

MISSION MESSAGE

Official Newsletter of the Board of World Mission



A Note From the Executive Director

The age-old debate rages on about whether a cup should be seen as "half-empty" or "half-full". Well, as I think about all that is on the "plate" of the BWM... I recognize our cup is overflowing! This has been a wonderful year full of blessings. BWM has had the chance to visit with new prospective Mission Areas in Brazil and Bolivia - getting in on the ground floor of what some day could be full Unity Provinces.



The BWM had a strong presence at youth events both in North America as well as with our global partners. Nothing brings energy like summer camps, regardless of language!

Mission experiences and mission teams have started back up again as we move further away from some of the biggest restrictions of the pandemic.

The BWM was able to work with so many partners in our church to help more than double the \$50,000 goal of our Debt Jubilee Project, with more than \$102,000 raised to relieve over \$10 million in debt for 13,000+ families. Look at the article next to this for more details on the tremendous impact this effort has had!

Now, as we near the end of the year, we find ourselves with energy building around the new water filter distribution project in Honduras, aptly named "Blessings Flow". Read more about the specifics of this effort in this newsletter and our other communications, but with 400 households already having received filters and concrete plans for three more communities in Honduras in this "phase 1" of the project... you start to see how amazing it is when God multiplies the efforts of the Moravian Church when we each contribute.

You have the opportunity to join the BWM's Advent Calendar, where each day we have a chance to count our blessings in support of a good cause. Sign up today!

Finally, "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow".... For real... Let's do that....



BWM merchandise makes a great holiday gift!

For the month of November only, find BWM t-shirts, fleece vests, sweatshirts, notecards, and luggage tags at MoravianMission.org/Shop.

As always, our delicious Moravian Mission Coffee can be purchased at MoravianMissionCoffee.org

DEBT JUBILEE PROJECT FOR THE HEALING OF THE WORLD

This summer, generous Moravians came together to offer grace and hope through the forgiveness of medical debt, both here in the United States and at the Moravian medical ministry in Ahuas, Honduras. The Debt Jubilee Project: For the Healing of the World was a collaborative effort of several Moravian agencies based on our biblical call to care for the sick and our belief that healthcare is a fundamental human right. We are pleased to share that this project is making a huge impact around the world and close to home.

Total Impact

- Total Amount Received: \$102,424.47 (more than double our goal!)
- Total sent to the Ahuas Clinic: \$25,606.12
- Total sent to abolish medical debt in the U.S.: \$76,818.35

Through our partnership with RIP Medical Debt, **total debt abolished in the U.S.:**
\$10,965,390.60.

People impacted: 13,441 individuals / families in 37 counties across 15 states where Moravian congregations and entities are located. 44 families in La Moskitia, Honduras.

Putting this in perspective: When all is said and done, the number of people impacted by the Debt Jubilee Project will eclipse the populations of Lake Mills, WI (6,433); Lititz, PA (9,527); Waconia, MN (13,071); the Southern Province (13,114); and the majority of the Northern Province (18,395).

Learn more: www.moravian.org/debtjubilee/.



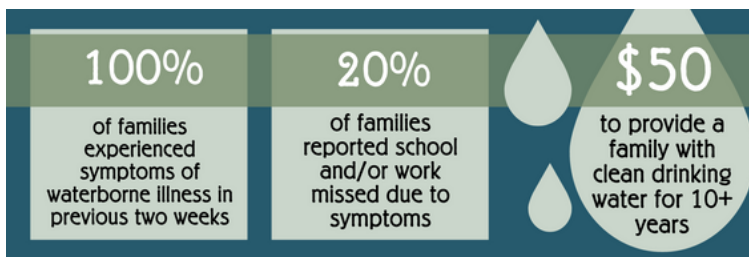
Blessings Flow

The Board of World Mission's Blessings Flow Project has provided clean water to over 400 families in the La Moskitia region of Honduras this year through the distribution of household water filters. Through a partnership with local leaders and an organization called One Atta Time, which provides five-gallon buckets, EPA-approved water filters, and assessments of health and water quality, we have blessed every family in the villages of Tumtum Tara and Warunta, with plans to serve three additional communities (Kuhrupa, Pakwi, and Río Plátano) in the first stage of the project.

This project has already touched the hearts of many North American Moravians, who have assembled water filters, contributed to joyful noise offerings, and welcomed BWM staff members into their congregations to share about the project. We are deeply grateful to all who have engaged with this effort through recent Moravian Day of Service activities and beyond. At the bottom of this page, you will find a daily Advent calendar that will help you learn more about the project and count your blessings in this Advent season.

As we approach the end of the year, now is the best time to let the Blessings Flow!

Our partners at One Atta Time are graciously extending the price of \$50 per filter to our Moravian donors through the end of the year, despite having increased their general rate to \$100 this summer (to match increases in the cost of supplies, travel, water testing, and other services they provide). This means that by giving before December 31st, the impact of your donation will be doubled!



Your \$50 donation covers the cost of purchasing the filter, shipping costs to get it in country, the purchase of the bucket, visits by BWM and One Atta Time staff to do health assessments, filter distribution, training on how to use and maintain the filter, and a follow-up visit to measure impact and ensure continued proper usage. That's a lot of value to give EVERY family in these communities a decade or more of clean water to limit days of work and school lost to the effects of waterborne illnesses!

Even more important, this is a project carried out jointly by the leadership of the two Moravian Church bodies in Honduras. The church, which split more than 25 years ago, is finding ways to work together in mission that transcend their historical division. This display of unity is a tremendous witness to these communities.

Those in the U.S. can send checks to: Board of World Mission, 1021 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. Please use the memo line to indicate that your gift is for "Blessings Flow." **Canadians can send checks to:** Moravian Church in Canada, 600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2J 0B8. Interac e-Transfer donations may be sent to treasurer@moravian.ca. In the comments section, please mark this donation as "Blessings Flow" and include your name and address to receive a tax receipt. **Give online at MoravianMission.org/Give/.**



Celebrate Advent with the BWM

We are blessed more than we realize, because we rarely pause to count the blessings. Day by day, as you follow the BWM Advent calendar, you will be given an opportunity to count many of your blessings... and some days we will also recognize the ways that the BWM's ministry has been blessed this year! Learn more about the Blessings Flow Advent calendar at MoravianMission.org/Advent/. To receive daily prompts via text, text (920)495-8995 and include "Advent calendar" in the text. To receive daily prompts via email, email sylvie@moravianmission.org and include "Advent calendar" in the subject line. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for daily updates there!

We have also compiled a variety of resources to help Moravian congregations and individuals learn more about the Blessings Flow project this Advent season. Find sermon starters, printable bookmarks, children's activities, and more at MoravianMission.org/BlessingsFlow/.

