

Spotlight ON MARTIN LUTHER PRIMARY BO, SIERRA LEONE

by REV. JAMES YASSAH, LeadaChild National Director

Thanks be to God! Yes, He is good all the time!

Thanks to a gift given by a friend of LeadaChild, we have been updating Martin Luther Primary school. A new roof was added, walls were repaired, and electric lines put in so that fans can cool the classrooms. The workers are busy painting and preparing the building for our official dedication on October 16. With the updates to our building, our school has become the "jewel" of the neighborhood!

We are pleased to announce that the reopening of the school will be on October 5th. During the summer months and challenges with COVID, we were still able to hold our vacation Bible school in the temporary structure we set up. There were 220 children who participated in VBS!

We are also thankful for the assistance that our teachers are receiving from LeadaChild. As they finish their two-year coursework at the university, they will begin receiving a teacher's salary from the government. This will be a great blessing as we may no longer charge tuition for students to attend.

Again, thank you for all of your encouragement, advice, prayers, and support. May God bless all the efforts of LeadaChild!



LEADACHILD School

NOVEMBER 14 | 9:30 AM CENTRAL virtual
NOVEMBER 13 | 7:00 PM CENTRAL watch FB for more details!



WAYS TO Get Involved



PRAY for the children, families, teachers, leaders, and pastors at our project sites. Ask our gracious Lord to provide a beneficial education for the children, and to fill the hearts of all with faith, hope, and the assurance of eternal life.



HOST a LeadaChild Sunday at your church. Download some of the promotional resources from our website and include a special door offering for our mission. Also, contact Lisa Hellyer or Dr. Frusti to see if they are available to attend and participate in the service or Bible class.



PLAN a LeadaChild dinner in your home. Invite family, friends, and church members to a casual gathering to connect with Phil or Lisa, learn about LeadaChild, and possibly get involved in supporting the mission.



PARTICIPATE in our Kids Helping Kids program. Download the chapel resources from our website (under the Kids Helping Kids tab) so that your school or Sunday school can join in supporting children around the world who attend Lutheran schools.



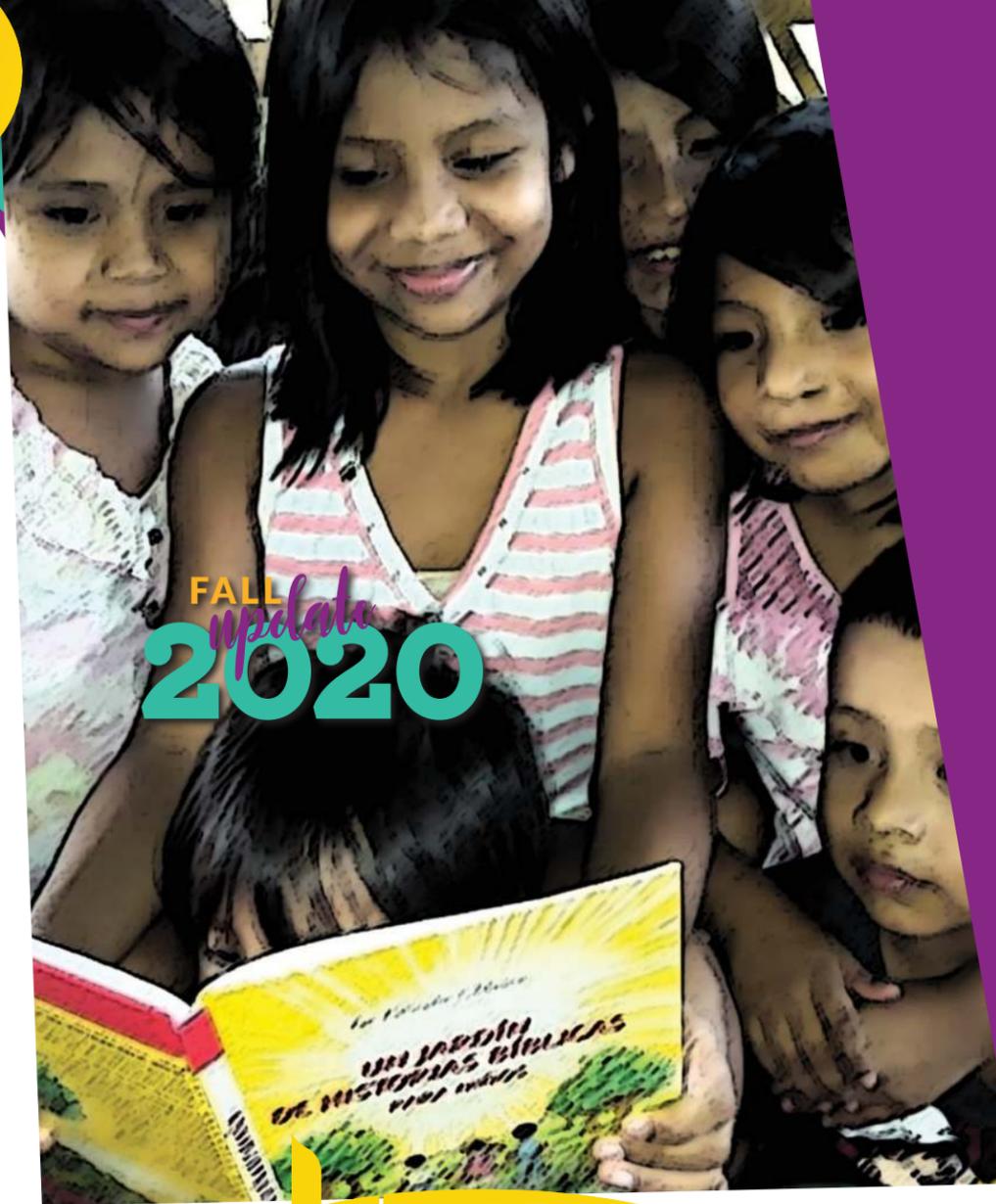
GIVE generously. LeadaChild relies completely on the donations from individuals, churches, schools, and organizations. Over 80% of each dollar goes directly to the support and development of the educational ministries at our project sites. Partner with us so that many more children experience the love of Jesus.



