



## Lasting Partnership: Delaware-Maryland Synod

At Lutheran World Relief, we envision a future where all people, in every corner of the world, can live full, dignified lives. For nearly 75 years, we have been building bridges from the U.S. to the developing world, channeling the generosity of those called by faith to share their support. By investing in people and working in partnership with local leaders who know their communities, together we enable the rural poor to transition from survival to stability. Thank you for giving generously to LWR. Here is a snapshot of what we were able to accomplish together!

### Your Gifts at Work

Your gifts in 2016 contributed to a year of life-sustaining work. With your help, LWR:

- **Reached more than 3.4 million people** through **118 projects** in **32 countries**.
- **Distributed \$13.3 million worth of LWR Quilts and Kits** to more than **534,000 people** in **16 countries**.

In 2016, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) directly supported LWR with **\$2 million**, helping to fund **26 projects** in **13 countries**. Thank you!

### HURRICANE MATTHEW IN HAITI: RESPONDING WITH WHAT IS MOST NEEDED HURRICANE MATTHEW IN HAITI: RESPONDING WITH WHAT IS MOST NEEDED

In October 2016 Hurricane Matthew made landfall in Haiti as a powerful category 4 storm that caused flooding, mudslides and damage to homes and farms. Families saw their fishing equipment and crops destroyed and their livestock perish — everything they had to support their families. Your generous and swift response meant that families could begin rebuilding their lives quickly. Your support supplied clean water, household essentials like soap and toothpaste, emergency shelter materials and LWR Quilts and Kits. And you are helping entire communities recover by providing seeds, livestock, new fishing equipment, and opportunities to earn income for repairing roads damaged by the storm. And you don't stop there. LWR's existing work in Haiti continues to help the rural poor build self-sufficiency and prepare to withstand the next unexpected challenge.

### COCOA FARMING IN THE PHILIPPINES

In 2016, the ELCA contributed more than \$173,000 to improve the lives of poor, rural farming families in the Philippines. With your help, families are learning how to grow quality cacao (the bean that becomes cocoa), a crop well-suited to the local climate with great earning potential. As part of this work, families are also learning how to manage their household income. Jessica Agra Viador, who is participating in the project, says that she and her husband have been able to raise enough money to buy a hog for their farm and a motorcycle for transportation.

### FOLLOW LWR QUILTS AND KITS FROM ASSEMBLY TO DISTRIBUTION

Visit [lwr.org/videos/quilts](http://lwr.org/videos/quilts) to watch a special video where you can follow LWR Quilts and Kits on their journey from assembly to distribution. Meet members of Cambridge Lutheran Church in Minnesota as they make and assemble Quilts and Kits. Then travel to a poor, remote region of Peru and meet hard-working families, for whom your gifts of Quilts and Kits provide warmth and comfort, and support health and education.

Then, join Lutherans across the U.S. in commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, by making LWR Kits of Care. Visit [buildkitsofcare.org/500](http://buildkitsofcare.org/500) for everything you need to get started!

### Thank You!

We thank you for your continued partnership! LWR invites you to stay in touch so you can see how your support is changing lives. And we welcome your feedback!

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