

kids
c.a.r.e.



with the gospel

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society



Dear Ones with a Heart for Missions,

We would like to introduce an exciting opportunity for our children to participate in the support of missions. We are calling this project: **kids c.a.r.e.**— care about reaching everyone with the Gospel. The LWMS National Board and the Long Range Planning Committee (LRP) have coordinated efforts to begin the initial phase of this program using **kids c.a.r.e.** mission boxes. The boxes are being introduced at the 42nd Annual National LWMS Convention 2005 in Bloomington, MN. They are being promoted through Lutheran Girl Pioneers (LGP) but are meant to be used by any of our children—through Sunday Schools, schools and VBS. Grandparents, aunts and uncles are encouraged to give them to younger family members as well. Printed on the mission box is the chosen project (see below) and a suggested prayer to offer as each “c.a.r.e. coin” is placed into it. May God’s grace in Jesus instill a heart for missions in our youth!

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” John 10:10

India Project #1: Christian Day Schools

The WELS Mission to India supports two elementary schools which operate under the supervision of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Ministries, our church body in India.

Gentle Shepherd Lutheran School is located in Guntur, in the state of Andhra Pradesh, where the seminary is also located. The school conducts classes in grades one through five with four teachers serving 100 students. Pastor Ashok supervises the school.



Messiah Lutheran School is in Nayudupeta, about 8 hours south of Guntur. Elder Michael, a seminary student and supervisor of the workers in Nayudupeta, supervises the school. Four teachers serve 75 students.



The children study many of the same things that children in the U.S. study: math, science, and social studies. They don't have P.E. but instead have a games period once a week. They

also study three languages: Telugu, which is the language they speak at home; Hindi, which is the official language of India; and English. Each of these languages has its own alphabet and each alphabet

is completely different from the other. It is a lot of work. The most important thing that the children learn is the Word of God. Mrs. Jhansy, the wife of Pastor Ashok, teaches the Word of God every day. Pastor Ashok also teaches some lessons. The students learn the same catechism that children in the U.S. learn. They are taught the same traditional Bible stories that the children in our Indian orphan homes learn.

Uniforms are worn to school; each school has its own uniform. Most children only have one pair of shoes, the shoes they wear to school. Some of the children in our schools come from the orphan homes in the area. Two homes are near Gentle Shepherd Lutheran School and one is near Messiah Lutheran School in Nayudupeta. The rest of the children are street children. They are the children of very, very poor parents who live in huts or one room houses in the neighborhood. No school fees are charged and the school gives them all their school supplies, as well as their uniform and shoes. The children are very thankful for the opportunity to attend our schools. If these children did not attend our school, they would not be attending any school. Going to a Christian school is a great blessing. The support and offerings of members of WELS congregations in the U.S. makes this work possible.



Thank you very much for your interest in the two elementary schools in India. The Word of God is heard every day by 175 children because of your support. Please remember the children and their teachers in your prayers.

In Christ,
Susan Krueger

kids c.a.r.e. Mission Box Remittance Process

Once **kids c.a.r.e.** mission boxes are full there are several procedures we ask that you follow to make sure your offering is received and ready to be given to the mission project intended.

1. For groups, set an "offering date" so that all offerings are sent in together.
2. Coins must be turned into check form before sent. **Please make checks to "LWMS."**
3. Please include a note with your remittance including the following information:

Name: Ann Offering

Phone: 123-444-5678

E-mail: annoffering@lwms.org

Offering for: kids c.a.r.e. mission offering—India Project #1: Christian Day Schools

4. Send offering and remittance note to: LWMS Central Office,
8410 W. Cleveland Ave. Suite #104
Milwaukee, WI 53227
 5. Remember to pray for this important mission of the church. We thank God for the privilege of supporting the work of saving souls through our prayers and offerings.
- **Additional boxes** may be purchased from the LWMS Central Office. A minimum order of 50 is required. Cost of 50 boxes, shipping & handling is \$33.00. Payment must accompany order. **Please make checks to "LWMS."**