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The blessings continue

We are forever indebted to area WELS members in so many ways. I've got to believe there will be people in heaven thanking God and these fellow believers for bringing them the good news.

The prayer support is wonderful. I am often asked, "How are things going in Arcadia?" Others say, "We have to get up and see the church."— and they have. I'm encouraged knowing that people are praying for our ministry and support our outreach efforts.

Many have assisted us with canvassing and other efforts. One Easter we had 30 people from area WELS churches come and assist with a community survey. We had an OWLS group do a phone canvass of the entire area. Still others have assisted with prospect follow up. For the last couple years, we've had no need for outside help. This is because our congregation has grown, and our members have taken on outreach opportunities themselves.

We also had several area WELS members assist Builders For Christ (BFC) during our building project. Many came regularly. Words can't describe the fun and fellowship of working with these faithful Christians. Some of our members now help BFC with other projects.



Area WELS members assisted Builders For Christ during the building process at Bethel, Arcadia, Wis..

The financial support of area La Crosse WELS members has also been a great blessing. In 2003 area congregations and schools took part in collecting special mission offerings that helped fund



The WKW La Crosse Coulee Region Chapter assisted Faith, Black River Falls, Wis. with an outreach effort.

a vicar for our church in Arcadia. Shortly after the vicar began serving, our membership doubled to 40 and now numbers over 100. So the blessings continue.

We have also received financial support from the Antioch Foundation, a local family-based charitable organization that supports WELS mission work. The support has provided our ministry with outreach materials, as well as our ability to keep our debt and mortgage payments to a minimum. All glory be to God for this indescribable gift!

WELS Kingdom Workers (WKW) has provided matching funds for our ministry. When our outreach work in Arcadia began in 2001, the La Crosse Coulee Region Chapter of WKW adopted us as a local project. Its support over the years has allowed us to multiply our outreach budget tenfold and provide many more resources to prepare God's people for works of service.

The growth God has given Bethel in Arcadia certainly proves God is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine according to his power that is at work within us.

Rev. Nathan Strutz
Bethel, Galesville/Arcadia, Wis.

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



What a mission opportunity!

Jesus directs us to do things we sometimes would not care to do. An example is reaching out to the incarcerated in America. Hebrews 13:3 tells us to “Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners!” Wow! Most of us would rather have nothing to do with those in prison, much less treat them as cell mates.

On the other hand, the Lord’s mission directive to reach out also to the imprisoned brings a wonderful reassurance. How great is the Lord’s love and forgiveness! He wants inmates, as well as all of us, with him in heaven someday. If the Lord’s death on the cross paid for the sins of the most horrible criminal, we can be assured that regardless of our most terrible sins, we are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. What a loving Savior!

Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries (WLIM) and the Prison Ministry Committee (PMC) of WELS Special Ministries are working together to bring God’s law and gospel to the huge prison population in America. Over 2.3 million Americans are behind bars. One of every 99 American men is incarcerated. This is the highest percentage of the population of any country in the world.

Well over half of these inmates are unchurched souls needing to hear about the Lord Jesus. With so many boring and idle hours to pass while in jail, many are thinking about their former way of life, their lack of a relationship with the Lord Jesus, and wondering what they will say to the almighty judge on their day of judgment. Some are ready (finally), even anxious, to talk about the Savior and they welcome visits with WELS chaplains and jail ministry lay volunteers.

About 98% of the incarcerated will be released someday and living in our neighborhoods. But about 75% will again return to prison, an unacceptable relapse rate in spite of large amounts of money spent in an effort to rehabilitate.

What does work to reduce chance of relapse? God’s Word. Studies are showing that a strong Christian commitment on the part of an inmate can reduce the rate of relapse from about 75% down to 10 to 20%. Since about \$28,000 per year is spent per inmate—over \$51 billion a year in America, taxpayers also benefit when ex-offenders become productive members of society and faithful followers of the Lord Jesus. So prison ministry benefits society, but more

important, it brings lost souls to the Savior.

