

The B-I-B-L-E.....



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That's the book Yes FOR ME!

Simple children's songs can hold so much truth, hope, and promise! The author of "The B-I-B-L-E" is anonymous, but the words and tune are well known by children all around the world. The song is a wonderful reminder of the true foundation for learning godly wisdom and the sole place to stand by faith, trusting in the precious gift of salvation found in Christ.

During this Decade to Disciple for our LeadaChild mission, we begin 2022 by reaffirming our goal to assist our teachers, leaders, and pastors with the great task of creating excellent, Gospel-filled learning environments for the children whom they serve. Our strategies remain the same: to provide scholarships for children so they might attend a Lutheran school, to send funding to help congregations run after school programs for their members and community children, and to offer professional development opportunities for educators – especially in the area of teaching the Christian faith in a school environment.

As we progress through this decade, I can picture in my mind the children who attend one of the schools or after school programs we support... I see them as they daily learn the Old and New Testament Bible stories... I hear them reciting the special Bible verses and singing the songs and hymns taught to them by their teachers... I watch them bow and fold their hands in prayer as they put all their cares and joys before our Lord... and I gladly hear them proclaim: **I Stand alone on the Word of God - The B-I-B-L-E!**

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**All Scripture is
God-breathed
and profitable
for teaching,
for reproof, for
correction, and
for training in
righteousness,
that you may
be complete,
equipped for
every good work.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17



**A DECADE TO
disciple
2020-2030**



winter connections

by Lisa Hellyer

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I LOVE TELLING THE STORY OF WHAT GOD IS DOING in the lives of people in developing nations all around the world through the ministry of LeadaChild. This winter I was able to share that story with 3 congregations as well as with Directors of Christian Education (DCEs) at their National Conference in January.

In December, I was at First Trinity Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda, NY. We were so grateful to be chosen as their Special Christmas Offering recipient. Each year, the members of First Trinity choose a missional organization to support. They receive gifts for 6 weeks and give it all away. What a blessing! In January, I had the opportunity to visit with Ascension Lutheran Church in Littleton, CO. They have been one of our Mission Partner Congregations (monthly donors) for 13 years! Every year they give away over \$100,000.00 to various mission efforts. We have been blessed over the years by being one of their partners. At both congregations I was able to share a brief Mission Moment (announcement) in the worship services to give a brief introduction to LeadaChild. I was also able to share our ministry more extensively by sharing videos, pictures, stories and Scripture during the Bible class hour. Finally, in February I was able to spend some time with the Sunday school kids and their parents at Hope Lutheran in Fond Du Lac, WI. The Sunday school kids are collecting their offering this year for LeadaChild. What a joy to partner with kids who want to support kids!

If your ministry is interested in partnering with LeadaChild, contact me or Dr. Phil to set up a visit so that we can share more about what God is doing through our Christian education projects around the world.

NEW mailing address

Our mailing address now matches our office location at Beautiful Savior in Olathe, KS. We thank the members of Beautiful Savior for their generous support and provision!

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UPDATE India

by Stanish Stanley

"PASTOR IS HERE...HE HAS BROUGHT SOME BOOKS AND FOOD FOR US," WAS 5TH GRADER – SHARON'S SHOUT OUT TO HIS MOTHER AS REV. MOHANAN (FROM LEADACHILD- INDIA) VISITED THE FAMILY DURING THE COVID WAVE IN THE SUMMER OF 2021.

Sharon, a scholarship student, had been struggling to carry forward his education online for want of money to pay telephone & internet bills. His father and mother work as daily wage laborers, earning around \$5-7 a day when they get work...and they also struggle with many health issues. In fact, Sharon's struggles

are representative of many of the Dalit children (previously called the untouchables) who are served by LeadaChild project sites in Trivandrum, South India.

Over the past two years, most of those in the Lutheran community in South India have suffered greatly, both economically and socially. Yet, it is in such places that Leadachild's India ministry happens. As restrictions began to relax at the end of 2021, leaders at the project sites were able to continue their Bible Quiz programs and Christian song competitions, as well as put together a Christmas program with the students and teachers.

Program Manager Mrs. Carol Stanley notes that "LeadaChild is a blessing for poor Christian children in our Lutheran churches. When COVID shut down schools, our poor children struggled for help with online education. Many of the kids did not have internet facilities and the money to pay for it. We tried to help all our 120 children at the 6 project sites in Trivandrum, and

we provided scholarship money so that they could join online school. We also helped with COVID emergency help, like food needs of our children, teachers and their families. Our Christian education teachers, who are mostly Church pastors and Sunday school teachers, also encouraged our children through Bible lessons whenever churches were allowed to gather for worship. We can never forget the support of our "Leadachild" friends from America. Without their timely help, many of our poor children would have dropped their studies all together."

