



Mission Moments: Use in Chapel Mission Moment, for Friday note and Bulletin. (Corresponds with CCCS Kids' Cards.)

Our offering money is helping kids through the CCCS, the Children's Christian Concern Society. The first **C** is for **children** from little preschoolers through big kids in high school. The next **C** is for Christian. We are **Christians** and we want all of the children we serve to believe in Jesus as their Savior. Everyone who loves Jesus is His friend and His friends are our friends, too. The third **C** is for **concern**. We are concerned for Jesus' friends because they don't have money to go to school. The money you give will provide scholarships, clothing and school supplies so that they can go to school and learn about Jesus. When they grow up, they will be able to provide a better life for their families. They will know that Jesus died for them so they will be able to go to heaven. The last letter is **S** for **society**. A society is a group of people who work together to make things happen. You are an important part of that society. When you give money and pray for these children, God is using you to make great things happen in these children's lives.



Mission Moment: Thailand

The CCCS assists two preschools near Bangkok, Thailand. The national religion in Thailand is Buddhism. The Thai people pray to spirits and offer gifts of food and flowers at the shrines outside their houses. Your gifts will help the children learn to trust Jesus not Buddha.

One of the preschools is supported by Concordia Lutheran Church which has less than 40 members. On Friday afternoon, when the preschool children get up from their naps, they put away all of their toys and set up chairs and an altar. Their preschool becomes the church! Then they say prayers for God to keep them safe over the weekend. They start by clapping their hands one, two, one, two, three, in rhythm so the children know to put their hands in the wai position.

(Palms together, with thumbs resting on chest, elbows in a straight line.) The wai position in Thai culture indicates a giving of respect, gratitude, apology or making a request. This is how they hold their hands to pray.

Deaconess Sarah Longmire teaches at the other preschool on the edge of the BangNa Slum. Although the children are very poor, they hear about Jesus every day. One mom told Deaconess Sarah how her little boy comes home and tells her about Jesus dying on the cross. This little boy is usually very shy in school but he is excited to teach his mother the Bible stories he is learning. Praise God!

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Prayer for CCCS in Thailand (Use for Chapel and in Weekend Worship)

Dear Father,

Please bless our friends in Thailand. Help them to trust in Jesus, not in Buddha. Help the little children to tell their parents about Jesus as they pray, sing, and explain their Bible stories. Help their parents to believe and trust in You. Bring more children to the schools so that more kids will be able to learn about Jesus.

In His name we pray. Amen.



Mission Moment: Guatemala

We have already learned about Gan, the preschooler who goes to school near a slum in Bangkok Thailand. Some of the money that is sent will help Gan and his friends.

Today, I have another card for you. This is Julio Melendez. He lives in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. He is in third grade and attends Christ Our Savior Lutheran School. The CCCS supports 17 places in Guatemala where children can learn about Jesus. For more than 40 years the CCCS has provided money for Christian day schools, boarding schools, and after school programs. Now some of the kids who received help from CCCS have grown up to be pastors, and teachers who help other children to learn about Jesus. That is what we hope will happen with many of the children who are helped by your offerings and prayers.

Please pray this week that Julio and his friends will study hard and will be a good friends and a blessing to many.

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Prayer for CCCS in Guatemala (Use for Chapel and in Weekend Worship)

Dear Lord,

Please bless Julio and his friends at Christ Our Savior Lutheran School in Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. Bless all 1286 kids in the 17 different schools in Guatemala supported by the Children's Christian Concern Society. Help them to study hard and to be a blessing to their friends and family.

Please also bless Gan in Thailand and his family and friends. Help them to know and trust You.

In Jesus name, Amen.



Mission Moment: Haiti

We have already learned about Gan, the preschooler who goes to school near a slum in Bangkok Thailand, and Julio who lives by the ocean in Guatemala. Some of the money that is sent will help Gan, Julio and their friends learn about Jesus.

Today's friends are from Haiti. Haiti is one half of an island in the Caribbean. Recently, many of the students have lost their homes from storms called hurricanes. A hurricane is like a tornado but with water. The community had to rebuild their homes and schools.

