



## 2020–2022 MISSION GRANT DEVOTION

### #12 LUTHERAN BOOKS FOR SCHOOL IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA — LCMS RSO — \$3500

**Leader:** The Gutnius (Good News) Lutheran Church of **Papua New Guinea** has about 30 Primary Schools (Grades 3–8) with about 800 per students per school. These schools have very few if any resources for their Christian education classes. The need is very great, and this grant will help two or three additional schools to have the Lutheran resources for their Christian classes.

**R1:** *“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these”* (Mark 10:14 NIV).

**Leader:** Classes are taught in English, so publications from Concordia Publishing House were selected by the **Lutheran schools** to be used in the classrooms. The book, *120 Bible Stories*, will be used by the LCMS missionaries in the field with workshops to instruct teachers on how best to use them. Besides the book there will also be teacher answer books and activity books to help with the Christian instruction.

**R2:** *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it* (Proverbs 22:6).

**Leader:** Of the total population of students who attend the **Lutheran schools**, about 50% are unchurched or non-Lutheran. One of the seven mission priorities of the LCMS is to "enhance early childhood, elementary, and secondary education and youth ministry". This grant is helping fulfill that goal for the students of **Papua New Guinea**.

**R3:** *“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, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age”* (Matthew 19–20 NIV).

**Leader:** Dear Lord, You spoke these words to the children in Your arms long ago, yet they are words that give us direction and hope yet today. You are still calling children to come to You, no matter where they live or the language they speak. Bless the efforts of the teachers in the Lutheran schools of Papua New Guinea. Open the children's hearts to receive the Good News that You love them and long to hold them forever in Your arms for eternity. Bless the families of these students as they share what they are learning at school in their homes. Thank you for the privilege of supporting this mission grant. We ask all these petitions in Your mighty name, Jesus. Amen!