

## Have you ever wondered where the beautiful quilts that the Comforters sew and donate to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) end up?

This year we were given the opportunity to track our quilts and here is what we discovered. A shipment of Comforter quilts ended up in Armenia, an extremely impoverished European country. The average income per family in Armenia is around \$2.50-\$3/day, and resources such as blankets are prohibitively expensive. The government funds housing for the elderly, orphans, mentally disabled and other vulnerable populations. As part of a partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief, LWR distributed quilts to residents of these institutions, providing comfort and warmth during the impending winter months.

In addition a shipment of quilts went to Tanzania, a small country in eastern Africa. LWR partners with the Christian Council of Tanzania and distributes quilts to institutions that care for the elderly, people with leprosy, refugees from other war-torn countries and those with long term health concerns.

*"The Quilts that you provided show how loving and empathetic you are,"* says the officer in charge of the home for the disabled. *"The residents have been so comforted by the materials you provided. Thank you very much and may God bless you."*