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Dedicated to the mission

Amy Reede is dedicated to the mission work at Pan de Vida, Santa Ana, Calif. She began teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) three years ago, mostly to new Hispanic immigrants in the area. These immigrants came from Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Belize, as well as other countries. They appreciate the help that they get from the church.

The goal of the entire ministry team at Pan de Vida is to use the work Amy has started as a direct bridge to share the gospel. An optional Bible study hour follows many of the ESL classes, and many of the students attend that with the pastors. Amy has been a consultant for the mission board, traveling to several churches in California to help them get started with ESL outreach. She presented a seminar on music and one on ESL to those who attended the district missionaries' conference.

Amy's motto is "building bridges to share the gospel." She does this whether she is teaching and working at the church or running errands in the community. She is a gifted evangelist with a love for souls.

Working with Pastors Christopher Schroeder and Michael Foley and several lay leaders, Amy helped develop plans for a preschool, which will hopefully begin soon. She has forged close relationships, particularly with the women who come for a regular Bible study that she leads.

Amy also possesses musical gifts, which she has put to broad use in the congregation, leading the worship musical team, writing and composing new songs, teaching piano lessons for the children.

This is the last year for Pan de Vida to have the assistance of a WKW mission assistant. Amy plans to stay in Santa Ana, teaching at the WELS elementary school in Garden Grove, and working as a teacher in Pan de Vida's preschool program.

Pastor Daniel Wagenknecht
WELS Arizona-California District Mission Board



Pastor Chris Schroeder, Pan de Vida, Santa Ana, Calif., reaches out to the Hispanic community through Bible class.

WELS Kingdom Workers is providing \$59,400 for the Worship/Evangelism Assist—Yorba Linda, Calif. project in 2008.

Volunteer couple needed

Camp Shiloh Lutheran Retreat, a WELS ministry in Pittsburg, Texas, is in need of one or two couples to do full-time maintenance. An RV site will be provided at no cost, including utilities.

Contact Pastor Wayne Fischer at 903-855-1800 or <director@campshilohretreat.org>.

*See additional Lay Worker Opportunities
on pages four and five inside!*

Every day different

Dave and Dee Mathiak have been serving here in Zambia since May 2008. They are a wonderful addition to our mission team. We have been blessed with six WELS Kingdom Workers lay couples since 1989. They have served in different areas and on different projects over the years. We thank and praise God for the servants your organization has provided. Here is a small sample of what Dave and Dee are doing for the mission. *Missionary Dan Sargent*

As part of our orientation when we first arrived, we visited the locations where the missionaries and their families live. These visits provided not only an opportunity to feel welcomed by the entire mission team here in Zambia, but also introduced us to a whole new definition of roads.



Dave and Dee Mathiak

We cannot say enough positive things about the missionaries and their families. They have treated us like family since we got here and we appreciate that very much. An added

bonus that was helpful when we first arrived was an introduction to Pastor and Mrs. Samuel Kawiliza. They were and continue to be our mentors regarding Zambian culture, thereby keeping us from embarrassing ourselves.

Now that we have been here for a few months, we feel more comfortable with our surroundings and know who to turn to if we have questions about anything. We are also tuned in to the operation of the mission. Our work is different every day, and we love it.

We support and help wherever we can, using our God-given abilities. We praise and thank God and thank WELS Kingdom Workers for the opportunity to be here.

Dave and Dee Mathiak



We oversee the staff (Christine Tembo, Mr. Zulu, Mr. Banda) and tend to the guest house.



Dave assists with construction projects.



We assist with finances, working with Administrative Assistant Christine Tembo. Dave manages the checkbooks and petty cash.

WELS Kingdom Workers is providing \$39,500 for the Zambia Mission Assistants project in 2008.



Dee teaches computer skills to the Seminary students and English as a Second Language to their wives.



David Timm
National Executive Director
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*The will of God will never
take you to where the
grace of God will not
protect you.*

From the desk of the National Executive Director...

Fear and blessing

There is a rumor going around that the United States and the world economy is declining. Investors are losing money and the fear of recession and depression is a reality.

