LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Love IN ACTION

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YOUR QUILTS & KITS

HUMBLE GIFTS. PROFOUND IMPACT.

From the beginning, Lutheran World Relief has believed in the **profound power of small acts of love to change the world.** A hand-stitched quilt that comforts a family fleeing violence. A kit of simple hygiene items that brings dignity to those facing disaster. Your love transforms these humble gifts into lifesaving care and carries them to the hardest-to-reach neighbors, finding them in places no one else can go.

In 2026, through your support of the **Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund**, your love traveled even farther. It moved through a hurricane's apocalyptic aftermath to bring LWR Quilts to families in **Jamaica**. It braved rough terrain and unrelenting heat to place Baby Care Kits in the arms of new mothers in **Zimbabwe**.

This year, more than **227,040 QUILTS** and **395,382 KITS** were delivered to neighbors facing crises of every kind. Here's what your faithful support made possible this year:

19 COUNTRIES
including U.S., reached with quilts and kits.

3,200 MILES
your quilts and kits traveled from our Minnesota Warehouse to neighbors devastated by earthquakes in Venezuela.

122 HEALTH FACILITIES
in Tanzania, Liberia, Zimbabwe and Madagascar providing LWR Quilts and Baby Care Kits to new mothers.

100,920 PERSONAL CARE KITS
one of our most requested items, with demand exceeding supply — distributed to those in disaster.

Thank you for your small, powerful acts of love. You are truly changing the world for our neighbors in need.

YOUR LOVE TRAVELS THE LAST AND HARDEST MILE

Dear Quilters & Kit Makers,

Time and again, your faithful love shows that when it comes to serving others, **no road is too rugged, no conflict zone too dangerous, and no neighbor beyond the reach of hope**. Because of you, families facing crisis this year were wrapped in warmth, dignity, and comfort.

Enclosed is our **2026 LWR Quilts & Kits Distribution Map**, showing just how far that love reached. It walked through **fires in the U.S.** and came under fire in **Ukraine** and **Lebanon**. It carried compassion into rural **Zimbabwe** health clinics and urban devastation in **Venezuela**.

But numbers tell only part of the story. From Angela in Mississippi to Nataliya in Kyiv, your generosity found neighbors others couldn't reach — arriving right when it mattered most.

Because of you, **love crossed the last and hardest mile to reach our neighbors in need.** Thank you.

Joy and Blessings,



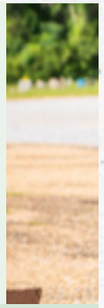
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"THESE QUILTS ARE A BLESSING FOR THE CHILDREN."

- Angela Davis, who received LWR Quilts and Kits at a distribution in Purvis, MS.



THROUGH DEVASTATION AND DISASTER IN MISSISSIPPI

When more than a dozen tornadoes tore through **Mississippi** in a single day last May, followed by massive flooding only a month later, the hardest-hit communities of Purvis and Hattiesburg were devastated. **Your love was there, surrounding neighbors like Angela Davis**. After losing her daughter to COVID, she's raising five grandchildren alone and struggling to make ends meet. Because of you, she received quilts and kits that offered comfort and dignity for the children — and peace of mind for herself.

THROUGH A CATASTROPHIC HURRICANE IN JAMAICA

When Hurricane Melissa struck **Jamaica** as the country's first-ever Category 5 storm, it displaced more than 279,000 of our neighbors. **Thanks to your compassion, families in the hardest-hit areas received LWR Quilts and Kits, along with food packages and care through mobile clinics.** Your love restores a precious sense of dignity and normalcy to those who are living in the most uncertain and turbulent of times. Thank you for sharing Christ's love.







THROUGH CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE IN UKRAINE

Nearly five years into war, families in **Ukraine** still live in fear, and reaching those living in conflict zones grows harder every day. **Because of you, LWR delivers quilts and kits to the most vulnerable — including neighbors like Nataliya Savchuk.** Living in Kyiv, Nataliya cares for her seven children as well as her elderly mother. For a family living through the horrors of war, your quilts and kits provide warmth — and a rare, comforting sense of support.

YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE!

Because of you, quilts and kits circled the globe to reach neighbors in need this year. You can help future gifts travel just as far by supporting the **Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund**. Each quilt or kit costs $4 to transport, process, store and deliver — from your hands to theirs.

HERE'S HOW:

By Check: Write "**Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund**" in the memo and mail to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061.

Online: **lwr.org/ShipQK**.

TRACK LWR QUILTS & KITS WITH LYDIA!

REMINDER: Lydia, our new quilt & kit tracker, is at your service! Use Lydia to pre-register and track your congregation's quilts and kits for upcoming Ingathering seasons. Learn more at **lwr.org/tracker.**



THE MIRACLE OF YOUR LOVE



The birth of a child is a miracle, but it can also be dangerous, with many mothers in sub-Saharan Africa delivering at home without proper care or supplies. An estimated **70% of maternal deaths globally** occur here ... **182,000 women a year**.

Your love is changing that. Mothers in countries like **Zimbabwe**, **Madagascar**, **Tanzania** and **Liberia** are choosing to give birth in clinics where they have access to prenatal care, safe deliveries and support from trained health care professionals. Their motivation? Your highly treasured **Quilts and Baby Care Kits**.

MOTHERS IN ZIMBABWE SHARED THEIR GRATITUDE:

> *As a first-time mother, I was scared and alone.* ***Receiving a Baby Care Kit made me feel like I could be a good mother.*** *It gave my baby a clean and safe start in life."*
>
> — Masline

> *"**These [supplies] have changed my life.** My baby is warm and clean. I can now save money and focus on raising my child in good health, even during the cold."*
>
> — Rudo Mhlanga

> *"Before, I gave birth using old cloths and unsafe tools. This time,* ***I felt like I was giving birth with dignity.*** *I now teach other mothers to prepare and go to the hospital."*
>
> — Margaret Zvikomborer

> *"These items brought great relief. They eased the burden of preparing for my baby.* ***May the Lord bless the hands that provide for mothers like us."***
>
> — Mandiwana Ayanda

WATCH: BLESSING MULTIPLIERS

Our partners call LWR Quilts and Kits "**blessing multipliers**." Find out why at **lwr.org/2026Report.**



THANK YOU! Read more about how your quilts and kits are supporting new mothers at **lwr.org/2026Report.**

Until your love reaches every neighbor.

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