

Missouri District LWML Mission Grant 2006-2008

Opening a New Outreach Center in Lebanon - Lutheran Blind Mission (LBM) \$5000



LWML Mites will help fund the opening of a new outreach center in Lebanon, Mo., and would provide training for the new director at Lutheran Blind Mission's Christian Blind Institute. The outreach center will provide a family of love and care to blind and visually impaired children and adults. Through the center, people who would not otherwise hear about Jesus will connect to God's Word and His people.

Gracious Father, beginnings are challenging – add to that, being visually impaired. We pray for Your strength, encouragement, guidance and leadership vision for the

new director in Lebanon as she is trained, then trains and equips the many volunteers to begin this ministry. Their goal is to bring Jesus to the blind and visually impaired. Provide for all their needs, for computers with speech, for people to respond to invitations to gather with others who need visual helps, and for volunteers to provide transportation. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Lutheran Blind Mission
7550 Watson Road
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Dear Ladies of the LWML

Thank you for the gift of funds and your prayerful support to open an outreach center at Trinity Lebanon MO. It has had a good start.

The center opened in November. there were 8 blind and visually impaired people in attendance. All indicated that a faith based support group, such as this was needed.

One gentleman, who was blind in an industrial accident while in his early 30s, said that he knew at least 30 other blind and visually impaired people in town. He would be glad to invite them and would himself be back.

In December, the next month there were 12 blind and visually impaired people. This center not only has begun with a good start but is moving forward.

I personally have been working with Helen Donald, the blind leader. Part of a center survival is training and understanding. I am helping Helen, who is newly blind (within the last two years) understand the culture and people that are coming.

I will provide more in the upcoming months. Thank you once again for your help, support and prayers.

Pastor Dave