For all of our Leadachild friends who support the educational and faith development of the Dalit children, and CanDo Missions (Pat Fick, director) who partner with LeadaChild in India, we say "thank you" from the bottom of our heart. May God richly bless you and your families!



Sign up **FOR OUR 2022/23 KIDS HELPING KIDS**

Drop us an email to sign up or ask any questions about connecting your day school, Sunday school, or vacation Bible school children to our international mission of sharing Christ's love!

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UPDATE

Santiago Zamora, Guatemala

For over three decades, God has been at work through ongoing mission efforts and educational developments at Redeemer of the World Lutheran Mission in Santiago Zamora, a Mayan village just outside Antigua, Guatemala. Pastor Ed Auger and his wife Cherie were instrumental in starting the mission church and school; and throughout the years, various groups, churches, and individuals have played a significant role in helping the mission advance.

The members of the church have faced many challenges and trials in the attempt to maintain the mission; yet, their faith in the provisions and guidance of our Lord and their commitment to providing a place of worship and a quality educational program have never wavered.

During the last two years of restrictions and limited gatherings due to the pandemic, the leadership team serving at the church and school (Pastor Steve, Nury, Marlen, and brother Benino) has been busy developing plans to advance the ministry. Current government educational policies made it necessary to temporarily close the school, restructure and resubmit the educational plan, and update many sections of the facility.

Through faithful friends, funds have been provided to

update classrooms and necessary office space, create a computer lab, build new bathrooms, and even beautify the existing sanctuary.

A good amount of work has been accomplished, but a few items still need to be addressed in order to completely open the facilities for upcoming educational services.

We thank the Lorenz Foundation, Faith Lutheran Church – Grand Blanc, MI, St. Peter Lutheran Church and School – Columbus, IN, and several individuals who have donated toward these efforts. Building improvements at our project sites are outside of the LeadaChild budget constraints, so we are blessed to have faithful friends who see the value and great potential of ministry in Santiago Zamora.

The plan moving forward is to provide a day school for



children through grade 6, an after school program for enrichment and teaching the Christian faith, and a community care program (extended care to assist working parents, and potential adult classes in computer training and English).

In March, portions of the after school and weekend classes will begin...and prayerfully, the day school can begin in January 2023. Keep the leadership team, congregation, and the children in your prayers as we watch – with great anticipation – the new ministry and educational developments for the families in Santiago Zamora.



GIVE HOPE

Sharing the love of Jesus with children around the world through Christian education is a joy! Together, we can impact the lives of children and families in developing nations by giving them hope — hope for both a blessed temporal and eternal future. The opportunity to go to school gives children hope of a brighter future, a career and the chance to provide for their own family. More importantly, at LeadaChild schools and after school programs, children are learning about Jesus, growing in their faith, and sharing the Good News with their families and friends. We believe the Lord will bless and do exponentially more than we could ask or imagine with your generosity and faithfulness. God is so good! We would love to have you join us in sharing the love of Jesus with children around the world through Christian education.

BECOME A LEADACHILD MISSION PARTNER. Mission Partners are individuals, churches, schools, and mission

groups who give a monthly gift to LeadaChild. With their ongoing support, children are receiving quality instruction, learning about Jesus, and joining us on the path of discipleship. For \$30 a month a child can attend one of our schools where the love of Jesus is shared daily? To join, go to our leadachild.org and click on the “Give Now” button. Be sure to check the “recurring donation” option.

BECOME A LEADACHILD LEGACY PARTNER. To add LeadaChild as a beneficiary of your IRA or other retirement account, you can simply contact your financial institution or plan administrator and request a beneficiary form. Their form will allow you to direct a percentage or share to your beneficiaries. To designate LeadaChild you will need to know our office address and our Federal Tax ID number.
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You are not required to inform LeadaChild when you include us as a beneficiary, but we love to be able to thank you, properly recognize your support and add you to our list of Legacy Partners. Questions? Contact our Director of Engagement & Outreach, **Lisa Hellyer** at lisa@leadachild.org or by calling her at **816-304-1657**.



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Pray for the children and international Lutheran schools

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Sign up your school / Sunday school for our *Kids Helping Kids* program

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Give generously

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

PASTOR ALEJANDRO HERNANDEZ

Well done good & faithful servant



JANUARY 27TH, OUR LORD CALLED HOME HIS SERVANT, PASTOR ALEJANDRO,

who served as our project director in El Rincon, near La Union, El Salvador. Alejandro worked tirelessly to teach the Word of God to many children. He used his own home to meet with neighborhood children, using his pickup truck to gather all the boys and girls for class; and he traveled to the village of El Rincon to hold weekly outdoor sessions – a time filled with Bible stories, a lot of singing, and treats for the children. Alejandro will be dearly missed by those he served and by our LeadaChild team in El Salvador. But we know, that through His efforts, the love of Jesus was shared with many...and he now rejoices in the presence of our Lord, personally enjoying the gift of eternal life that he taught to the children in La Union.