CCCS helped these Haitian friends by providing food and drinkable water after the floods. Members of a Lutheran church from the United States worked with CCCS to help rebuild and repair the damage done to the school. How happy the students were to know their CCCS friends loved them so much that they wanted to help them repair their school!

Please pray this week that our brothers and sisters in Christ in Haiti have good food and good water to drink and that they might be a blessing to others in their school.

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Prayer for Haiti (use for Chapel and in Weekend Worship)

Dear Lord,

Please bless our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Bless the efforts of the CCCS and the community to provide safe water and good food to eat. Please help them remember that You are always with them, even during the most terrible storms of life. Strengthen their faith so they might be a blessing to others.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Mission Moment: Middle East

Did you know that there are Lutherans in Bethlehem? In the very city where Jesus was born, there is a Lutheran school. It is called "Dar al-Kalima" or "House of the Word." There are 294 children who attend, kindergarten through twelfth grades. Only 42% or about 130 of them are Christian. The other 58% of the students come from Muslim homes. Through the school, all of the children learn to celebrate Christian holidays. Rev. Mitri Raheb, the pastor uses many stories about people who are written about in both the Koran and the Bible as a basis for daily devotions. This way the Muslim students will learn the truth about God's people.

The Children's Christian Concern Society assists Dar al-Kalima School with contributions to their Bright Stars program which meets after school. Students enjoy classes in music, sports, writing, or art. They make friends while they learn. God can use these opportunities to create lasting relationships that may help bring peace to this region. We pray that the children will respond to "the Word" as it is being taught and believe in the Savior that was born in their town. The offerings given this week will benefit this school.

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Prayer for Chapel, Weekend Worship and Classroom Use.

Dear Jesus, You are called the Word. Please be with all of the children who attend the House of the Word Dar al-Kalima Lutheran School in Bethlehem. Help the Christian and Muslim children learn to get along and to be good examples for their parents. Bless the Bright Stars Program so that the children will develop the gifts and talents you have given them. Holy Spirit, work through the school devotions and friendships of the Christian children so that many Muslim children and their parents will come to faith in Jesus, their Savior. Thank you for allowing the financial support from Children's Christian Concern Society to bless this school. Please help us to support them also with our gifts and prayers.



Mission Moment: Guatemala

Can you imagine not being able to go to school because it was too far away? Your parents are unable to bring you. There are no school busses. These are the problems faced by children in Guatemala. Forty years ago, Jim and Edie Jorns were agricultural missionaries near Zacapa, Guatemala. There was a Lutheran school in Zacapa, but many children wanting to attend were unable because it was too far from their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Jorns asked for help from their family and friends back in the United States so that a dormitory could be built for Divine Savior Lutheran School allowing the children to live at the school. The friends sent money and prayed for the children. These friends became known as the Children's Christian Concern Society. Their goal was to share the love of Jesus with children through Christian education.

A few years later, another missionary in Guatemala requested help in starting a new school in Puerto Barrios. The CCCS agreed to offer money and prayers. The third school assisted by the CCCS was one in Gualan. The pastor and his wife, wanted to help children attend school. The pastor's wife, Gloria, was one of the first students at the boarding school in Zacapa!

In the past 41 years, many students who attended a school supported by the CCCS have become leaders in the church and community. God is using them in their calling as pastors, teachers, business men and women to help other children learn about Jesus. This year there are 17 different sites or learning centers supported by CCCS in Guatemala, with 1,286 children learning about Jesus. As you give your gifts and prayers for the children in Guatemala, you become an important part of the Children's Christian Concern Society.

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Prayer for Chapel, Weekend Worship and Classroom Use

Dear Lord, We praise you for blessing the ministry of the Children's Christian Concern Society as it began in Zacapa, Guatemala, 41 years ago. Please continue to bless all 17 of its schools and learning centers in Guatemala so that the children may learn of you. Bless their studies so that their education will be a path out of poverty. Help them in gratitude to share the love of Jesus with others. Please bless us as we contribute our gifts and prayers that we may share in the joy of their ministry. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



Mission Moment: Liberia

Would you like to go to school in Liberia? The schools are made from concrete blocks molded by some of the parents. They are built around a court yard where the boys play soccer, but the girls have to play kick ball. In some classrooms you may have only a chair because there are not enough desks to go around.

