

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES

2008 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Will Be Joyful

“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stall, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.” Habakkuk 3:17-19

This past year has been a difficult one for many people, both in and out of institutions. Considering the economic conditions and downturn in our country and the world, the situation might certainly qualify as “tough.” But even during tough times, God is always there. Jesus’ promise to be with us, even to the end of the age, is a constant reminder that He will guide us through the turmoil to a better life with Him in heaven. Despite tough times, “I will be joyful in God my Savior.”

God again has provided WLIM with opportunities over the past year. We rejoice in the knowledge that the Gospel has been shared with countless men, women, teens and children who have found themselves in an institution for a variety of reasons.

Through the 107 years since the first full time WLIM chaplain began ministry to the institutionalized, the chaplains, deaconess and lay ministry volunteers have shared the saving grace of our loving God and the Good News of salvation with hurting people in jails, prisons, hospitals, nursing and assisted living homes, mental health facilities, drug & alcohol treatment centers, juvenile detention and child & adolescent treatment centers.

The ministry’s mission statement continues to reflect that direction and focus.

Our Mission:
*“To share God’s law and the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ
 With all individuals who are or have been
 Institutionalized, and their families.”*

In 2008, financial gifts received allowed the ministry to expand by adding an additional full time chaplain, adding numerous lay volunteers and to begin ministry work at a number of new county jails and other institutions. In particular, God opened the door to expanded ministry at the Milwaukee County House of Corrections, a jail that releases 24,000 inmates a year. What an opportunity!

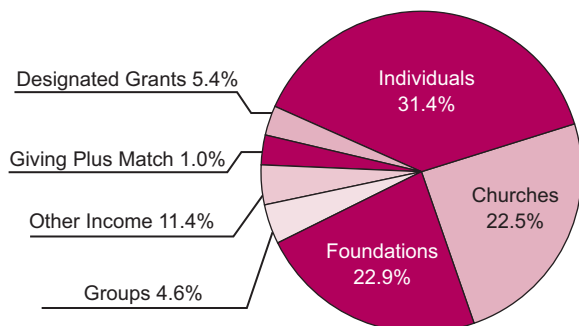
For 2009, our efforts will again be directed to ministry to bring the Gospel to hurting people. We are confident that God provides and will work in the hearts of those that support the ministry through their generous gifts.

We all appreciate the continuing prayers and financial support of the many individuals, organizations and congregations who recognize our Savior’s call to minister to the institutionalized, and their families. “I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.”

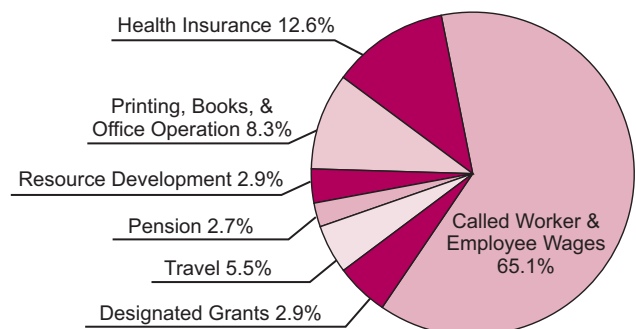
In Christ,

Donald K. Borgwardt
 Executive Director

**WLIM INCOME
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**WLIM EXPENSES
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WISCONSIN LUTHERAN INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES LAY VOLUNTEERS

The WLIM board and staff rejoice that our ministry continues to expand with the growth in the number of lay volunteers. For some, it is a few hours a month visiting the lonely in a nearby nursing home. For others, it is a Bible class or one-on-one visits with inmates at a local county jail. In a few cases, the lay ministry is conducted at a state correctional or a youth detention facility. A few of our volunteers conduct several Bible classes each week because they so enjoy the opportunity to share the Savior. Those served often respond with thanks and joy. The questions they are asking themselves about God and about eternity are answered from Scripture by our wonderful lay volunteers. The volunteers are so loved and appreciated by the people they are serving in Jesus' name. WLIM continues to recruit, train, and, as able, place into service lay volunteers in their own local community. Are YOU interested? Call the WLIM hotline, 888-214-6490.

