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Dear Friends in Christ,

You have done a significant thing, perhaps even more significant than you realize. In a time of financial anxiety you have shared what you have, refusing to become paralyzed by the fear that headlines broadcast. Trusting in God's ability to provide for your needs you have chosen to share with others, supporting mission and ministry in so many ways.

With your support, mutually beneficial global partnerships with the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Saxony flourish. From these partners we receive knowledge about how to share Christ in cultures where large numbers of people have little or no experience of Christ. With your help faculty from the Lutheran seminary in Nigeria receive advanced theological training at Luther Seminary.

With your support local congregations receive training for transforming ministry in their own context, with retreats, Bible studies, and coaching to change the "culture" of a congregation so that its people are prepared to take up the work of witness in their personal lives as well as in their shared ministry.

With your support congregations in crisis have help just a phone call away. With your support congregations and leaders get care, counsel, and resources so that their hope is renewed, so that a new day can begin. With your Support,

On behalf of a grateful church,

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