Pastor Amos Bolay has an interesting way to invite children to come to his school, the Universal House of Prayer Lutheran School. Just before Christmas, he offers free haircuts for all of the boys in the neighborhood. Then they show a Jesus movie and offer the children something to eat. Girls are welcome to come to movie and eat with the boys. Many children go home and ask to come to the school. Soon the parents are asking if their children can also attend. So even if all the desks are full, they add more kids to the classes. Pastor Bolay won't turn away a child who wants to learn about Jesus.

In Liberia, the Children's Christian Concern Society has been helping pay teacher's salaries and scholarships since 1998. Now they have 24 schools, serving over 4,074 students! With your gifts and prayers, you are part of "Triple CS" (as Pastor Bolay calls CCCS).

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Prayer for Chapel, Weekend Worship, and Classroom Use

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for bringing hope to the children of Liberia through Christian education. Please bless Pastor Amos Bolay as he serves as the Children's Christian Concern Society's Chairman for Liberia. Bless the children from Muslim families who attend the schools as they share the story of salvation with their parents. Help all of the students to be diligent so that they may become leaders in their communities. In Jesus name, Amen.



Mission Moment: Bangladesh

How many God's do you worship? Prior to the building of the CCCS supported Lutheran school in Baniarcher, many families were Hindu. In their homes were statues of various gods, prominently displayed and worshipped by the family. Many people did not know about the true Triune God of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Now Tithi Bockchi and her family are learning of our loving Savior, Jesus. Through St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School, entire families are casting away false gods from their homes. How happy and relieved these families feel! They are also telling their Muslim and Hindu friends about Jesus.

We pray for Tithi and her family and community. Since the school was built in 2008, whole families have been baptized. In a county where less than one percent are Christians, we pray that all the students, parents and families may know the True God.

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Prayer for Chapel, Weekend Worship, and Classroom Use

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for bringing hope to Tithi Bockchi and her family in the remote area of Baniarcher, Bangladesh. Please empower those that believe in You to be a light to others. Be with the teachers and the 400 children served in Bangladesh through Children's Christian Concern Society as your light is carried to the darkest ends of the earth.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Mission Moment: Chad, Africa

Have you ever been afraid of being hurt? What about at school or church? Parents, principals and teachers work very hard so we can go to church and school safely. Most of us feel very safe in church and at school.

Unfortunately, not all areas of the world are safe. Many children live in areas where wars are common. The homes, schools and church buildings of Chad, Africa are often affected by war. Sometimes they are bombed. Sometimes the students have to move out of an area where soldiers are fighting.

Our CCCS friends in Chad know what it's like to be afraid, but they also know that our God is more powerful than any war. They know what it's like to be happy when times are scary. They are especially happy to have a CCCS school where they learn about Jesus and receive an education. What joy they have even when they are scared!

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Chad that they might have their faith strengthened in times of war and uncertainty.

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Prayer for Chapel, Weekend Worship, and Classroom Use

Dear Lord,

Please be with the students, families, teachers and pastors of the CCCS schools in Chad, Africa. Be with these schools as they expand to teach more children about you. Please strengthen their faith in times of war and uncertainty. Help them to be a beacon of hope to all who do not know You and Your great love for them.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Mission Moment: Paraguay

How many people know your name? Why is it important that God knows your name?

In all the people of the world, God knows your name. He has known your name before time began. He knew what you would look like, how many hairs you would have on your head on any given day, and how tall you will grow to be.

Children's Christian Concern Society teaches children like Gisella Lezcano of Hohenhau, Paraguay that God knows her name, too. CCCS teachers share God's love with the 316 children served at 7 project sites in Paraguay. During Saturday Bible schools, children from the cities and countryside gather to learn just how special they are to our Heavenly Father no matter how poor they are. How special it makes them feel to know Jesus died on the cross for them, too, and knows their names.

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Prayer for Chapel, Weekend Worship, and Classroom Use

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for knowing our names. Thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins so we can be with you forever in heaven. Please bless the work of the Children's Christian Concern Society as they teach children around the world that You love them and know their name, too.

In Jesus' name, Amen.