



Thread of Grace

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Smart Cookies Campaign Kicks Off This Month!

Summer is here and now is the time to start planning your Smart Cookies Bake Sale. Smart Cookies is a way for churches and individuals to raise funds for Haiti in a fun and tasty manner! It's easy to do... just coordinate some volunteers to bake and then host a bake sale with all funds benefiting Ministry in Mission: Haiti School Sponsorship programs.

If you're a Thrivent member, use an **Action Team** to pay for the supplies needed to make the baked goods and you'll be ready to host your Smart Cookie sale.

Turn to Page 3 for the flyer you can customize with your sale information. So gather your team, turn on those ovens and get baking for the Haitian kids!



THANKS LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION (LWML)

Jackie Rychel, President of Ministry In Mission, was given the opportunity to speak at the LWML national convention, to more than 3000 attendees, in Mobile, Alabama during the weekend of June 22, 2019. Jackie had much to be thankful for as the members of the LWML have been very generous to Ministry in Mission and its work in Haiti.

Grant for Jacmel Lutheran Home

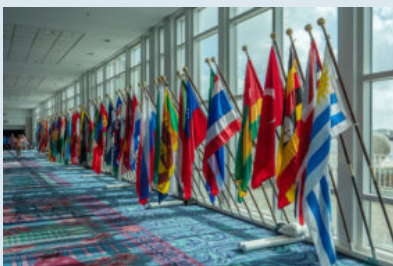
At the 2017 convention, the LWML voted to provide a \$100,000 grant to Ministry in Mission to construct the Jacmel Lutheran Home, an elder care home in Jacmel, Haiti.

Jackie shared photographs of the construction, training of the Haitian elder care staff, and moving in of the residents. She also thanked all the missionaries who helped, prayed and donated to the elder care home. In particular the missionary team from Lutheran Family Service of Iowa for their partnership in evaluating prospective residents, staff training and their physical help in moving the new residents into the home.

Scope of Ministry in Mission Projects

Jackie also gave a more detailed presentation on the entire scope of Ministry In Mission's efforts at a luncheon on Saturday, June, 22.

Enjoy the photos of the LWML convention by Mark Rychel Photography. To see more, visit our website <http://www.ministryinmission.org/thanks-lutheran-women-in-mission-lwml/>



Message from MnM President, Jackie Rychel

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ and Friends of Ministry in Mission:

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ and wish you a blessed summer.

Generous donors of time, talent and monetary donations have helped achieve great success through prayer. The Lord has blessed us with the clarity of direction and means to start, complete and support many projects in Haiti.

Ministry in Mission has been instrumental in continuing disaster relief for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod since Hurricane Matthew decimated entire villages in October of 2016. As a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS, Ross Johnson the Director of LCMS Disaster Response called Ministry in Mission and asked if we could manage the project in Haiti. With grants totaling more than \$500,000 we have provided air flights of food, medical teams to rural mountain villages, roofs for Pastors homes, and are continuing to restore and rebuild the churches that were damaged or in some cases completely blown away! We have been greatly blessed with partners such as Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to serve side by side.

We continue to support the projects in Jacmel as reported below:

- **The Christian Eldercare program.** With thanks to the Lutheran Women in Mission donating mite money, the Jacmel Lutheran Home opened in January of 2019 to residents that were forgotten and neglected. Elderly men and women without family to care for them live and receive spiritual and physical care. In the short time the home has been open we are seeing improvement in the health and spiritual wellbeing. This has been an opportunity to "make disciples of all nations" as the Lord instructs us in Matthew 28:19.

You have helped this ministry succeed through spiritual, social, monetary and physical support as generous donors give of their treasure to make it happen. Teams visit dozens of individuals in the seniorcommunity each time they mission in Haiti.

- **The Jacmel Feeding program** has been funded for eight years with your support. It has been increasingly difficult to keep this program running as donations have declined. A very generous donor has come forward to provide a portion of the monthly expense of feeding the poorest of the poor but there is still a shortfall of \$700 each month.
- **The John 3:16 Guesthouse** continues to provide safe housing for missionaries and employment for our beloved Haitian Brothers and Sisters.
- Support of more than 500 students is providing **Christian education** in several schools in and around Jacmel.

- **Computer classes** continue in a facility adjacent from the church. This is a benefit to many students that do not have computers or training in the local schools.
- **A daily hot lunch** for students, teachers and administrator continues to be provided at The Rouse Ecole Montessori School. The grants providing this meal have been exhausted. Ministry in Mission is praying for a donor to come forward to continue this program.
- **The Center of Refuge Orphanage** continues to thrive. Through sponsorships Ministry in Mission provides a monthly stipend to offset food costs. A few additional children joined the orphanage placed through Social Services this past year.

Last year we worked together for the greater good of our beloved friends in Haiti and collected over \$5000.00 in our **SMART COOKIE Campaign**. Across the US we held a united bake sale! Youth, Churches, LWML groups, VBS classes and individuals came together. It was a magnificent display of the Holy Spirit working among obedient Christians that gathered together for a specific purpose.