I'm thanking God that I have a good marriage and wonderful children and grandchildren. We are eating well every day, and we sleep in warm comfortable beds. I'm thanking God that we are able to worship regularly without interference or government intervention. I have the privilege to work, and the blessing of serving God's kingdom as my chosen vocation. President Franklin Roosevelt (1933-1945) said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Fear is a negative, blessing is a positive. King David gave us a proper attitude towards fear in Psalm 23:4 (KJV), "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." The Lord told Moses' brother Aaron how to bless the people, "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace" Numbers 6:24-26 (KJV).

Fear and blessing are not new concepts. If we count the things we fear and contrast that with a list of blessings we enjoy, we will rejoice in the grace and goodness of God. We, especially, in the United States of America, are blessed beyond any nation in world history.

Our material blessings are greater than any other nation. But the freedom to worship, to evangelize, to enjoy each others fellowship; the blessing of having our family needs met, as well as providing for the necessities of life, and all of our physical and spiritual needs are priceless gifts from God not to be taken for granted.

"One generation will commend your works to another, they will tell of your mighty acts." Psalm 145:4

Soli Deo Gloria,

David C. Timm

Reaching out to the Hmong

For the fourth year, David WaChong Thao has had the financial support of WKW as he completes his training to become a WELS pastor. Although David served as a pastor in the Christian Missionary Alliance (CMA) church before joining WELS, his training was not comparable to what is expected of WELS pastors.

David preaches and teaches in the Hmong service at noon every Sunday at St. Peter's, Clovis, Calif. He makes weekly visits to members for prayers. He is also available upon request to visit those who are sick or frightened.

Twice a week, David hosts a radio program preaching the gospel to a wider audience. Many people have heard David's messages, quite a few have visited St. Peter's Hmong mission as a result, and a few have begun to worship regularly at the mission.

Under the direction of Pastor Mike Engel, David, along with his younger brother Daniel and Xing Yang, continue their studies, hoping to become WELS pastors. Pastor Engel retired earlier this year, and there has not been another full-time pastor called yet to fill the vacancy. Mission board members are working to continue assisting them and providing oversight and guidance.

Pastor Daniel Wagenknecht
WELS Arizona-California District Mission Board

WELS Kingdom Workers is providing \$66,000 for the Hmong Outreach—Clovis, Calif. project in 2008.



Do you have frequent flyer miles?

Many people regularly travel by airplane. This can result in the accumulation of frequent flyer miles. A record number of individuals will be sharing the gospel through the Faith In Action program in 2009. Most will be traveling by airplane. Would you consider "donating" your frequent flyer miles to help defray travel costs? Contact Judy Eisenmann <jeyisenmann@wkw.wels.net>, Faith In Action administrator, to find out how.

Lay Worker Opportunities

International

Malawi, Lilongwe, Africa

Registered nurse and administrative coordinator needed. Nursing duties are supervising health workers and birth attendants and overseeing AIDS program. The administrative coordinator manages the clinic. Husband and wife team is preferred, or two males or two females. Financial assistance available. [3 years]

United States & Canada

MMA = Member Ministry Assistance

YIS = Youth In Service

TCW = Travel Canvass Witness

Milwaukee, Wis.

A lay worker to assist congregation. [MMA - starting Jan. 6]

Tallahassee, Fla.

Two lay workers to assist with summer youth camp. [MMA - summer 09]

Friendswood, Texas

Four lay workers to invite community to Bible study. [YIS - Mar. 14-22]

Billings, Mont.

Four male lay workers to do outreach. [TCW - May 24-May 31]

Bradenton, Fla.

Two female lay workers to oversee vacation Bible school. [MMA - starting May 25]

Fort Worth, Texas

Two lay workers to assist with outreach and evangelism. [MMA - starting May 30]

Sterrett, Ala.

Two lay workers to assist with canvassing and follow up. [MMA - starting June 1]

Sarasota, Fla.

Two lay workers to assist with evangelism. [MMA - June 1-Aug. 7]

Sharpsburg, Ga.

Two male lay workers to do soccer Bible camp. [MMA - June 1-Aug. 8]

West Des Moines, Iowa

Two male lay workers to assist congregation. [MMA - starting June 1]

Milford, Iowa

Two lay workers to oversee children's concert in the park project. [MMA - June 1-Aug. 15]

Rochester, Minn.

