

# Bringing hope to Bufuula Uganda

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to this!



By Debra Heckmann

**B**ufuula, Uganda, is a rapidly growing village located about six miles from Jinja. Also growing, however, is the number of orphans and needy children with HIV/AIDS, illustrating the need for care from schools and churches. Since 2010, Hope Lutheran Church and School, Lubbock, has partnered with Hope, Bufuula.

Hope, Bufuula, provides a Christian education. Like many Lutheran congregations in the United States, not all of the children at Hope, Bufuula, are Christian, yet they all receive a Christian education and are taught the true love of Christ. Hope, Lubbock, has worked with Hope, Bufuula, to improve the makeshift structures of sticks and torn tarps that originally served the congregants and students. With support from the LWML Texas District, a

permanent five-classroom building was completed in December 2017.

But buildings alone don't ensure the children's needs are met. Education is free in Uganda; however, each student must have the resources to purchase a uniform and supplies that are necessary. For the students whose education would be out of reach due to these expenses, Hope, Bufuula, offers education through sponsorship programs set up by Hope, Lubbock, and funded by various grants. The school is currently serving more than 350 students.

Hope, Bufuula, also meets the physical needs of the students. The custom in Uganda is that the adults eat first, followed by the older children. If there is any food left, the youngest are fed. Students at Hope, Bufuula, receive one meal a day, which is

life-changing for young, orphan and needy children who do not always have food.

As the needs of children are met, the work of the Holy Spirit overflows into their families as well. Parents, desiring the best education for their children, one that will give them an opportunity for success in the world, willingly send their children to Hope, Bufuula, fully aware that they are receiving a Christian education. Those students and families come for the great education and leave with a hope found in Christ alone.

Praise be to God that with a potential for enrollment of more than 100 additional children, Hope, Bufuula, in partnership with Hope, Lubbock, will continue to feed the villagers' hearts, minds and stomachs.

## What's in a HISTORY?

One responsibility of the LWML Texas District archivist-historian is to keep accurate records of the accomplishments and activities of our organization. Each biennium, the activities, events and summary information are recorded in a written history, with information gathered from our zones and the Executive Committee.

Each zone (and society) should be writing its own

history. It's easy. During each biennium, just keep a simple written record of your rallies, workshops or other zone events, and the number in attendance at each; summarized descriptions of these LWML events, rallies, guest speakers, special projects, etc.; names of your elected and appointed officers and committee chairs; society names and membership counts; and any additional

information you feel is pertinent for historical preservation. These histories not only benefit your zone (or society), they also help the district archivist-historian to report accurate, up-to-date information related to the many ways Lutheran Women in Mission serve the Lord with gladness. And to celebrate LWML history this July, everyone in attendance at the district convention in Waco will receive a copy of the updated 75-year history of the LWML Texas District. Zone presidents will

also receive an additional copy for each society.

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## LAGO VISTA

Christ Our Savior LWML members from 2017-18 are pictured here.



## FLOWER MOUND

Lamb of God LWML hosted "Painting Event with a Twist" earlier this year. Pat Bockelman, a retired art teacher and Lamb of God member, was the instructor. All in attendance were encouraged to create an angel and Pat provided a Bible lesson on angels in the Bible. Seventy paintings were created by a blended group,



ranging in age from 8 to 86 years young. What a blessed opportunity for fellowship and to be reminded of the importance of God's messengers in the Bible.



**HOUSTON:** The Epiphany Day Lilies, with the help of Epiphany school students and Thrivent Financial, made Christmas baking kits for clients of Cypress Assistance Ministry to enjoy with their children during the holiday. The Epiphany fifth-grade class and its teacher, Rosealie Chapman, helped in the assembly.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!"** With great joy I am able to report our mite giving for 2016-18 fulfilled all needs of the LWML Texas District. We gathered \$340,363 of our mite goal of \$362,040, but our expenses were less. The Board was generous in donating expenses and worked hard to control spending while providing a program of leadership, education and service opportunities for all Lutheran Women in Mission.

**"Praise Him all creatures here below!"** There were 11 mission grants funded for a total of \$206,800 (\$180,000 received this biennium and the \$26,800 overage from the previous biennium). All mission grants were fully funded except Equipping Youth to Witness — Lutherans for Life, which

has a balance of \$5,000 but is not ready for funding at this time.

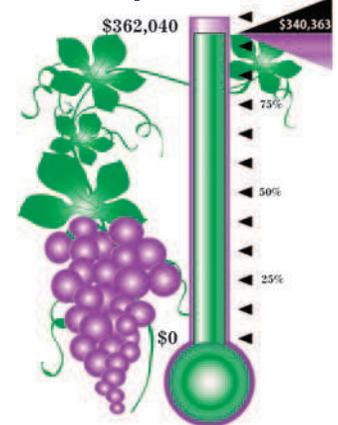
**"Praise Him above ye heavenly host!"** In addition, \$79,205 in mites were sent to LWML (25 percent of all mites received and LWML designated amounts). This enables LWML to fund mission grants worldwide, in addition to supporting the mission of LWML nationally.

As we begin a new biennium and adopt a mite goal and work program at the 40th Biennial Convention in Waco, remember to "feed your mite box" regularly. There are many ways to donate — Joyful Response®, Thrivent Choice dollars, your local society and mailing in a donation to LWML Texas District. Visit [lwmltxdist.org](http://lwmltxdist.org) for more information.



Serving with JOY ...  
Debbie Curry

## The Grape Vine



**LWML Texas District  
2016-18 mite goal:**  
\$362,040

**Mites received through  
March:** \$340,363

**Mission grants paid through  
March:** \$206,800 (including  
overage from previous biennium)