize for being so slow in writing you a letter of appreciation. Be assured that your gift was and is much appreciated. It has helped us in our mission as a congregation.

Your gift is being used in a couple of valuable ways. You may remember that last year's gift was used, in part, to purchase new church management software. The next step, of course, has been the entry of a huge amount of data into the new program. (We're starting from scratch, rather than importing old data, on the assumption that this will result in a much more accurate database.) A member of our congregation is putting many hours into this, and we would like to offer her a stipend for this work.

The other use for these funds will be the transitional costs of hiring and training a new office secretary for First Lutheran. Our current secretary is retiring this fall after twenty-five years of service, and we hope for as smooth a transition as possible.

We continue to be touched by your willingness to consider us as recipients for this gift, as well as by your constant prayers for us. You are regularly in our prayers as well.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Pastor Carl L.M. Rasmussen*

*Pastor Carl L.M. Rasmussen - (815)522-3886 Office - (815)762-4666 Cell*

*"First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First"*



# ST. MARK'S *Classical Academy*

*"where the instruction which enlightens the understanding is not separated from the moral education which amends the heart." — Alexis de Tocqueville*

Nursery School - [stmarksnursery.org](http://stmarksnursery.org) (215.884.2014)  
Grammar School - [stmarksclassical.org](http://stmarksclassical.org) (215.884.7660)

May 8, 2017

Dear Linda Cassady and the Missions Committee at Holy Trinity,

Many thanks to you for your generous support of St. Mark's Classical Academy last year. Your gift of \$1,000 went towards allowing a student with limited financial resources be able to attend the school. We are committed to enrolling students irrespective of the amount that they are able to pay and to do so, we need the support of friends like you all at Holy Trinity. Our philosophy is to ask all families to sacrificially contribute something (in keeping with their means) but that none should be turned away based on finances alone.

As of today, we are approximately 1 month away from the completion of our 4th year of classes. Our hearts are full with thanksgiving to God for his faithfulness to us over these past years and equally they are full of hope for the future. There is much yet to do!

Even a casual cultural observer will note that we are living in a time in which it is critical that the Church come alongside parents as they endeavor to fulfill their vocation to raise children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Furthermore, I am convinced that it is increasingly important that parishes such as Holy Trinity and St. Marks work together to accomplish these ends and so once again: thank you for your generous support last year!

Every morning at our school we begin the day with a traditional Anglican service of sung Matins in the course of which we all pray: "Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has committed to thy holy Church the care and nurture of thy children; enlighten with thy wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of thy truth, they may worship thee and serve thee from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord." That succinct statement goes a long way in encapsulating the reason for which St. Mark's Academy exists. We are endeavoring to do our part in preparing a new generation of virtuous and thoughtful disciples who have both the moral fiber and the intellectual tools necessary to live both as faithful disciples of Jesus as well as principled leaders in our society.

A constant theme for me these past several months is summarized in the 1st verse of Psalm 127, which reads: *Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it.* We are doing **a lot of building** here – building a new school and an excellent faculty, who know that education entails not only the informing of the mind, but also the formation of the heart to love the right things (and ultimately to love God himself). In our (intentionally small) classrooms, students are being built into disciples and young scholars, whose imaginations are enlivened as they are drawn into their studies and tutored to love learning, and as they are equipped with the tools to be joyful learners for the whole of their lives.

The Lord has honored these efforts with growth in enrollment, such that this summer we will need to build 2 new classrooms to house students this Fall. Having begun with 7 students, this September we anticipate an enrollment of nearly 40 (K-6th grade), which is up from a total of 24 this year. Thanks be to God for the continued health and growth of our school!

As we prepare for the start of our 5th year, I am very aware of 2 realities: we are completely dependent upon the Lord to “build the house” and we need building-partners like you.

To begin this Fall with a balanced budget, we need to raise \$50,000 in outside support. Some of these funds will help us to build new classrooms, while the rest will be used to provide financial assistance to students in need of scholarships. By God’s grace \$36,000 has already been given, leaving \$14,000 yet to be pledged.

