

## **IDW Mission Grant Evaluation Report Form**

Grant recipients are to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort. If this is a continuing ministry, please submit a report by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year, in which the grant is received. Include pictures/videos that help share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their own ministry. Final grant funds will be sent upon receipt of this evaluation.

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- **Please provide a brief overview of the effort:**

Christian Support for caregivers is a program that is in progress. It is to establish 1-2 caregivers per congregation in the Humboldt/Ft. Dodge Circuits.

- **What goals were established for this effort and what did you hope to accomplish?**

To establish a communication link between congregations that will supply those caring for loved ones information and Christian one-on-one support.

The grant is to provide training in the Powerful Tools for Caregiver program taught by LFS instructors. Monies from the grant will pay for the manual that each person will receive.

- **Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?**

It has taken longer than expected to fill the positions within congregations. My health and the death of my mother slowed my progress in reaching my goals.

I have no doubt that my goal will be reached. It will just take longer than anticipated. With God's help all things are possible.

- **Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?**

I did not realize how big of a job it was. Plans are to work with those established in congregations, purchase materials needed as it takes 2-3 weeks to receive the manuals, and to have more than one training session for the Powerful Tools program.

I will be ordering the manuals so that I can have them on hand and can start classes when appropriate and will turn in a receipt/bill when received from LFS for the grant reimbursement.

I am working with the LWML of both zones to help with establishing Christian Caregivers within their congregations.

I'm working with the Parish Nurse organization, getting ideas from them and additional support that I need to be successful.

- **What lessons were learned through this effort?**

That I can't do it all myself and need the support of others. I have chosen to work with the LWML of both zones on this program.

- **Will this outreach effort continue and be sustaining? Did a new outreach opportunity present itself?**

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My hope is to make the program available to all congregations in Iowa District West.

- **What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?**

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To establish a committee that will work together and share ideas that works for their congregation and to share between congregations what works for them.

I thank you for providing the grant through IDW LCMS so that I can establish the Christian Support for Caregiver Program.