DIRECT your Thrivent Choice Dollars to LeadaChild. For Thrivent members: each year, Thrivent gives you the opportunity to direct Choice Dollar donations to the ministry or mission of your choice. Simply go on line to manage your account or contact your agent. Thrivent also has ways for you to set aside financial assets that provide lasting support for ministries. Your agent can also assist you in planning



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FALL update
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Sharing the love of Jesus with children around the world through Christian education.

Yes! JESUS LOVES me

The beloved song "Jesus Loves Me," composed by Anna Warner in 1860, was first written as a poem to comfort a dying child. In 1862, William Bradbury put the lyrics to music; during the Civil War, soldiers on both sides of the conflict could be heard singing this comforting song to one another. Today, "Jesus Loves Me" is often the first hymn taught to new Christians and children worldwide.

Our LeadaChild theme for 2020/21 is "Jesus Loves Me." It is a simple, yet powerful message of comfort, courage, and confidence: Comfort during loss, sickness, and death; courage to face life's daily challenges; confidence knowing that we are truly children of God, that Jesus is with us ... and He is preparing a wonderful place for us in heaven.

The song fits perfectly into our mission - to share the love of Jesus with children around the world through Christian education. The message plays an important part of discipleship by instilling true confidence in Christ, courage based on the promises of God, and comfort knowing that our heavenly father holds His dear children in the palm of His hands.

As the world contends with COVID and the schools and after school programs we support struggle with the associated challenges (lock downs and restrictions, reopening amid a pandemic, and learning how to use virtual instructional tools), it's the messages and promises found in the songs and hymns we learned as children that can fill our hearts with hope and peace... especially during uncertain times.

As you pan through our fall update, notice all the pictured children (like the group on the front cover) who are also singing "Jesus Loves Me" ... and joyfully learning about a Heavenly Father who loves them and cares for them, a Son who has redeemed them from sin, death, and the devil, and a Spirit who fills their hearts with faith, hope, and eternal life!



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ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

Pivoting OUR PEDALING

by LISA HELLYER, LeadaChild Director of Outreach and Engagement
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LeadaChild has held a tradition of joining organized bike events in Kansas and other places around the country. Throughout the years, a group of cyclists raised awareness and support for LeadaChild's ministry by asking friends, family, church members and coworkers to sponsor their ride. They biked 500-850 miles over a period of days.

This year we waited for word and watched as both of the rides we were planning to join were cancelled due to COVID-19. Bummer! Now what? How will we raise support so that we can continue ensuring a quality Christian education for thousands of the poorest children around the globe? What if we grab onto the same word that seems to be trending during these unusual days? What if we "pivot?" What does an organized bike ride look like when we apply the idea of pivoting?

We created a new look to the annual event and called it Bike4aChild. We invited our LeadaChild family to join us for a virtual event where they chose their own route and their own mileage. We had 23 people (19 of them new to the bike event) join us on August 15, raising over \$12,000 for LeadaChild. It was so exciting! We had a family of 6 (pictured) with kids ranging in age from 3-9 each ride 20 miles. That's impressive! I joined in the fun too and asked people to sponsor my 50-mile ride. God's hand in this effort is so clear. He used a pivot to change the way we look at an event so that anyone with a bike can get in on raising awareness for the educational and spiritual needs of kids across the globe. Hope all of you can join us a biker or supporter in next year's event!

But what about those who like to ride for miles and days on end? Would it be possible? I am so glad to say the answer to those questions was a resounding YES. Mark Zillinger, LeadaChild's Board President organized a bike across Oklahoma. Eight cyclists and four volunteers headed out on Saturday, September 26. They biked 450 miles starting from the corner of New Mexico and making their way to Boise City and Guymon, OK

before dipping down into Perryton, TX and then back into Oklahoma to see Woodward, Fairview and Perry. All along the way Lutheran churches hosted our group, providing showers and a place to sleep.

Thank you to all of you who sent in donations to support our cyclists. You can still send in your support at www.leadachild/support/bikers/



LeadaChild is an independent Lutheran Mission Agency, dedicated to *Sharing the love of Jesus with children around the world through Christian education.* We gather gifts and donations from supporters and use the funds to provide scholarships, school registration, and supplies for children so that they can attend Lutheran schools and after school programs. We also provide professional development for leaders and teachers at our sites, with an emphasis on effective ways to share the Gospel and teach Biblical truths to children.

Whether our students experience modern classrooms with computers and desks, or are surrounded by woven grass walls, they are hearing about a Heavenly Father who loves them, A Son who has redeemed them from sin, death, and the devil, and a Spirit who fills their hearts with hope and salvation.

JESUS LOVES me

Participate in our 2020/21 Kids Helping Kids program... great for school chapels, VBS, or Sunday school!

a **DECADE** to *disciple* 2020-2030

