



2020-2022 MISSION GRANT DEVOTION

#8 GRADUATE SCHOOL SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - CONCORDIA SEMINARY ST. LOUIS, MO

Leader: The goal of **Concordia Seminary's Graduate School** is to help ensure God's Word is heard more fully throughout foreign countries. As these graduate students return home, they will have key roles in raising up the next generation of overseas pastors who will strive to carry out the Great Commission.

R1: *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (Matthew 28:19–20a NIV).*

Leader: The LWML mission grant for **Graduate School Support for International Students-Concordia Seminary St, Louis, MO** for \$5,000 will potentially help 41 men from 18 countries receive financial assistance. These graduate students face an average yearly cost of \$37,950 for their tuition & fees, room & board, books & supplies plus health insurance, travel, medical and other expenses. Although their home countries help support them, this is usually a minimal amount.

R2: *How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14–15 NIV)*

Leader: Graduate students who are currently attending **Concordia Seminary** come from many countries including Ethiopia, India, Liberia, Brazil, Kenya, China, Thailand, Rwanda, Guatemala, Argentina, Taiwan and South Africa. What a diverse group they are nationally, yet all are united in the Body of Christ. These are the Mighty Men of God for this generation of saints! Imagine the thousands of people they will reach with the Good News of Jesus! And all this from the mites that we are able to give through the LWML!

R3: *After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." (Revelation 7:9–10 NIV)*

Leader: **Lord of all the Nations, we are humbled that you are able to multiply our offerings to help with the world wide mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus with each person. Bless the efforts of these men as they study to prepare to be messengers of your Grace to a world in desperate need of a Savior. Sustain them with your promise to be with them throughout their calling. Allow them to return to their homelands, ready to serve you in the whatever situation awaits them. In the power of your name we pray! Amen.**