We would be honored for you and your committee to consider St. Mark’s Academy as you allocate missions funds this Fall. Funds could be designated towards the building of a new classroom or towards student scholarships.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch with me if you have any concerns or questions.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Patterson" followed by a small cross symbol.

Fr. Jason Patterson, Rector



A Home for Single Mothers and Children

March 7, 2017

Ms. Linda Cassady  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women's Group  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Ms. Linda Cassady,

The Cradle of Hope, a home for single mothers and children in Glenside, will celebrate our **20<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary** Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, in Glenside, PA. We are also celebrating the acquisition of our second home which opened in June 2016, enabling us to house three more mothers and their children. Because of the generosity of organizations like yours and others, Cradle of Hope continues to provide housing and support services, offering hope to young women in crisis. The celebration will take place at Cradle of Hope, 2238 Mount Carmel Ave., 2 to 5 PM.

Being small and community based, we rely on support from local churches, businesses and organizations. Please consider supporting our spring fundraiser on May 7. We will acknowledge your sponsorship in our event program. Your sponsorship will enable us to continue this much needed work in our community, moving mothers and children from homelessness to training, employment, and permanent housing.

Thank you very much for considering our request.

*Betsy Stoltzfus*

Director, Cradle of Hope

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I'd like to sponsor the Cradle of Hope Spring Banquet

Enclosed is my contribution for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

- \$ 100 Sponsor
- \$ 250 Silver Sponsor
- \$ 500 Gold Sponsor

Yes, I or someone from my organization would like to attend! Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cradle of Hope**

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[www.cradleofhope.net](http://www.cradleofhope.net)

June 13, 2017

Linda Cassady, Mission Commitment Chairperson  
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Ave  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Linda,

Your persecuted Christian family thanks you and your church family for their love, prayers and support. We appreciate church families such as Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church partnering with us. I understand your church history proves your interest in supporting individuals' spiritual and physical needs in the name of Jesus Christ. Your member's financial support brings great joy to your persecuted brothers and sisters.

Our mission is to serve persecuted Christians through practical and spiritual assistance while leading the members of the Body of Christ into fellowship with them. One of our five main purposes is to promote the fellowship of all believers by informing the world of the faith and courage of persecuted Christians, thereby inspiring believers to a deeper level of commitment to Christ and involvement in His Great Commission. Thank you for helping VOM accomplish that purpose.

In October, 2016 your donation of \$1,500 to 'where needed most' was used to support persecuted Christians like Susan Ithungu. Her personal story is attached as a report on how the donation was used. VOM helps children like Susan, who are abused or abandoned by their parents after coming to faith in Christ. Let us know if there is anything else necessary to apply for future donations or if you have any questions.

Thank you again for partnering with us. The number one item requested by persecuted Christians is prayers and the second one is the Bible. Please continue to pray for your persecuted Christian family!

In His service,



Brenda K Matlock  
Strategic Partner Services Manager  
(877)337-0458, [sps@vom.org](mailto:sps@vom.org)

# Susan

Persecuted at age 13 in Uganda  
PRISONER FOR SIX MONTHS

The thin, 13-year-old girl shifted painfully in the dark, trying to remember how long she had been locked up. Although she wasn't exactly sure, she knew it had been months. Her stomach rumbled with hunger, and she hoped that her brother might soon slip another roasted banana under the door. Her father hadn't fed her since locking her in the cramped space.

Soon after Susan Ithungu came to know Christ in 2009, her Muslim father began to beat her, once even threatening to kill her with a knife. After trying for months to persuade Susan to deny Christ, he finally locked her in a small space in their mud shanty. Six months passed before neighbors realized what was happening to Susan and notified the police, who rescued her and took her to a hospital.

A pastor who visited her immediately after her rescue said she was extremely thin and unable to walk or talk. "Her hair had turned yellow, she had long fingernails and sunken eyes, and she looked very slim, less than 45 pounds," he said.

