

Missouri District LWML Mission Grant 2008-2010

Refugee Women's Bible-Based ESL Small Groups,
Christian Friends of New Americans, St. Louis \$20,000

Please note that no photos are posted because of the fears and dangers here
and abroad that refugees and their extended families face.

Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA) provides programs that connect refugees with Christians who can help them assimilate into American life. The dominant religious background of these refugees is Muslim. Training refugee women in English and life skills and providing a connection to Christian friends and the Christian message leads to family and community involvement in other opportunities provided by CFNA. LWML mites would provide funding to maintain two Bible based English as a Second Language (ESL) small groups over two years. Illiterate refugee women and those with beginning-level English skills respond enthusiastically to the *English in Action* materials. These materials use the Bible to improve their skills in speaking, reading and writing in English, while they learn to know Jesus and enjoy caring relationships with Christian mentors and one another in small groups. All of CFNA programs have the ultimate aim to share the Good News of Jesus.

Dear Jesus, Friend of sinners, we ask your blessings on these Christian Friends of New Americans as they are being friends sharing Christ with predominantly Muslim refugees. As they use materials that use the Bible to improve their skills in speaking, reading and writing in English, grant that the Holy Spirit will open the refugees' hearts and minds to faith in You as their Savior. We pray Your protection on those who have become believers. Give them wisdom as they seek to know You. In Your Holy name we pray, Amen.