

SD District LWML Mission Grant
Mite Box Devotion

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Amy Kashenov Mission Support - \$5000 (Paid in Full)

- Leader:** We open in the name of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- All:** Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'ry-where;
Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born! (refrain 388 LSB)
- Reader 1:** According to the dictionary, a missionary is "One who is sent on a mission, especially to do religious or charitable work in a territory or foreign country." The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod works with 88 countries around the world to share the love of God and the Gospel message of our Lord Jesus.
- Reader 2:** Amy Kashenov has served as a missionary to Kazakhstan, a former Soviet bloc country, since 1994. She works among the villages to bring the Gospel message by bringing them food for the body and the soul. Amy teaches Sunday school and translates Christian materials into local languages so more people can have access to devotional materials.
- Reader 1:** In Kazakhstan, more than 60 percent of the population is Muslim. In the Muslim tradition, women are not allowed to speak to men outside their immediate family, so women evangelists are necessary to reach the women of Kazakhstan. In many cases, once the woman of the house is interested in Christianity, the whole household follows.
- Reader 2:** Our Mission Grant will help support Amy's work in rural villages as they reach out to their unbelieving neighbors, friends and family. Many of these villages are isolated from a body of believers and yet reach out with the love of Jesus to those living around them.
- Prayer:** Gracious and loving heavenly Father, as we bring our mite offerings before you today, we remember our brothers and sisters living in Kazakhstan. We thank you for Amy, her husband Marat, a Kazakh man, their son, Amanzhol, and their daughter Kuralai, as they work to share the Gospel with the unreached and poor in Kazakhstan; 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.