## Abused and Rejected

Sadly, Susan's story is not unique in Uganda. While 85 percent of the country's population is Christian, those who convert from Islam to Christianity face persecution and physical abuse from family members if they convert

from Islam to Christianity.

Susan suffered from untreated malaria while locked away in the small room, and the months of calcium deficiency affected her growing bones. After two major operations on her left femur, she can now walk with crutches.

VOM paid Susan's medical bills and provided funds that enabled her to travel to a hospital in Kenya. We also provided living expenses for her and her Christian caregiver, Dreda. She and Dreda relocated to another village, where Susan is protected from her father.

Through all of her difficulties, Susan has held onto her faith. "I feel very well," she said with a smile, "because I'm now with Christ."

A VOM worker who visited Susan in July said she remains faithful but is experiencing some new challenges with her bones. Early next year she is scheduled to return to Kenya for a review of her condition and additional care.

"This girl has gone through a tough time," the VOM worker said. "She has, however, stood firm no matter what she had to go through, including rejection by [her] father and subjection to walking by crutches. She has pulled through and is growing stronger in the Lord every moment."

## I Am Still Strong

Those who have cared for Susan have helped her realize that God will never

leave her in her time of need. Thanks to VOM supporters, she is finishing seventh grade at a school equipped to handle her special physical needs and getting her life back on track. Susan shares her story in churches around the country and encourages other believers to continue to pray for persecuted Christians. She hopes to someday be able to share the gospel with her father and others who hurt her.

"I am happy with life now," she said. "I did not know that I will be back to school. Whenever I was taken to hospital, I knew my life would be even harder, but God is great. I am still strong. Thank you so much for looking after my life. Your money and prayers are so good to me. Please continue praying for me. I want to study hard and get to university so that I can also help other people who are like me. May God bless you so much."

Dreda, Susan's caregiver, said that she, too, is grateful for the help VOM has given Susan.

"Since [VOM] came in to support her, we have been so fine," she said. "We have been to the hospital many times because of Susan's health, but God is faithful because the support we receive has been sufficient to cover us. Thank you for the love, and may God be with you always."

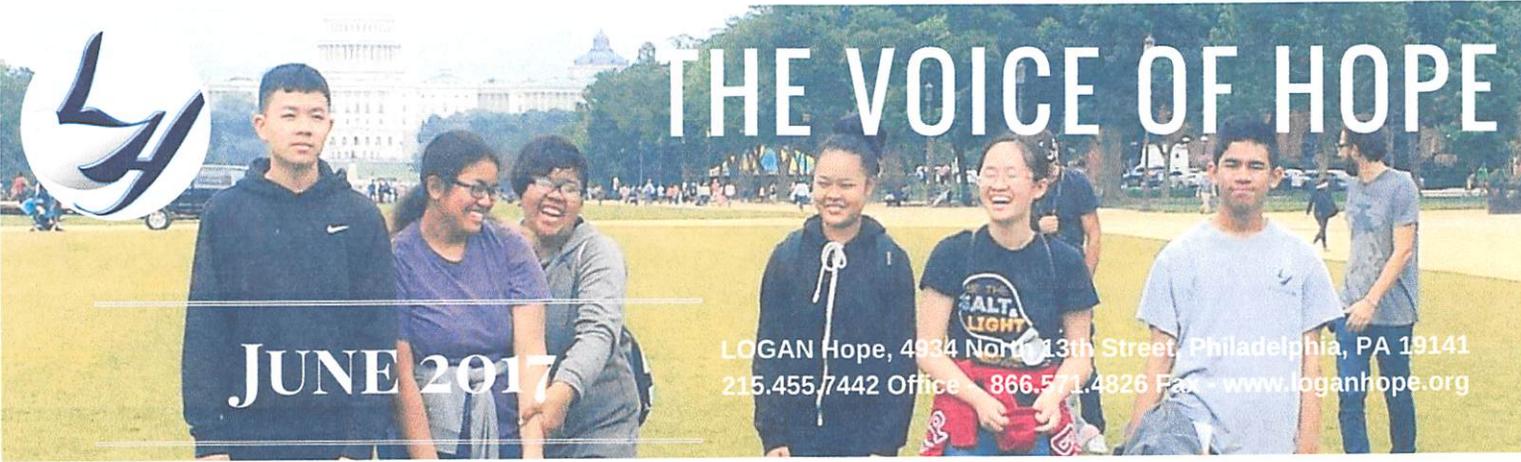
VOM continues to help children like Susan, who are abused or abandoned by their parents after coming to faith in Christ.