Two male lay workers to assist with ministry. [MMA - starting June 1]

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Clarksville, Tenn.

Two lay workers to assist with summer camps.
[MMA - June 1-Aug. 1]

Navarre, Fla.

Four female and/or male lay workers to do soccer Bible camp. [TCW - June 3-13]

Greeley, Colo.

Four male lay workers to assist congregation. [TCW - June 5-14]

Crossville, Tenn.

Four lay workers to do door hanger canvassing.
[TCW - June 5-14]

Farmington, N.M.

Two female lay workers to assist with youth ministry.
[MMA - starting June 1]

Knoxville, Tenn.

Two male lay workers to assist with evangelism.
[MMA - June 7-Aug. 20]

Mission Viejo, Calif.

Two male lay workers to assist with school outreach program. [MMA - June 8-Aug. 14]

Holiday, Fla.

A male and a female lay worker to serve as summer camp counselors. [MMA - June 8-Aug. 14]

Rochester, Minn.

Two lay workers to assist with evangelism. [MMA - June 8-Aug. 14]

West Des Moines, Iowa

Two male lay workers to assist with basketball Bible camp and VBS. [TCW - June 13-27]

Billings, Mont.

Four lay workers to assist with soccer Bible camp.
[TCW - June 13-21]

Sheridan, Wyo.

Four lay workers to assist with VBS. [TCW - June 13-26]

San Diego, Calif.

Two lay workers to assist congregation. [MMA - June 15-Aug. 30]

Minneapolis, Minn.?

Four lay workers to assist with VBS. [YIS - June 16-26]

Casper, Wyo.

Four lay workers to assist with sports Bible camp/VBS. [YIS - June 17-24]

Contact John Wiederhold (Christian Volunteer Corps Administrator - International) or Judy Eisenmann (Faith In Action Administrator - U.S. & Canada)

Visit our Web site at
www.welskingdomworkers.org
for a more complete and current
list of opportunities!

Chapters on the move

Chapters on the move doesn't refer to relocating chapters, but rather a newly adopted philosophy of being proactive in chapter development rather than reactive.

We have been blessed with chapter growth by reacting to requests for help in starting a chapter. WELS Kingdom Workers (WKW) has provided organization and structure to lay people in various areas of the country who are eager to do hands-on gospel outreach. When such a group has determined what type of outreach they wish to do, we, in the national office, are able to provide the mechanics of setting up a chapter.

In addition to a chapter doing the outreach to the lost or unchurched, we are able to provide financial assistance in starting a chapter and maintaining it by providing matching funds for contributions. The contributions and matching funds are combined and sent to the chapter to continue or begin additional outreach opportunities to the chapter members.

Chapters are recognized by our board of directors as being critical to the continued growth of WKW. The growth potential can be better realized if we adopt a pro-active position. We wish to seek out and work with people in any part of the country that may have an interest in starting and developing a chapter. The initiative and project selection still rests with our constituents, but we will help to define what outreach and hands-on ministry may be accomplished.

WKW is still a lay-driven organization but thrives on strong pastoral support. If you think you would like to explore WKW chapter possibilities, please let us know. Initial contact could come in the form of a WKW presentation in a congregation, organization, or school on any level. Presentations can be done during a congregation's Bible class. The WKW staff is ready and eager to visit your area. Contact us if you can help us arrange such a presentation.

To explore the potential of a WKW chapter in your community, contact Ron Meier <rmeier@kw.wels.net> at the WKW office, 1-800-466-9357.

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In Memorial

Gifts were received in memory of the following:

