

## “MORE ABOUT MILDRED AND MYRTLE MITE BOX”

Revised Fall 2011

CHARACTERS: Mildred and Myrtle – each dressed like a Mite box

SETTING: sitting at a table with each having a coffee or tea cup. Have **Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly** on table. Make a poster with a ‘stick’ LWML woman with the words “USE ME, LOVE ME, KNOW ME, PRAY FOR ME, FEED ME and TELL OTHERS ABOUT ME’ radiating from her.

Myrtle: I’m so glad you stopped by today. How are you?

Mildred: Oh, I’m fine, but you look a bit weary. What’s seems to be your problem?

Myrtle: Well, my lady has been housecleaning, and I’ve been shuffled form one place to another. I’ve gone from her dresser to the window sill to the drawer, to the cabinet—even knocked off and landed in the sink.

Mildred: (laughing) you look still in one piece!

Myrtle: O yes, the Lord saw to it that I didn’t drown. I was a bit soggy for a few hours though. There was **one** good thing that came out of all this housecleaning. My lady salvaged an old shag rug from the attic and as she was shaking it vigorously, out fell several coins. She fed me all those coins.

Mildred: That sounds tasty, but weren’t the coins kind of dirty and dusty... or did she wash them first?

Myrtle: No, she just dropped them in...thought for certain I might get sick, but I didn’t.

Mildred: I am so glad you survived. I don’t think there is any sickness worse than **mite-anemia**. We mite boxes seem to suffer that from from time to time.

Myrtle: O, I know. I have been working on a commercial to promote and help our growth. Here let me show you. (hold up poster)

Mildred: This is terrific! You have some good points here. **Pray for me.**

Myrtle: Only with prayer can we achieve our mite goals! As Jesus says in John 15:5, “without Me you can do nothing”.

Mildred: You know, when my lady says a few word of thanks or praise to our Lord as she drops in the coins, (She hugs herself) its like icing on the cake. Yum!

Myrtle: **Use me** – Only if we are use, can LWML support our mission grants. **Feed me** – Only if we are fed daily, or at least weekly, can our ladies truly receive joy for us.

Mildred: Makes me feel better, too. **Love me.** I only feel really loved when I am used. I'm not just some pretty little box, but a tool to serve in God's kingdom. When I'm fed once a month or not at all, I get terrible hunger pangs.

Myrtle: **Advertise me-** Our ladies should to talk about what has been achieved through us with God's blessings and keep before them the needs that have yet to be filled. God has even told us to advertise, "Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father". Phil. 2:11. That's the key to our growth! **Know me-** Only if our ladies read and study about the grants on the district and national level will they want to pray, use, feed, love and advertise us.

Mildred: All that is so true! Have you seen this Fall Quarterly with all the pictures from the Peoria convention? The list of the national 2011-2013 Mission Grants is printed along with stories of mission trips and Servant events. And you can find histories of past grants in the new book **God Gave the Increase.** Plus you can go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) for all kinds of information.

Myrtle: Our Michigan district newsletter, LWML in Action, keeps our ladies informed with what is going on in Michigan. Did you read about the in - state mission trips that happened this summer and the grants that have been funded? Did you know there is a web page, [www.mi-lwml.org](http://www.mi-lwml.org), which keeps our ladies updated on Michigan happenings?

Mildred: O dear, it's almost time for my LWML meeting. I need to get home and get ready for my coins to join all the other coins. I love being filled and dumped and reused again and again. You know what they say, "reuse, refill, recycle".

Myrtle: Before you go let's pray together.

Myrtle and Mildred: Dear Lord, bless our ladies. May they use us and love us with thanksgiving. Grant them a strong faith. May they know that the lowly mites - joined with all the other mites - are helping Thy kingdom come! These gifts we offer in Jesus name. Amen.