Mark 1:38 – Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.”

Who is the South Central District Mission Board?
The South Central District Mission Board is the group responsible for mission expansion (new starts) and mission development (support for existing efforts) in our district. We receive funding from WELS Home Missions.

The SCDMB members are three pastors (Caleb Schoeneck, Nathan Sutton, and Aaron Glaeske) and three laymen (Mark Hartman, Jim Ross, Robert Browning). The District President and Mission Counselor round out the group.

How many missions are there?
The WELS has over 80 “home” missions – located in North America. In our district, there are eight “subsidized” missions, four “unsubsidized” missions, and a handful of new start opportunities under exploration.

What support do missions receive?
Subsidized missions receive financial support for operational costs. Unsubsidized missions receive assistance from the mission board, but not financial support for operational costs. The source of the financial subsidy is primarily the WELS Congregational Mission Offering (CMO) and the WELS Church Extension Fund (CEF).

Where are we going?
In 2012, the SCDMB launched the “Ten in Ten” initiative (TNT). The goal is to start ten new missions over the course of ten years. After nearly seven years, we are thankful that new mission work started at eight different sites. But, this is only scratching the surface of the opportunities that surround us. How can you be involved?

The Lord has called you. The Lord has redeemed you. The Lord has made you faithful and fruitful. Every congregation needs a voice for mission work – especially mission work at home and in the neighboring towns. Be the voice for the mission of sharing Jesus with more people. Pray for it. Promote it. Participate in it. Enjoy it.
Resources & Information

**Christian Aid and Relief**
- www.wels.net/christian-aid-and-relief
- This is the WELS area of ministry that deals with disaster recovery and humanitarian aid efforts. In addition to moments of crisis, they offer an annual grant program for efforts that serve as a “bridge” for proclaiming the gospel of Christ. They like to support “smaller” projects (a few hundred dollars) that take the gospel to new people or support current gospel outreach efforts. The request form is attached. Completed forms must be submitted to the SCDMB Chairman (CalebSchoeneck@gmail.com) by **February 25, 2019**.

**Church Extension Fund (CEF)**
- www.cef.wels.net
- Invest in CEF. Go online. Make a deposit. Earn interest. Support missions.

**WELS Mission Journeys**
- Administered by the WELS Missions office
- Working to coordinate with MLC Daylight trips.

**WELS Missions Promotions**
- www.wels.net/aom/missions
- Printed and digital materials including display kits, fact sheets, maps, booklets, bookmarks and photos.

**Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society (LWMS)**
- www.lwms.org
- Keep an eye out for a spring mission rally near you.

**Mission Counselor**
- Mission Counselor Ed Schuppe is retiring March 31, 2019.
- Pastor Nathan Strutz from Verona, Wisconsin, is holding the call to be our new Mission Counselor.

**Deadlines and Meeting Dates**
- The next SCDMB meeting will take place on February 15, 2019.
- Christian Aid & Relief Humanitarian Aid Requests are due February 25, 2019.
- WELS Home Missions will meet on April 4-5, 2019.

We are forgiven!

_Signed_  
Pastor Caleb Schoeneck
WELS Christian Aid and Relief

HUMANITARIAN AID PROJECT REQUEST FORM
for
SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

If you are requesting funds for more than one project in your field, please use a separate request form for each project.

Name of Field:

Project Title:

1. Briefly explain the project.

2. Describe the goal of the project, making sure to describe how, with God's blessing, it will serve as a "bridge" for proclaiming the gospel of Christ, either by opening doors for proclaiming the gospel where it hasn't been proclaimed before or by assisting with current proclamation of the gospel.

3. What is the expected duration of the project?

4. How much money are you requesting for the project from the Christian Aid and Relief Committee for Humanitarian Aid in the coming fiscal year?

Request submitted by:

Date submitted:

District Mission Board Chairman Approval:

NOTE
Upon approval, the following procedures that have been established to provide cash flow and accurate accounting practices need to be followed:

1. You may request all the money for an approved project sent to you at one time. However, if you don’t need all of it immediately or within a short period of time, please request only what is needed at that time. Bear in mind that additional monies can be wired quickly.

2. For the sake of accountability please track how much money was spent, on what, and if there is any left over. Please provide receipts on how the money for a project was spent either with a requisition or upon expenditure. A report of the project should be sent to Christian Aid and Relief at revRhein@gmail.com, beth_zambo@hotmail.com and a copy to the Missions Office at jmo@wels.net, with a breakdown of expenses (report spreadsheet is included for your fields current projects) quarterly and at project completion.

3. If any money is left over from a project, it should be returned to the Missions Office so it can be used for future humanitarian aid projects, either in your country or in another part of the world.

4. Please take special note of the PROJECT RESPONSE FORM that is included as part of the quarterly report. Our committee hopes to use these responses as part of our effort to share with others the ways in which God is using humanitarian aid as a means to bridge gospel outreach with people around the world. As always, we also encourage your “stories” and pictures at any time throughout the year!