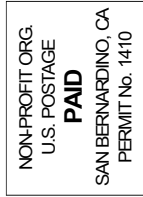



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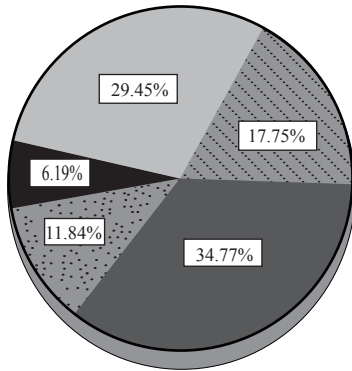


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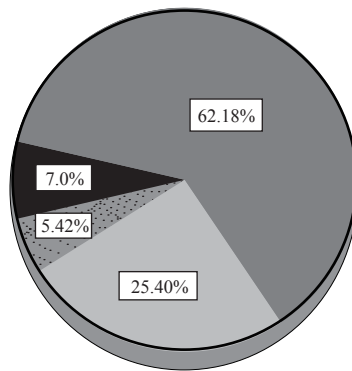
Mission Statement

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.

Income



Expenses



- Individuals \$504,229
- Estates \$595,372
- Congregations \$303,879
- Supporting Churches/Org \$202,720
- Miscellaneous \$106,177
- Program Services \$816,262
- Administration \$333,405
- General \$71,168
- Fundraising \$91,937

Statistical Information

	Braille	Large Print	Other
Production	136,732	33,584	N/A
Volunteers	4,121	238	112
Work Centers	160	21	3

Work Center Volunteer Value

In the Audited Financials, the auditor includes supplemental information obtained from LBW that places a value for volunteer contributed services (as a revenue and an expense) based on unaudited data. This figure in no way expresses the auditor's opinion. The estimated aggregate financial value of the LBW volunteer force, at California minimum wage rate, equates to \$8,300,000.

From the President

The year 2011 was an exciting and important year for Lutheran Braille Workers. According to the World Health Organization, more than 160 million people live with severe visual disability. If all these people lived in one country, that country would be the 8th largest nation in the world by population!



Rev. Dr. Phillip M. Pledger,
President

To better understand the challenges and needs of these millions of people, during the months of September and October, Rev. Dennis Stueve (Pastor of St. John's Hemet, CA and member of LBW's Board of Directors) and I visited Eastern and Western Europe to meet with people who use and distribute LBW Christian books. We were blessed to visit ministries in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland where the Word of God had been suppressed during Soviet rule and where blind Christians are hungry for the Word of God in Braille and Large Print.

While visiting with Bible Societies in 5 different countries, we kept hearing the same requests: more Braille, more Large Print, and please offer the Bible in audio formats. That message was also made clear by listening to Christian missionaries who serve people who are blind throughout Eurasia. We consulted with missionaries and representatives from blind ministry groups in the Netherlands, England, and in Germany. A clear and compelling ministry focus became evident.

We presented our findings to the Board of Directors and together we sketched out some fundamental strategic objectives:

- Forge a path to be a "one stop resource center" as the premier resource of God's Word and all Christian resources (Braille, Large Print, electronic and audio formats) for people with visual disabilities.

- Establish a congregationally based ministry footprint of care, support, and encouragement with resources for people just beginning to lose their sight, and for those who serve this growing group of people, to connect them with fellowship in, and worship of Christ.

- Help people touch the promises of Jesus as a catalyst for "hands on" ministry for people who are blind focused on the "whole person," including outreach, discipleship and integration throughout the Christian Church.

- Sustain our mission and develop plans to become the world's premier printing house for Braille and Large Print Christian materials. We plan on collaborating with Bible Societies and other ministries throughout the world to introduce Jesus-The Word, into spiritually "difficult" environments.

To help meet these objectives, LBW submitted a grant request to the National LWML to replace our ailing Plate Embossing Device (PED). To become the premier supplier of Christian Bibles and other Christian resources, the outdated PED we use to manufacture Braille plates needed to be replaced. Thanks to the LWML and other generous donors, the \$125,000 needed has been pledged.

This Annual Report is a living testament of thousands of God's faithful people who, for the love of Jesus, are dedicated to bringing the Light of Christ to people with visual disability. Your prayers, your labor, and your generous financial support will reach millions of people for Christ. Together we are helping people touch the promises of Jesus.

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