

**SD District LWML Mission Grant
Mite Box Devotion**

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**Christian Resources - Kazakhstan
\$5000 (Paid in Full)**

Leader: We open in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Listen, listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting
Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.
Jesus gave His mandate: Share the good news
That He came to save us_____ And set us free
"Listen, God Is Calling"(LSB 833, v1)

Leader: *"He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."* (2 Thess.2:14)

Reader 1: LCMS World Mission began work in Kazakhstan in 1993, two years after it's declared independence from the Soviet Union.

Reader 2: The average annual household income in Kazakhstan is \$1350 in US dollars. Islam is the most common religion, and folk Islam influences many Kazakhs.

Reader 1: LCMS World Mission works in Kazakhstan to plant churches and develop national leaders. To learn and share the Gospel message, national leaders need Lutheran materials in English, Russian and Kazakh.

Reader 2: Through the South Dakota LWML supporting this grant people of all ages living in Kazakhstan will hear and study God's Word using devotional and reference books in their own languages.

Leader:

Prayer: Gracious and loving heavenly Father, as we bring our Mite offerings before you today, we remember the people in Kazakhstan and their need to hear of you. We thank you for the special servants working to share the Gospel with them; bless and sustain their work. We thank You, too, that through our Mite giving, You make it possible for us, the members of the SD District LWML, to reach out to these people in faith, love and compassion as You have done for us through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In his dear name we pray. Amen.

All: Listen, listen, God is calling Through the Word inviting
Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.
Let none be forgotten Through-out the world
In the triune name of God Go and baptize.
"Listen, God Is Calling"(LSB 833, v2)