

WORLD MISSIONS

WELS WORLD MISSIONS UPDATE – SPRING 2019

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Connecting stateside Spanish speakers with their home countries: Academia Cristo exists to help Spanish speakers share Jesus and plant churches in Latin America.

The Latin America missions team recently established two new bases of operation to assist in that effort.

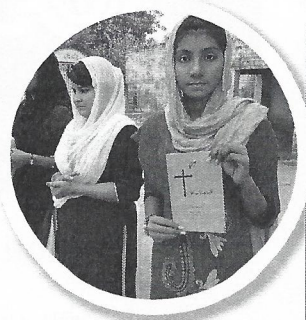
Missionaries Nathan Schulte and Philip Strackbein have relocated to Quito, Ecuador, and Latin America Missions

Field Coordinator Mike Hartman and his family have moved to Miami, Fla. By moving stateside, Hartman hopes to interact with stateside WELS members from Latin America counties and inform them of the opportunities Academia Cristo opens to them in reaching back to family and friends in their country of origin.

Learn more at wels.net/latin-america.



Multi-Language Publications: Multi-Language Publications has produced print items, audio and video resources, and online training resources in more than 52 languages. These resources have reached 11.9 million people with the gospel message, with over 67,000 people actively studying the Word using MLP materials. In 2018, MLP held a translation seminar in Lusaka, Zambia, with representatives from over eight countries in attendance. In 2019, MLP will be hosting a media seminar to continue their collaboration with world mission fields as they identify their media needs and determine the best way to fill those needs. Learn more at wels.net/mlp.



“Grace—Hmong outreach in Vietnam”

Synodwide special campaign: God’s grace has opened doors to an unprecedented mission opportunity in communist Vietnam. The Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi to train leaders of the Hmong Fellowship Church (HFC) in Lutheran doctrine and practice.

To take full advantage of this incredible mission opportunity, WELS is collecting a special offering called “Grace--Hmong outreach in Vietnam” through June 30, 2019, with the goal of raising \$2 million to fund the land purchase, building construction, and the first two years of operational costs for the theological training facility. Learn more at wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach.



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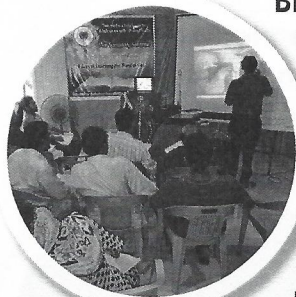
World Missions is thankful for its budget from Congregational Mission Offerings of \$6,553,000 for fiscal year 2018-2019 as well as special gifts to World Missions.

Special gifts to WELS World Missions have allowed WELS to reach out to more languages, tribes, and people around the world. To offer a special gift or for more information, visit wels.net/give or call 800-827-5482.

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Bible Institute in Pakistan:

In August 2018, a ten-day Bible institute/seminary class was held for 11 men and some of their wives in Pakistan via the Internet. WELS' friendly counselor to Pakistan and his contact, both based in the U.S., taught the class from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

each day so it could be held during the daytime in Pakistan. The goal is for the men to visit four to five different house churches every week and teach what they learned. There are 56 house churches total. The women will teach the children in Sunday school. Read more about this experience in a Missions Blog, wels.net/sun-at-midnight.

Fellowship established in Kenya:

In September 2018, our sister synod, the Lutheran Church of Central Africa–Zambia Synod (LCCA-ZS) met in convention for the 31st time in its history. The LCCA-ZS was established as a mission by WELS and has since become an autonomous church body in fellowship with WELS. Delegates at that convention approved the recommendation of the LCCA-ZS Synodical Council to declare full fellowship with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) in Kenya. The next step will be a formal recommendation by the LCCA-ZS to accept the LCMC-Kenya into the fellowship of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, of which WELS is a member. WELS anticipates declaring formal fellowship with the LCMC-Kenya at its 2019 convention. Learn more about mission work in Africa at wels.net/africa.



Ukrainian Lutheran Church celebrates 25

Years: 2018 marks the 25th anniversary of the renewal of the Ukrainian

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Lutheran Church (ULC), a valuable mission partner in Eastern Europe. The pure gospel voice of the Lutheran church has been silenced in Ukraine for almost 50 years and two generations of people.

In 1993, two public Lutheran worship services took place in the Ukrainian cities

of Kyiv and Ternopil. The Ukrainian Lutheran Church has been raised by the gospel of Christ back to life as a confessional, Lutheran church body. Learn more about mission work in Europe at wels.net/europe.



WELS MISSION JOURNEYS

WELS Mission Journeys, the new WELS program for short-term mission trips, provides an opportunity for all WELS members to walk together in the Great Commission. Learn more about how you can get involved at wels.net/missionjourneys.

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