*"Thank you so much for looking after my life. Your money and prayers are so good to me. Please continue praying for me."*

— Susan



**"GOD IS GREAT.  
I AM STILL  
STRONG."**



# THE VOICE OF HOPE

JUNE 2017

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## LETTER FROM OUR NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL

"Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable." Isaiah 40:21

Summer means excitement and change at LOGAN Hope. As summer break begins, our school is filled with students who have traded their uniforms for shorts and flip-flops. They are eagerly planning and decorating the school for our Summer Day Camp. As our building gets transformed, it is filled with anticipation of the new pace and activity that summer brings.

As a school, we are navigating through a season of change that is new to us all, as we simultaneously hold to our roots and grow in new directions. In this season, we need to fully embrace our God who does not change, who is unsearchable in His wisdom and understanding, and whose grace and love remain constant.

I am deeply encouraged by God's words to His people in Isaiah chapter 40. Seasons are always changing, just like our school from winter to spring, summer to fall. "The grass withers, the flower fades," says verse 8, "but the word of our God will stand forever."

I invite you to join with us as a school as we learn to trust God's amazing plan for our students, teachers, founders, and community!

Jim Sovocool  
LOGAN Hope Head of School

## LOGAN HOPE 2016-17 AWARDS

This year, over 50% of our students earned nothing less than a B on all of their report cards! Honor roll is awarded to students who earned A's and B's throughout the year while the Principal Gold award reflects the students who maintained straight A's on every report card!

*Note: Kindergartners are graded on a different scale and are not eligible to receive either award.*

### HONOR ROLL

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| Enoch 1st    | Blessing 2nd | Kayla 4th    |
| Delilah 1st  | Malynda 2nd  | Sopheary 4th |
| Keithann 1st | Natalie 2nd  | Ciara 4th    |
| Jonathan 1st | Gideon 3rd   | Brian 5th    |
| Yarina 1st   | Prassat 3rd  | Tajhay 5th   |
| Sophia 1st   | Breanna 3rd  | Alex 5th     |
| Kyra 2nd     | Azuriya 3rd  | Andrew 6th   |
| Bijuu 2nd    | Destin 3rd   | Philip 7th   |
| Iyana 2nd    | Nathan 3rd   | Aaron 8th    |
| Silinna 2nd  | Angelie 3rd  | Adrian 8th   |
| Kyran 2nd    | Azariah 4th  | Chanah 7th   |
|              | Logan 4th    |              |

### PRINCIPAL GOLD

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| Bethany 1st | Jayden 4th   |
| Zara 2nd    | Jahnee 4th   |
| Namir 3rd   | Dan 5th      |
| Allen 3rd   | Margaret 6th |
| Mayah 3rd   | Belinda 8th  |



# Joy in June for LOGAN Hope

Every dollar donated to LOGAN Hope School during the month of June will be matched up to \$40,000 by an anonymous donor.



 to Double your donation!  
visit [www.loganhope.org](http://www.loganhope.org)

## 8th Grade Washington DC Trip

Thanks to one of our kind hearted donors, the LOGAN Hope 8th Grade class were able to culminate their time at LOGAN Hope with a trip to Washington D.C. for three days.

The students were able to visit spots that they learned about this year. During the three days our class was in Washington D.C., they went to The Air and Space Museum, The Native American History Museum, The Sackler Museum of Asian Art, The African American History Museum, The Newseum and The Holocaust Museum. The students also took a night time tour of the monuments. On the last day of the trip, our students spent the day at Mt. Vernon where they participated in a "Slave Life" Tour.



