



## 2020–2022 MISSION GRANT DEVOTION

### #11 NURSING STUDENT MERCY MEDICAL TEAM SCHOLARSHIPS — LCMS RSO — \$3,000

**Leader:** The LCMS **Mercy Medical Team** is a short-term volunteer program which offers medical professionals, pastors, and laity the opportunity to volunteer in underserved regions around the world. Volunteers are coordinated and trained into a specific **Mercy Medical Team** which works with LCMS partner churches and international clinics to address the needs of the patients' body and soul. The three types of teams are: Primary Care, Emergency, and Community Health Education.

**R1:** *“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me”* (Matthew 25:35–36 NIV).

**Leader: Mercy Medical Team** provides an amazing opportunity for nursing students to work side by side with medical professionals in a mission environment. However, the cost for each trip ranges from \$2,000 to \$5,000 depending on how long the trip is and where it is located. These costs prevent many students from participating in this mission experience. This scholarship would cover the ground fees for the students which include: all food, lodging, and ground transportation during the trip, travel medical insurance, team pharmacy, and general medical supplies plus a scrub shirt. These fees run from \$1,500–\$2,000. The student is responsible for their air fare and a \$100 deposit.

**R2:** *Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?”* (Matthew 25:37–39 NIV)

**Leader:** The impact that this experience has on the student nurses is immeasurable. They return with a new mind set: they are mission oriented. The students are able to be the hands and feet of Jesus as they care for these patients' physical needs. The experience from the **Mercy Medical Team** will shape their future studies, vocation, and spiritual life.

**R3:** *The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”* (Matthew 25:40 NIV).

**All:** Lord of all life, bless the efforts of these Mercy Medical Teams. Grant them wisdom as they treat their patients, safe travels in their journeys, joy in their service, and a fruitful harvest in their work to spread Your Word among the people they encounter. We pray a special blessing on the students that are working with the teams. Guide them in their studies as they prepare for a life of service to You in all that they do. In the power of Jesus' name alone. Amen.