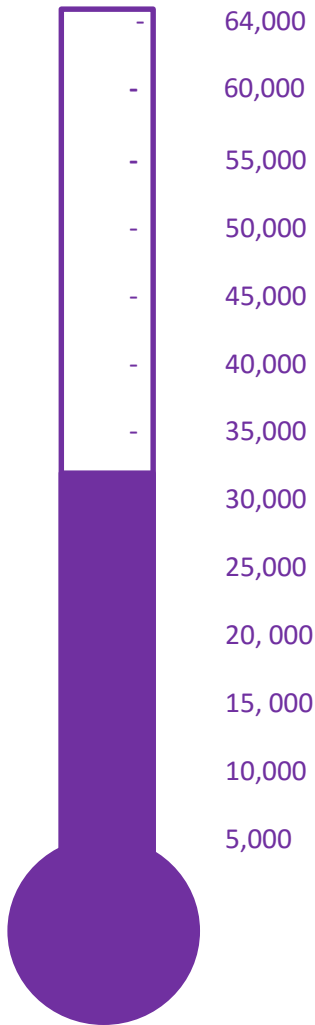




**Our 2016-2018 Mission Goal**  
**\$64,000**



We are praising God for the continued generosity of our New England, Mite Collecting, Prayer Warrior, Sisters in Christ!

We have collected **\$32,519.06** toward our Mission Goal as of 5/31.

Grants **PAID:** 1,2,3, 4a-not disbursed  
Total **\$ PAID:** \$21,000

**Next:** #4b Hands of Grace  
\$137.40 of \$4,000

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June 2, 2017

Dear Mite Collecting, Prayer Warrior, Sisters in Christ,

Many of you know that my husband and I have one son, and that he is now a father to a son. We recently had the opportunity to take care of our grandson for nine days while Mike and Michelle were traveling.

Oh boy, we forgot what a 7-month-old is like. He is eating soft food, he wakes up at night for a bottle or clean diaper, he's drooling and gnawing anything he can, he's crawling and trying to stand, he has the happiest laugh, he is a bundle of joy!

He is a lot of work! I forgot. I forgot how you need to be "on duty" always. I forgot about the interrupted sleep. I forgot that your own projects are on hold. I forgot how important it is that you commit all your time and energy to the child. I forgot about the responsibility God has entrusted to parents.

Thanks be to God that He doesn't forget! *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

I encourage you to remember the young mothers and fathers in our congregations and our neighborhoods; remember the grandparents who may be caregivers, or the grandparents whose grandchildren live far away; remember the child-care workers, the teachers, and all those who care, raise and instruct our children. Pray for them. Talk with them. Encourage them. Offer to help them, as you are able.

I'll mention that Concordia Publishing House and LWML have excellent resources for encouraging parents and women especially, including Blessing and Prayers for Expectant Moms (CPH) and "Mustard Seed" devotions (LWML).

*"... what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power and the wonders he has done. He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands."* Psalm 77:3-7 NIV

Your partner in the Gospel,  
Barbara Lis, President, LWML-NED

P.S. Mission Grant #4a has full funding. Praise the Lord!  
Now we need funding for #4b so both grants can be paid.