## LOGAN HOPE 2017 GRADUATES

On Tuesday, June 13, 2017, our 8th graders graduated from LOGAN Hope School! Many of them have attended the school since they were in kindergarten, and are now headed off to some of the best schools in the city including Central High School and Cristo Rey High School.

We are so proud of their accomplishments and looking forward to seeing what the future holds for these students.



## AMAZON SMILE

Are you a frequent Amazon buyer? Did you know you can support LOGAN Hope on Amazon every time you shop? By using Amazon Smile and setting the non-profit/charity that you would like to support to LOGAN Hope, every time you purchase something from Amazon, a portion of the proceeds goes to our school.



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Donor
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Check No.	Payment Method
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Item	Amount
Church Contribution	2,000.00

Thanks for your partnership with LOGAN Hope!	<b>Total</b> \$2,000.00
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All contributions are income tax deductible and are made with the understanding that LOGAN Hope has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds.



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November, 2016



### The TUN SISTERS

Last school year we had two sisters enroll in LOGAN Hope School, Ayanna and Deanna, in Kindergarten. These young girls are part of the "Smiley Club." The Smiley Club is those students who can't wait until school starts. These sisters, along with several other students walk into school with big smiles that become contagious among the students and staff.



Their aunt, Tavey, (2014) graduated from LHS three years ago. "My younger sister [Tavey] graduated from LHS and attends Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School," exclaims their mother. "Tavey is doing great there. I want my girls to have the same great opportunity as their aunt."

Ayanna loves Math and Science and Deanna loves Art, Reading and her teacher. Their family is under resourced and underserved in the Logan community in Philadelphia. At LOGAN Hope School they will be more prepared for their future academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually. We are thankful that they could attend LOGAN Hope School.



### Art & Transformations

Two professional theater make-up artists came to LOGAN Hope to show how they transform people into characters for plays or movies. Ziare (above) sports his fake wound. Zara and Kennedi model their make overs.

Justice and Percilla (right) show their scars. Thankfully, they wash off.

These artist put on a show in one week with children. Make up is just part of the work they do at Missoula Children's Theater. We have five students participating in their play *Peter and Wendy*.



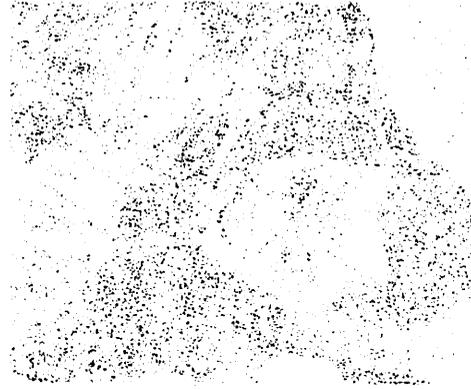
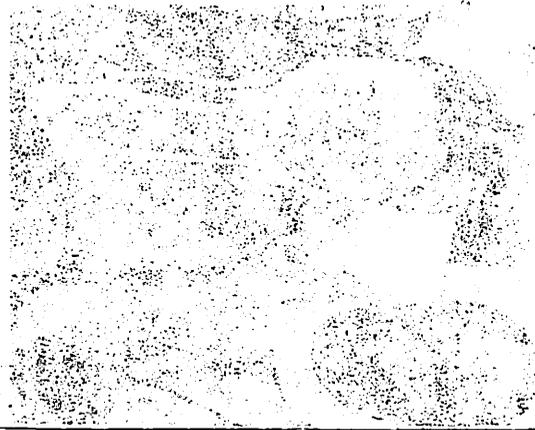
"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel...."

Philippians 1:3-5a



**Thank you for your partnership with LOGAN Hope!!**

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# Joy in June

June 12, 2017

Each year, at Joy in June, we raise money to support the educational resources and activities necessary to continue providing our under-resourced students with a quality, private school education.

