



**Leader:** In the name of our Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Response:** *Matthew 28:19-20 tells us Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

**Leader:** We thank you Lord for Mercy Medical teams who provide, with your guidance, desperately needed health care to over 30,000 patients in underserved regions around the globe.

**Response:** **We thank you Lord that these teams contribute to the local Lutheran pastors, deaconesses, and church workers who witness to the people living in their communities.**

**Leader:** We thank you Lord for the opportunity for Christians to use their vocational skills and passion for service to demonstrate Christ's love and mercy in a positive way.

**Response:** **May this mission grant of \$3,000 help to ease the financial burden for our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod pastors who have the heart to do God's work by serving our brothers and sisters around the world through their participation on Mercy Medical teams.**

**Sing or Say Together:**

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true,  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

***Refrain:* I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.**

**I love to tell the story, "Tis pleasant to repeat.  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. *Refrain.***

(Hankey, A. K., 1866. *I Love to Tell the Story*. vs. 1, 3)

**Pray Together:**

Dear Merciful and Loving Father, we ask that you bless our mite offerings that they may provide the opportunity for pastors to participate on Mercy Medical teams and serve you all over the world. We pray that your Word may be planted and that the Holy Spirit will grow faith in all who hear your Word. Please bless these pastors and other team members as they do your work here on earth. Amen.