LWML English District October, 2019

Greetings - Women of LWML,

Faith amid Frustration

Everyone at one time or another experiences frustration, whether it's trying to learn all about the latest fangled technology, to misunderstanding someone's intentions as they try to express how they feel, to just being in a hurry and keeping up with today's rhythm of life.

The good news is that, as Christians, we have a Spirit that calms our storms. Our faith reminds us that we can have 'great patience' (2 Timothy 4:2). God forbid we put ourselves at risk in our frustration; run a red light heading for work, or speak a word in anger we later regret.

Yes, frustration is real. So, thank God our faith is just as real. As children of God, the Spirit strengthens us in His Word, and gives us patience to endure all things.

Words from LWML Jr. Counselor, Pastor Naumann

**NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES**

**Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster - Prague, Czech Republic**

**Pastor Kaster's written statements.**

**Learning the Czech language. "In June we began our formal classes in the Czech language. It is a very difficult language both in syntax as well as pronunciation. We consider ourselves very blessed to have a compassionate sister in Christ teaching us our lessons. Czechs are usually flattered that you would even try to use their language as they know it is very hard."**

**"Recently the pastor of the Czech-speaking congregation was injured, he wrote and asked me if I would lead the liturgy of confession as well as the Sacrament of the Altar...in Czech! I did okay; my pronunciation still needs a lot of work. But how grateful were those people that we came with the Lord's Word that gives the Lord's gifts -absolution and the body and blood of the Savior."**

**"We have finally received our Greek textbooks from the States. So, Deacon Damasek has begun his Greek lessons with me. He is very good at languages, but he is a bit overwhelmed with the complexities of Greek. For instance, in Greek an accent has nothing to do with pronunciation. But in his native Czech, accents have everything to do with pronunciation! Please pray for him as well as me. I am trying to be as challenging but as compassionate as my Czech teacher!"**

**"Here in the Czech Republic, many people see themselves as free of the whole notion of God. There is an 80% to 85% of people who claim to be atheist or agnostic. There are plenty of church buildings here in Prague - beautiful churches! - but they are empty. That may sound like freedom for them and for many people around the world. But, sometimes freedom isn't freedom. Rather, sometimes a new freedom is just the same old enslavement that grabbed Adam and Eve. We are here, therefore, to help people hear the true freedom that is found only in Christ."**

**Words from Suzanne Kaster**

**"Eurasia Team Meeting August 12-16 - Odessa, Ukraine. Every August our LCMS Eurasian missionary team comes together somewhere to meet, to grow, to worship and to strengthen one another through fellowship. This year we met in the Black Sea port of Odessa, Ukraine.**

**On August 31, we rented a table at the International School of Prague. It gave us an opportunity to meet new people, hand out some information, and invite them to our English-language service. We were blessed to have a number of people stop and chat with us. One person even exclaimed, "I didn't know there was a Lutheran church in Prague!". We pray that these people will come and be a part of our life together in the Lord. Now, we are looking for other English-language opportunities to do the same."**

**August and September, 2019 letters from the Kaster"s included so much more information than what could be shared in this monthly letter. Letters from our missionaries, who we support, include: what they have to learn, situations that they and their families have to deal with, their patience - to bring the saving Word of our Lord to non-Christians.**

**Pray for our Missionaries.**

Yours in Christ

Ruth Crowl

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