It has been my honor to work at LOGAN Hope for the past 6 months. I have witnessed such amazing, talented and passionate people. Joy in June has been one of my highlights as Director of Development at LOGAN Hope. Seeing the joy in our students faces as they had the chance to perform for our LOGAN Hope supporters was priceless. I would love to send a heartfelt thank you to all of you who took time out of your weekend to support the mission of LOGAN Hope School.

A big thank you goes out to our dedicated supporters Deb Hedrick and St. John's Anglican Church for making this event possible. Most of all, thank you to the wonderful students of LOGAN Hope who inspire me on a daily basis.

I am personally grateful to be a part of this wonderful school and community.

I want to invite each and everyone of you to come and share in our LOGAN Hope mission. I invite you to come take a tour of LOGAN Hope, please call me at (310) 463-9590 or email me at [kimberly@loganhope.org](mailto:kimberly@loganhope.org) to set up a time to come and share in the joy of LOGAN Hope School.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Brennan  
Director of Development

## LOGAN HOPE JOY IN JUNE PHOTOS



### AMAZON Smile

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# THANK YOU

*On behalf of LOGAN Hope we would like to thank the businesses and families who donated items and certificates to our auction and raffle.*

*Their commitment to helping LOGAN Hope is sincerely appreciated.*

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Limekiln Golf Club

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November 9, 2016

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
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Attention: Linda Cassady

Dear Christian Friends,

The people of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, State College, Pennsylvania, are deeply grateful for your congregation's recent gift to us. And we are encouraged to learn that you hope to provide additional financial support for us in the coming year.

We at Emmanuel have used your gifts principally for advertising in our local papers. While the cost for advertising is expensive, we have found it to be quite effective in drawing people to our church. No fewer than five people have worshiped with us and have joined our congregation as a result of our advertising efforts. For a congregation of fifty worshipers, this is a significant number.

We will continue to use your gifts as well in printing brochures and other materials.

On behalf of the people of Emmanuel, I thank you again for Holy Trinity's support, and we pledge to use your gifts to enlarge our mission and ministry here in State College.

In Christ,

  
Paull E. Spring  
Pastor

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January 22, 2017

The Rev. Dr Michael Tavella  
The Rev. N. Amanda Grimmer  
Members of  
Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
2086 Parkview Avenue  
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Prs. Tavella, Grimmer, and the members of Holy Trinity,

We recently received a check for \$1,000 in support of the ministry of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, State College, PA. We thank you very much for this generous outpouring of your love for Christ and his ministry here in State College. Throughout Paul's letters, we read about the collection he took for the saints in Jerusalem, as well as the support he received from established congregations to support his mission work in new congregations. Clearly, you are following the example set by Paul and many of the congregations of the early church. There is so much to do to get a congregation established in its ministry. Your gift to us is more than encouraging. It is a tangible reminder that the Lord will indeed provide for his people as they step out in ministry.

Once again, thank you for your generous support and the encouragement it brings. Please pray for us that Emmanuel will be faithful to our Lord's calling and commission.

In Christ,

Chris Milarch, Pastor

Paull Spring, Pastor

Lisa Bierlein, President

Kristin James, Vice-President

Karen Foard, Secretary

Eric Anderton, Treasurer

God With Us!

11/12/16

Dear friends of the Holy Trinity  
Church family,

I was blessed recently by a  
generous gift to my ministry  
with Wycliffe from your church.  
Thank you so much for partnering  
with me as I serve missionary  
homeschooling families.

The Lord has allowed me  
to serve by relieving the parents  
of homeschooling responsibility  
for short periods. During that  
time they may do intense language  
study, work on a linguistics paper, or

When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy  
and my heart's delight . . . . Jeremiah 15:16

even just take some R & R.

I love working with the  
children, and am so happy to  
provide some "free" time to  
the parents. One of the wonderful  
things about teaching is that I  
continue to learn myself.

My health has been good - a  
gift from Him! - and I would  
be privileged to continue my  
service here in Mexico for an  
indefinite period - as He wills.

Thanks for being a part of  
my team.

Blessings,  
Marge Kubson  
Sincere teacher with Wycliffe!

Calligraphy by Timothy R. Botts



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