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A 40-foot container was fully loaded with medical equipment and general supplies collected by many members of the **Minnesota North and South LWML Districts**. These supplies were gathered in support of the Salt and Light International Mission (SLIM), directed by Rev. Charles Gaye, located in Monrovia, Liberia, Africa. Currently about 250 people attend SLIM church worship services each week. SLIM also feeds the elderly, praying with them and listening to their needs. Onsite computers help the young people to learn so they can get better jobs. The mission also has a 20-acre farm for growing bananas and vegetables. Plans are in place for the opening of a nursing school for the residents of the area. The donated container will remain at the mission and be used to store excess medical supplies and equipment.

Native Americans living at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation were blessed with Mercy Kits assembled as a joint mission project of South Dakota and Nebraska LWML groups. During a Christmas Worship service at **Porcupine, Evergreen Lutheran Church**, 50 Mercy Towel kits containing shampoo, hand soap, a large bath towel, wash cloth, tooth brush, tooth paste, and either a comb or brush were distributed. In addition to these items, books were purchased from proceeds from Zion Elementary School chapel offerings entitled, "God's Love at Christmas." These books, available through Concordia Publishing House, tell the true story of Christ's birth. What a great group project that blessed so many people with the message of Jesus Christ!



The women of **Our Savior LWML in Torrington, Wyoming**, (Wyoming District), joined with their congregation family to help fund the Lutheran Malaria Initiative (LMI). All ages were invited to participate in this educational and fun activity as they trapped over 100 mosquito images, using a mosquito net from a Vacation Bible School program. For every \$10 donation, one mosquito was swatted and removed from the net. In the end, 85.5 mosquitoes met their demise and \$855 was raised. These funds were sent to LMI to help ward off this disease that affects families around the world. [See feature article and Bible studies in the Spring 2012 LWQ.]

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Good Shepherd LWML of Fort Dodge, Iowa, (Iowa District West), recently celebrated a belated 70th birthday party for LWML. Guests were invited, pizza was served, and scrumptious cupcakes were enjoyed for dessert. The festivities included an LWML quiz and devotion. Everyone enjoyed the remainder of the evening playing games. Gifts were gathered for two local women's shelters.

Standing left to right: Mary Rethwisch, Annie DeBoer, and Karla Determing

The LWML group at **Word Life Lutheran Church** located in **Naperville, Illinois**, partnered with mothers from the church's preschool to fill a little baby dresser with baby supplies for a single mother who chose life for her baby. The white dresser was placed in the narthex of the church for a month and was soon overflowing with baby items!