- Mark Bantley
- Esther Bergmann
- Rv Donald Bitter
- M/M FC Bohlmann
- Grace Breikreutz
- Elvira Buch
- Russell Buck
- Alvin Bunkowske
- Irvin Busse
- Sheridan Chamberlain
- Katharina Conrow
- Marie Crisham
- Leona Dannehl
- Robert Dettlaff
- Darhld Dimmel
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- Paul Flenz
- Leroy Gaertner
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- Barbara Gehring
- Rv Norbert Gieschen
- Arthur Gorz
- Anita Grabow
- Frieda Gray
- Jace Gross
- Martha Harstad
- Kay Hartman
- M/M WO Hartwig
- Arlyn Hein
- Alan Herther
- Viola Hoover
- Albert Horneman
- Rv Elton Huebner
- Martha Jacobson
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- Elna Krumm
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- Esther Lehmann
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- Alfred Lenz
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- Dan Maas
- Amy Madson
- Bonnie Manteufel
- Irene Manthey
- Aaron Marquart
- Mabel Marquart
- Mary Marquart
- Janet McCarthy
- Arthur Meier
- Rv William Meier
- Ruth Metzger
- MaryAnn Miffilin's sister
- Harold Mohn
- Martha Mohn
- Ruth Mueller
- Albert Mulinix
- Stanley Neal
- Grace Oakes
- Esther Otto
- Norma Otto
- Rv Henry Paustian
- Russell Pertzsch
- Kurt Petermann
- Luther Pettis
- Margret Piepenbrink
- Martin Piepenbrink
- Sylvester Quam
- Hank Rassmussen
- Doris Reinhardt
- George Revels
- William Ruesink
- Bernice Rutter
- GH Schaefer
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- Darwin Schmidt
- Mae Schmidt
- Gerald Schmitz
- Shirley Schneider
- Donald Schoenfeld
- Donald Schooley
- Tom Schroeder
- Harris Schultz
- Mildred Schultz
- Robert Schultz
- Vencel Schultz's mother
- Rv Donald Sellnow
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- Irvin Weier
- Adaline Weiler
- Helen Weiss
- Rv Harold Wicke
- Don Wiebeck
- Ruth Wilhite
- Robert Winn
- Anna Wojahn
- Franklin Zabell
- Carol Zastrow

With thanksgiving

WELS Kingdom Workers received gifts in honor of the following:

- Allison (birth of Sheila Dippel's niece)
- Duke & Carol Backhaus (anniversary)
- Jerome Bentz (memorialization in the MN National Guard)
- Aaron & Laura Bublitz (former Cameroon lay workers)
- Jerry & Julie Bork (50th anniversary)
- Tom & Sarah Bradley (18th anniversary)
- Donald & Jean Buch (38th anniversary)
- Kevin & Dona Buch (22nd anniversary)
- Marcus & Arlys Buch (45th anniversary)
- Ryan & Laura Buch (15th anniversary)
- Norbert & Lucy Carter (60th anniversary)
- Rv John & Johanna Chworowsky (50th anniversary)
- M/M Art Filber (50th anniversary)
- Rv Arthur & Ginny Frenz (40th anniversary)
- Kaethe Gartzke (96th birthday)
- Viola Gauger (80th birthday)
- Glory of God
- Grace Lutheran Church, South St. Paul, Minn.
- Dr/M Terry Gueldner (40th anniversary)
- Larry & Karen Hafenstein (35th anniversary)
- Michael & Lisa Hecht (11th anniversary)
- Rv Tim Henning (25 years of ministry)
- Rv Tom Henning (retirement)
- Don & Sue Holzhueter (50th anniversary)
- Rv Delmer & Barbara Kannenberg (50th anniversary)
- Jerry Knobloch (90th birthday)
- M/M Harry Korthals (60th anniversary)
- October birthdays of M/M Bud Krause family members
- Robert & Doris Kurth (50th anniversary)
- Harland & Darlyne Lau (50th anniversary)
- David & Deborah Lenz (40th anniversary)
- the Lord, for healing Marilyn Shaw's cancer
- Martin Luther (525th anniversary of birth)
- M/M Ed Messmer (63rd anniversary)
- Minifest 2008 - Drew Felton & Mason Schilling
- Mark & Shirley Muesing (50th anniversary)
- Mrs. John Ofstedahl (80th birthday)
- Earl & Sharon Pappenfuss (50th anniversary)
- Virgil & Verna Pochop (workers for the Lord)
- Frank & Verna Ratter (50th anniversary)
- Reformation (491st anniversary)
- Rv Edmund & Ruby Schulz (61st anniversary)
- M/M Ed Seigworth (50th anniversary)
- Joseph & Marilyn Shorey (36th anniversary)
- Wilbur & Betty Standfuss (50th anniversary)
- Bob & Carol Stoltz (48th anniversary)
- David & Julie Stoltz (14th anniversary)
- Rv Dennis Strong (25 years of ministry)
- David Timm (Wisconsin LHS Hall of Fame induction)
- Robert & Helen Timm (60th anniversary)
- Rv Ralph & Carole Waack (40th anniversary)
- Melvin & Carolyn Werth (50th anniversary)



In the presence of Jesus

Pastor Bill Meier was called home to heaven on September 23, 2008, after battling cancer for five months. Pastor Meier was elected to the WELS Kingdom Workers National Board of Directors in 2005 and served until his passing.

