

Raised Dots...God's Word

Anyone who watches a Work Center in operation and examines the final product could easily draw the conclusion that this effort is a waste of time. What good is a sheet of paper with raised dots?



Mr. Walter Loeber,
President,
Board of Directors

Those of you who work in a Work Center and/or financially support the Lutheran Braille Workers' ministry know this is not a waste of time. You know when fingers glide over the raised dots, the person is reading the Word of God or a devotion about Jesus. That is why you work and support this ministry the way you do.

I thank you for your work and support so raised dots can be on pieces of paper. Because of your work, financial support, dedication, and faithfulness blind people touch the promises of Jesus.

I'm sure every recipient who is blind thanks you for the raised dots so they can read God's Word and/or a message about Jesus. They would assure you that you have not wasted your time or money.

Thank you, and the Lord fill you with joy in knowing you have made it possible for someone to touch the promises of Jesus.

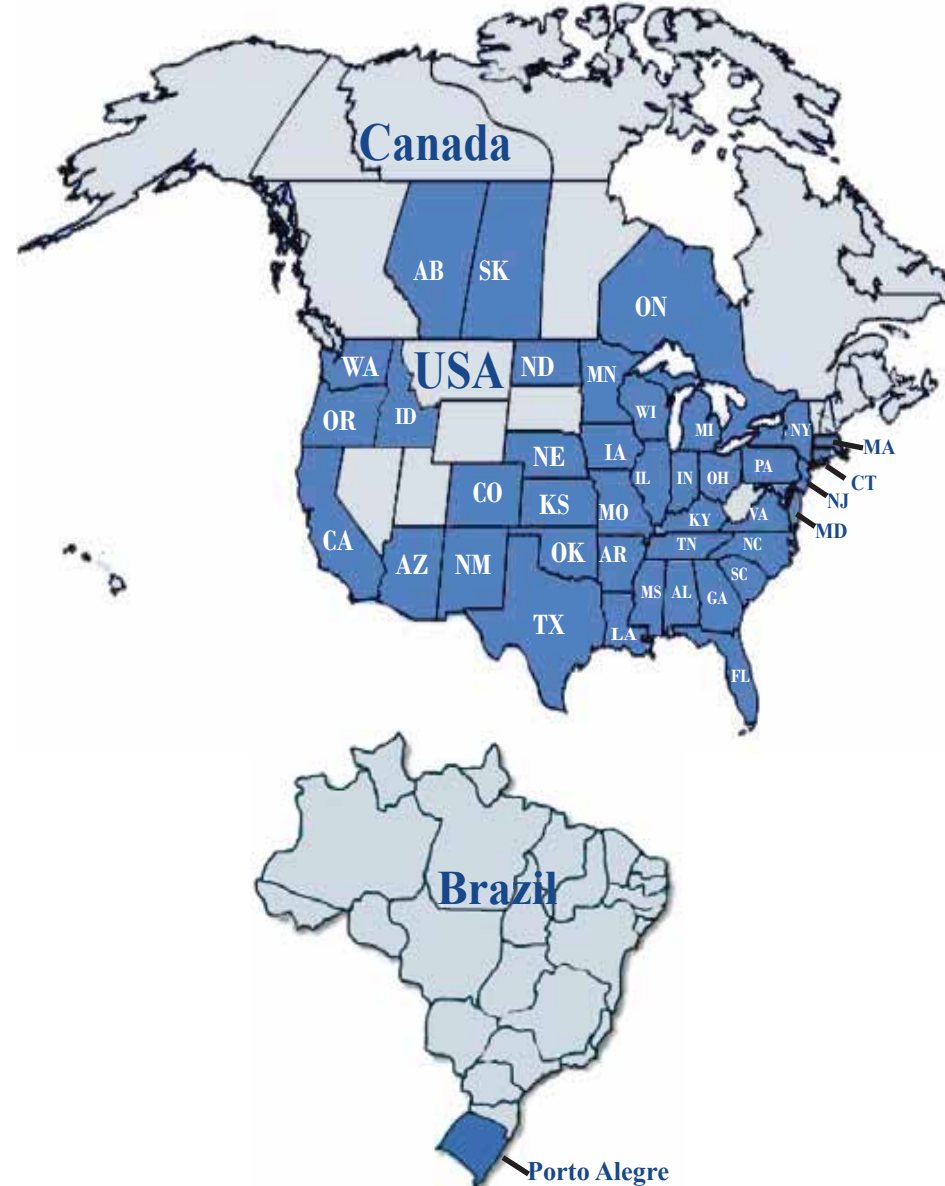
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WORK CENTERS IN THE US, CANADA AND BRAZIL

AL	3 Braille	MO	7 Braille
AZ	6 Braille	NE	4 Braille, 1 Large Print
AR	6 Braille	NJ	2 Braille
CA	35 Braille, 12 Large Print	NM	1 Large Print
CO	2 Braille	NY	7 Braille
CT	1 Braille	NC	1 Braille
FL	6 Braille	ND	3 Braille
GA	1 Braille	OH	4 Braille
ID	2 Braille	OK	1 Braille
IL	8 Braille	OR	2 Braille, 1 Large Print
IN	9 Braille	PA	2 Braille
IA	2 Braille	SC	1 Braille
KS	5 Braille, 1 Large Print	TN	1 Large Print
KY	2 Braille	TX	19 Braille, 1 Large Print
LA	2 Braille	VA	1 Braille
MD	1 Braille	WA	3 Braille
MA	3 Braille	WI	2 Braille
MI	3 Braille, 1 Large Print		
MN	4 Braille	CANADA	9 Braille
MS	5 Braille	BRAZIL	1 Large Print



Year End Annual Report



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Helping People Touch the Promises of Jesus

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

P.O. Box 5000

Serving Our Gracious Lord

Through the partnership of faithful people, Lutheran Braille Workers blessed many thousands in 2009. Even through difficult economic times, faithful people blessed the nations, helping people touch the promises of Jesus!



