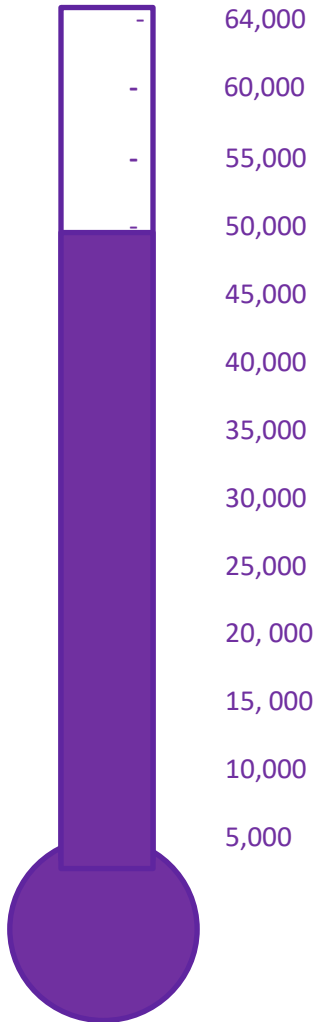




**Our 2016-2018 Mission Goal**  
**\$64,000**



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

We have collected **\$49,651.85** toward our Mission Goal as of 11/30.

Grants **PAID: 1,2,3,4a,4b, 5a (funded)**  
Total \$ **PAID: \$25,000**

**Next: #5b Reaching the Unchurched**  
**\$2,273.73 of \$5,000**

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December 2017

Dear Mite Collecting, Prayer Warrior, Sisters in Christ,

We had such a nice time at our Retreat in November. Our guest speaker was Cindy Steinbeck, author of The Rock Speaks: Ten Lessons Based on 1 Corinthians 10:4. As Cindy wrote in her Introduction, "I wrote The Rock Speaks as my testament of faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God."

She said, "I hear the *The Rock* speaking His message in the Scriptures through dust and sand, stones and land, hills and mountains." We too can see God's magnificent creation, and testify that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

We listened to Cindy's story, studied Scripture together, sang, prayed, took time for fellowship and food and sleep, and left the hotel 20 hours later refreshed, fulfilled, and a little tired!

I hope you can attend at least one of our annual Retreats It is a retreat from the 'every day,' to spend a day in the Word with your sisters in Christ.

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Our LWML group made Advent Scripture Paper Chains for the congregation. Directions are on the LWML web site at <http://www.lwml.org/program-helps-creative-crafts>. The idea is to tear off a link and read a verse every day until Christmas.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we thank God for His sacrifice to save us and His Scripture to teach us.

For Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, here is the Scripture Chain verse:

"but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

For Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, the Lutheran Hour Ministries Advent devotion:

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."  
Matthew 1:21

For Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, the Scripture Chain verse:

"For these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name." John 20:31

Merry Christmas!

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PS: Just to keep you informed, we need mite donations of at least \$3,600 each month over the next 4 months to reach our Mission Goal of \$64,000 by March 31<sup>st</sup>. We need \$1,000 more each month than our six-month average of \$2,800 per month. I'm praying with you that our faithful giving will be "A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over," poured into the lap of our mission projects! (Luke 6:38)