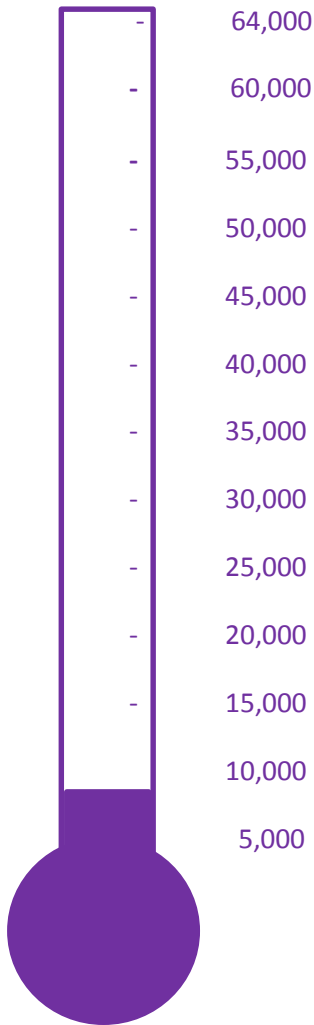




**Our New 2016-2018 Mission
Goal \$64,000**



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

We have collected \$8,464.67 Toward our new Mission Goal!

We are just \$766.13 from paying our first Mission Grant, - SHORT TERM MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS.

**PLEASE, Send your mites to:
Shirley Schindler, LWML-NED
6 Davis Road
Ellington, CT 06029-3701**

June 2, 2016

Dear Mite Collecting, Prayer Warrior, Sisters in Christ,

The weather has finally turned beautiful here in Connecticut. I worked in my flower garden the week before Memorial Day. I pulled weeds, trimmed the leaves from the early-spring bulbs, transplanted several clumps of Asian iris, spread fertilizer and mulch. A lot of work and aching muscles but I love it.

Then I heard the bees. Bees? Bees already? What are they eating? Blueberry flowers? My blueberry bushes have flowers already!! I didn't know that. And the hosta (those hardy bunches of green and white leaves) they're shooting up already! And the Stella Dora lilies are filling out, and the black-eyed Susans are growing, and the clematis (my red-flowered climbing vine) has buds already! Spring is here! **It came before I even knew it.** While I was in the house on those chilly rainy days, the garden was growing and blooming **without my help.**

And that reminded me of God: "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions** – it is by grace you have been saved." Ephesians 2:4 NIV.

Without my knowledge, **without my help**—Jesus was sacrificed, defeated death, and **saved me. Done!** I can do nothing to save myself. It's done!

What I can do is tell my neighbors and help to tell the people of the world. Think of it—that's what we're doing with our mites! Our mission projects help to tell the people of the world about Christ! Thank you God for these opportunities!

I hear there is a **Yummy Summer Fun Zone Mite Challenge** going on! Have you bought your tubes of M&M's? OK, have you eaten your M&M's? OK, have you added any quarters to the empty tube? You'd better get busy -- I hear the XYZ Zone is filling their tubes!

- One 1 tube fits 84 quarters, that's \$21.
- If each of our 80 NED churches filled 1 tube, that's \$1680.
- If 5 women in each church filled 1 tube, that's \$8400 (and 400 women).

My mind is boggling already. If we had \$8400 more in mites by the end of the summer, we could pay #2 Central Food Ministry Truck and #3 VBS for Deaf Children this fall! Challenge on!

Blessings on your June and to our fathers on Father's Day, and all praise to our Heavenly Father.

In His service,
Barbara