

MISSION MESSAGE

Official Newsletter of the Board of World Mission



Blessings Flow, Indeed.

Clean Water Project Surpasses 2,500 Filters Funded

As 2023 came to a close, Moravian congregations and individuals went above and beyond to make the blessings overflow. Our goal was to provide five La Moskitia villages with clean water for over a decade, but your generosity blew this goal out of the water! The project is far from over, but at this point, we have raised over \$150,000 to share the blessing of safe, clean drinking water.



- Filtration systems will be provided to over 2,500 households.
- We are now moving toward a goal of... clean water flowing for at least a decade in every home in 10+ communities!
- Most importantly, health and hope will be restored in an area where 100% of families experience symptoms of waterborne illness in any given two-week period.

At this very moment, we have staff and partners on the ground in Honduras continuing the work and making plans for the future of this project. Last week they distributed filters, buckets, and medications to every family in the community of Pakwi. Now they are working on distribution in Río Plátano, where every household, school, health center, and church will receive a filtration system. Where will the blessings flow next?

We will continue to share about this project as future locations are identified and filters are distributed. We encourage you to follow along by following the Board of World Mission on Facebook and Instagram.

Learn more about this effort at
[MoravianMission.org/BlessingsFlow/](https://www.MoravianMission.org/BlessingsFlow/).

COMING UP...

Moravian
DAY OF
giving
February 13, 2024

Mark your calendars for a day that transcends individual contributions to make a combined impact -- the Moravian Day of Giving is on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. This special day is not just about financial contributions; it's about the collective strength of our Moravian community, driven by shared values and a commitment to make a lasting impact.

This year, the Moravian Ministries Foundation will grant \$2,500 to the five Moravian organizations (churches, agencies, camps, etc.) with the most unique individual donors. This means that your gift to the Board of World Mission on **February 13th** (even a gift of \$5) will get us closer to unlocking an additional \$2,500.

Gifts must be made through the MMFA Giving Portal to be counted toward the \$2,500 grant. Learn more and donate on the 13th at www.MMFA.com. Follow the prompts to the "Giving Portal" and select the Board of World Mission in the list of ministries. Thank you!

2023 Ted Wilde Service Awards

At a special worship service in October at West Side Moravian Church in Green Bay, Wisconsin, the Board of World Mission awarded both the Rev. Marian Boyle-Rohloff and Br. Ed Winney with the Ted Wilde Mission Service Award. Each year, we honor the memory of Ted Wilde, former BWM Executive Director and lifelong servant of Jesus Christ, by recognizing individuals who have been willing to take up the great commandment and the great commission by learning from our Chief Elder, Jesus Christ, and then responding to God's call to mission in our worldwide parish, keeping in mind that the world starts just outside our door. This description of service fits the humble ministry of both Ed Winney and Marian Boyle-Rohloff, as they consistently and passionately commit their lives to ministry toward those at the margins of society.

Brother Ed Winney has spent almost 40 years volunteering in prison and jail ministries, from serving those currently incarcerated to supporting prison aftercare efforts, and tirelessly advocating for local and statewide legal system reform as part of West Side's congregational justice ministries. In addition to his service to those in prison, Ed has also served as a chaplain in one of the local seasonal homeless shelters, treating those without homes with respect and dignity, and honoring them as valued members of the community. Throughout all aspects of his ministry, Ed offers a humanizing approach to everyone he encounters. Knowing that a group can be more effective than a single person, Ed has always sought to connect more people from within the West Side congregation to this ministry. He is a well-respected spiritual leader and voice for "the least of these" mentioned in Matthew 25, where Jesus says, "I was sick and in prison, and you visited me."

Sister Marian Boyle-Rohloff has worked tirelessly for social and racial justice. She serves on the Moravian Racial Justice Team, organizing and helping to promote the pastoral pilgrimage to Montgomery, Alabama. On the local level, Marian holds a leadership role in the Justice Organization Sharing Hope and United for Action (JOSHUA), where local congregations join together to work for social justice by lobbying state legislators. Within her congregation, Pastor Marian also started a Racial Justice and Equity team, which works to bring to light areas of injustice in the local community and educate others about the role systemic racism plays in maintaining inequality. Through all of her involvement with countless committees, she leads with compassion in such a way that others are inspired to join in, always offering opportunities that match the passions and abilities of those who would like to serve. Marian has been the Light of Christ by dedicating her time to Christ's work and by encouraging others to be the Light of Christ with her.

With deep appreciation for these servants' generosity – through their time, treasure, and exceptional talents – we are honored to present Ed Winney and Rev. Marian Boyle-Rohloff with the Ted Wilde Mission Service Award.



Learn more about the BWM's annual awards and nominate those who have given of themselves for the benefit of others at www.MoravianMission.org/Awards/.

Upcoming Prayer Days

- February 8th: Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center in Ramallah, Palestine
- February 22nd: Moravian ministries in Rajpur, India
- March 7th: Moravian Church in Tanzania, Northern Province
- March 21st: Moravian Church in Brazil
- April 4th: Moravian Church in Labrador
- April 18th: Moravian Church in Cuba

We are grateful for your consistent support of the Board of World Mission and your desire to give of your time, energy, and financial resources. We invite you also to join us in prayer for our global partners and their ministries. The designated Days of Prayer listed above offer special opportunities to lift our partners up in prayer. You will also find specific prayer requests at MoravianMission.org/Pray.