Matthew 18:20 **"For where two or three gathers together as my followers, I am there among them."**

SMART COOKIES. No cookie left behind in the summer of 2019! Just choose a date and hold a bake sale or a "bake-less" bake sale. All proceeds will come through Ministry in Mission and be used to provide a stipend for food for the elderly and orphan children monthly. We will provide an event page on Facebook where you can advertise your event and share successes. You can also leave messages at ministryinmission.org to let others see how you are doing. If you cannot physically host a bake sale at your church please consider a collection where contributors can make a donation for the cause. Vacation Bible School is a great way to build awareness for children in need. Perhaps the children can collect for the Center of Refuge Orphanage, the Jacmel Feeding Program or the Eldercare Program. Please conclude all collection of money by October 1, 2019.

For your convenience, a flyer is attached for you to advertise your event. Just put details specific to your event in the blank white area and use it for all your advertising.

Smart Cookies Serving the Lord,

Jackie Rychel

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Ministry in Mission

President and Founder

Smart Cookies

Charity Bake Sale

To support education and feeding programs in Jacmel, Haiti
"Leave no cookie behind!"



Smart Cookies Charity Bake Sale is a US campaign, created by Ministry in Mission, which unites churches and interested parties for a cause. During the months of June through August, participating groups will bake and sell delicious treats with all profits going to Center of Refuge Orphanage in Jacmel, Haiti, as well as support feeding programs within the same region.

Help us realize our goal of educating and feeding the orphaned children in Jacmel, Haiti, by purchasing from our bake sale!



Ministry in Mission is a 501(c)3 organization which exists to support, strengthen and provide resources for missions at home and around the world. To learn more about Ministry in Mission and Center of Refuge Orphanage visit www.ministryinmission.org.



Support Ministry in Mission in 2019

Ministry in Mission offers several options to support education, an orphan and a senior.

School & Orphanage Sponsorship Programs

Haitian Student Sponsorship Program for the Iowa District West of the LCMS. To sponsor a child's education, contact the Olofsons by email at cjo@q.com or by calling 515-432-6884.

The Center of Refuge Orphanage. To sponsor a child from the orphanage, contact Helen at 216-407-8594 or arlen0929@roadrunner.com.

Jacmel, Haiti Educational Sponsorship Program. To sponsor a child in the Jacmel educational sponsorship program, contact Pam by email at pamelajuris@gmail.com or by calling her at 216-559-2336.

Elder Care Sponsorship

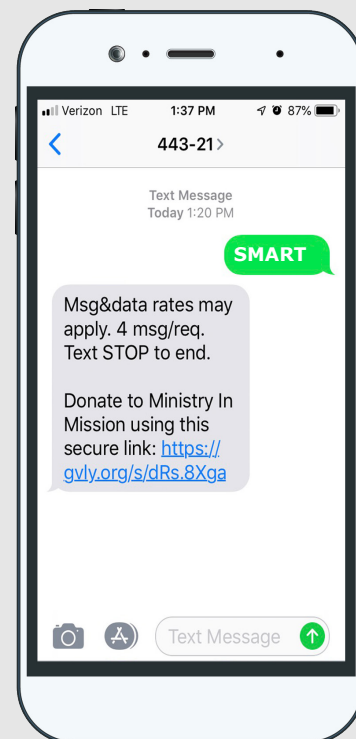
If your heart leads you to support elderly, here's your opportunity. The Eldercare program is facilitated in two ways. Mission teams visit elderly living in their own home or with loved ones and are brought comfort, prayers and food. Though this is not consistent, our man on the ground, Emmanuel Michele, visits the seniors weekly and reports back to Ministry in Mission if further assistance is required. As we strived to make this program more efficient in helping those household with greater need, the Lord lit the path to the Jacmel Lutheran Home. The cost to run the home is \$40,000 yearly. In addition, as the residents need end of life care, funeral expenses must be available. Ministry in Mission is requesting \$1,000 per occupant.

General Fund

If you would like to make a donation to our general fund, we will utilize your dollars where needed to make the most impact on our work in Haiti. All funds go directly to our mission work as Ministry in Mission does not have any administrative fees.

♥ How to Give ♥

- **Visit www.ministryinmission.org and click on the Donate button.**
- **Donate via Paypal.** To designate how you would like your donation funds directed, add a note in the "Add special instructions" section.
- **Send a Check.** If you prefer to write a check, send it to our office in Chesterland, Ohio and note in the memo section of the check how the funds should be directed. Ministry in Mission, 13442 Shady Lane, Chesterland, OH 44026
- **TEXT 443-21 with SMART** in the message and receive a link to contribute via Apple Pay or other credit card.
- **Thrivent Choice Dollars.** If you are a Thrivent member, you could have Choice Dollars available to donate. Consider directing those to Ministry in Mission.
- **Amazon Smile.** If you shop frequently on Amazon, consider using Amazon Smile and direct Ministry in Mission as the recipient of the funds Amazon donates.
- **Set up a Facebook "Donate Your Birthday" fundraiser**
- **Secure a Thrivent Action Team grant and host a fundraiser like Smart Cookies Bake Sale!**



MORE CONVENTION PHOTOS



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