William Arthur Meier was born in Sleepy Eye, Minn. on May 23, 1941, to Arthur and Doris Meier. At the age of two, the family moved to the Apache Indian Reservation in Whiteriver, Ariz. where Arthur Meier served as principal at East Fork Mission. In 1957, Pastor Meier left to go to Dr. Martin Luther School to begin his ministerial education.

After graduating from Northwestern College in 1963, Pastor Meier went to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis. to become a minister. During the summers while he was at the Seminary, he decided to pursue a masters degree at Michigan State University. It was while he was there, he met Marcia Finch who he married on August 13, 1966. The Lord blessed them with six children; Kristi (Ostendorf), Heidi (Mageo), Jodi (Hirsch), Staci (Landwehr), Paul, and Mandi (Miller). He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, who not only showed his family his love, but taught them the importance of God's love and being a child of God.

Upon graduating from the Seminary in 1967, he was assigned to the mission congregation of St. Thomas, Phoenix, Ariz. and served there until his retirement in April 2008. During that time, the Lord worked through him to start a mission congregation in Yuma, Ariz., begin reaching out to the Hispanic people of Maryvale, and ultimately start a second campus of St. Thomas in Goodyear, Ariz.

In addition to sharing God's Word at St. Thomas, his passion for mission work and spreading God's Word into all the world was evident throughout his 26 years of service on the WELS Board for World Missions. He began his service as a member of the administrative committee for Native American Missions from 1973 to 1981 and continued to serve the cause as chairman of the board until 1999. While serving as chairman of the board, he was blessed by God to be able to travel to many foreign mission fields around the world providing guidance and support to the missionaries and their families. He also served as chairman of the board for a group inspired to establish a Lutheran high school in Arizona, which resulted in the opening of Arizona Lutheran Academy in 1978. He served as spiritual advisor to many other boards, including the HELP Foundation.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia, and their six children. He will be missed, but his ultimate goal has been reached, and he rests securely in the presence of Jesus.



Goblins, turkeys, and Santas, oh my



We spent an average of \$66.54 on Halloween candy, costumes, decorations, and greeting cards this year. Young adults (18-24) spent \$86.59, according to the National Retail Federation.

Thanksgiving and Christmas provide a special opportunity to offer gifts from a gratitude-filled heart. Your congregation, your synod, and organizations such as WELS Kingdom Workers (WKW) will use your gift of \$66.54 or any amount to carry out our common work of bringing Christ to the world of spiritual darkness.

The WKW National Board of Directors recently approved a list of projects from our WELS Boards for Home and World Missions. Our plan is to raise nearly \$2 million, with God's blessing, for mission outreach projects in 2009. Your gift to WKW will be fully matched, and the doubled amount will all be used for missions.

To explore ways of financially supporting WKW, contact Dennis Schultz <denschultz@wkw.wels.net>, advancement director, at the WKW office.

Blog it

WELS Kingdom Workers (WKW) now

has a blog tool, or Web log, to communicate with the world. It's another way to communicate the many facets of WKW work to WELS and beyond. Readers of the blog may interact by commenting on entries posted by those actively serving WKW. The author can respond, and an open dialog begins. The purpose is to inform, enlighten, encourage, and educate one another as we serve Christ.

Log on to <http://wpmu.wkw.wels.net> and see the stories and pictures of those lay people serving in WELS mission fields. You can even ask them questions about their experiences. Check it out at wpmu.wkw.wels.net!



Update us

Cell phone plans are updated, a different e-mail provider is secured, or a new home is purchased. Because of our busy lives, we often forget to notify everyone about these changes.

Please help us keep our database information current. To update your information contact Patty Eagon at the WKW office, 1-800-466-9357 or peagon@wkw.wels.net.

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