Rev. Dr. Phillip Pledger,
Executive Director

This report features numbers, graphs, and statistics, but represents much more. God has used LBW to help meet the spiritual needs of many people. From all over the world letters of thanks state that LBW is an answer to their prayers. Thank God for His faithfulness and calling; we are honored to serve Jesus our gracious Lord.

Helping people touch the promises of Jesus was the focus of 2009. We add helping people grow in Christ for 2010. St. Paul writes: "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow" (1 Cor 3:6). Your prayers are needed, the labor of thousands are needed, willing contributors supply the finances needed to accomplish our mission, but God blesses the efforts and makes faith grow. Thank you all for your Gospel partnership.

LBW STAFF

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Ecuador Family Receives Spanish Braille Bible

Gladys and Antonio (pictured below left with their 2 children) are blind. When a team from Crosswinds Church delivered LBW's Bible in Spanish Braille, their faces lit up and they immediately began reading. Being poor, they could never afford a \$1,200 Braille Bible, and were very grateful that LBW made it possible for them to touch the promises of Jesus.



Ecuador

Malawi

Bible Book Club (Continued)

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Meyer
 Mr. Byron Mott
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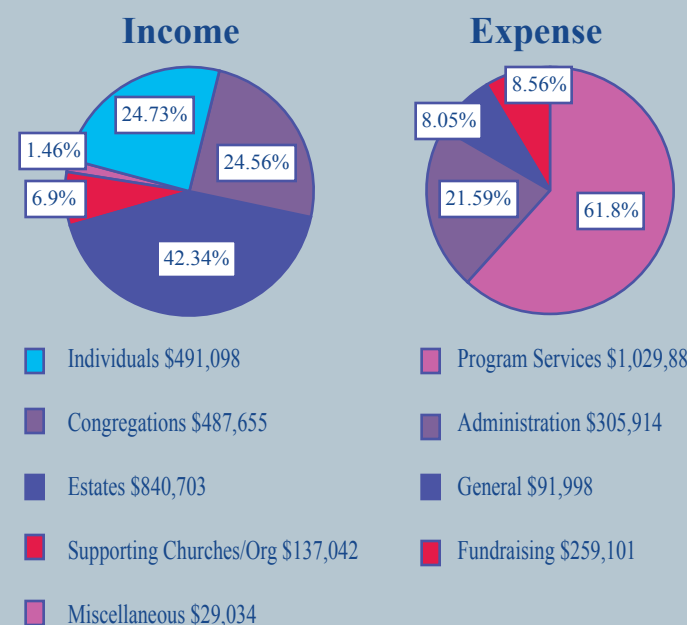
Mission Statement

The Mission of Lutheran Braille Workers is to provide the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to individuals who are blind or visually impaired throughout the world.



Mexico

Nigeria



2009 Braille and Large Print Information			
	Braille	Large Print	Total
Sheets Produced	11,065,052	5,880,100	16,945,152
Volunteers	4,654	375	5,029
Work Centers	174	20	194

God is Good...All the Time!



Mr. Michael Fischer,
 Director of Ministry
 Advancement

This Annual Report is being sent to a select group - our faithful financial supporters of Lutheran Braille Workers. Its intent is to provide a brief overview of the financial status and work that has been accomplished in 2009. Of utmost importance is that we, at LBW, are humbled, amazed and inspired while all the time

thankful to our God for His goodness to us through you and those who are now in glory. God is Good...All the Time!

What the chart and graphs may not show is:

- That with the economic challenges of 2009, LBW kept its expenses in line and balanced its budget
- With increased estate income, LBW was able to begin establishing financial reserves
- The Bible Book Club membership (donors who have committed to regularly support LBW) remained constant in 2009. Interested parties may contact the home office for further information
- A net three new Work Centers were opened in 2009
- The number of volunteers stayed relatively constant between 5,000 and 5,100
- LBW and Valparaiso University entered into a collaborative venture to produce a new generation of embossing presses for Braille
- LBW received specially targeted project grants from the Dunklau Foundation, Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), Thrivent Foundation and the Werner Foundation
- LBW has no long term debt or financial obligation
- The estimated aggregate value of our volunteers' donated hours if paid minimum wage would amount to \$6.4 million in 2009

Entering a new year, LBW counts its blessings from a Loving God including a faithful group of prayer warriors, volunteers and financial supporters. Motivated to helping people touch the promises of Jesus, LBW strives, with God's help, to grow its ministry in 2010.