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Global Mission:	Amount
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God's Garden	\$ 5,000
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Stand with Africa	\$ 2,000
Dar-el-Kaleem	\$ 2,000
St Andrew's - Cairo, Egypt	\$ 1,500
Madagascar / Seeds of Hope	\$ 1,500
Global Health	\$ 1,000
Ethiopian School of Theology	\$ 1,000
Vladivostok Mission	\$ 500
Save the Innocents	\$ 500
Total	\$38,100

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	\$10,000
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Centennial House/BLC	\$ 5,000
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Rocky Mtn Synod ELCA	\$ 5,000
Warren Village	\$ 5,000
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Inner City Health Center	\$ 3,000
Karis Community	\$ 2,500
Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp	\$ 2,500
Work Options for Women	\$ 2,500
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Urban Servant Corp	\$ 1,500
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