At WLIM, several WELS pastors serve as full-time chaplains ministering in jails and prisons. Their ministry work is aided by hundreds of dedicated lay volunteers who assist behind the walls with one-on-one counseling, Bible classes, and worship services to those the Lord asks us to visit. (Matthew 25:36)

Tens of thousands of Bibles and Bible study booklets are distributed at no cost to the inmates every year, well over a million in the last 20 years. Through the blessing of the Holy Spirit, baptisms and adult confirmations result. WELS Kingdom Workers for the last three years has annually provided \$38,000 to help reach this huge mission field behind the walls with God’s Word.

While it might be frightening to think about “treating those in prison as cell mates,” our WELS jail and prison workers love their work and would be happy to tell you about their positive experiences. Would you like to learn more? Contact WLIM (Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries) at 888-214-6490 or wlim@wlim.net.

Pastor Robert W. Pasbrig
Director of Ministry Advancement for
Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries

WELS Kingdom Workers is providing \$38,000 for the Prison Ministry—Milwaukee, Wis. project in 2009.



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*God promises
a safe landing,
not a calm passage.*

From the desk of the National Executive Director...

What's God's plan?

How are things in your life? Are you seeing the difference between your wants and needs? Would you trade places with the Jerusalem disciples?

In difficult financial times we may be forced to do things we normally wouldn't do or don't want to do. That was the focus of the closing devotion for the WELS Kingdom Workers convention. Pastor Mark Henrich read in Acts 8, the great evangelism chapter, with special emphasis on verse 4, "Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went." No one would have voted for this method of evangelism, but God used persecution to get his disciples into action.

We wouldn't vote to encourage a bad economy, or to find different ways to doing mission work. We liked the old familiar methods, we were comfortable doing the same things in the same way. God is apparently taking our synod's finances out of our control. We can't control the world economy, or the U.S. economy. We can't control the stock market or the investments of WELS contributors.

What can we control? Our attitude toward the changes God is bringing about. We can cry and complain or we can say, "There must be a pony in here someplace."

What new opportunities is God laying before us? How can we take the good news of Jesus more effectively and more efficiently to our neighbor and the world? Pastor Dan Koelpin reported to the WKW convention that there are more gospel opportunities now than ever in the church's history. Where missionaries have been recalled has the gospel been taken away? No! There are 77,318 baptized members in world mission fields. There are 674 national workers (pastors, evangelists, and lay leaders) leading their church in their country. These workers have been properly trained by qualified WELS missionaries and professors.

Instead of asking "Why God?" shouldn't we be saying "Thank you God!" Synod (and WKW) resources are being limited. We are forced to review, reconsider, and reallocate resources. Someday we may see the good that is obscure today.

WKW is not immune to current challenges. The Schwan Foundation who has generously supported WKW almost from the beginning has warned of reduced funding in the future. As responsible stewards WKW has prepared contingency plans for reduced support. It appears the contingency plan will need to be partially implemented in 2009 and fully in 2010.

There are many questions for which we do not have answers. Will the 2009 WELS convention preserve our mission of bringing the gospel to the world, or direct our resources into ministerial education, that includes two prep schools, Martin Luther College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary? Will this reduce the need for lay mission workers, or will WKW be asked to take an even larger responsibility for our synod's mission outreach? Do we reduce staff or increase staff?

We don't have all of the answers, but we have an attitude. Our attitude is one of service and encouragement for lay people to do the Lord's work. Whatever is decided, we win, because Jesus wins.

One of the joyful parts of our contingency plan is that I get to continue serving as the WKW national executive director. I get to continue speaking about and promoting WKW and lay service to missions.

I get to do this at a reduced salary and a shorter work week. This reduction will affect the rest of the staff this August. Don't let this get around, but I'd pay WKW to do what I do. What a privilege to serve! I believe the entire WKW staff recognizes reality and is prepared to do what is necessary.

The disciples in Jerusalem were literally driven out to preach the gospel. We don't worry about God's plan, his purpose will be achieved. We may however wonder, "How's God going to get this done and how will he use me to serve him?"

To God be the Glory,

David C. Timm

One gordita at a time

Call them my *gordita* girls. I first met them on a Wednesday, in a class of English *desde cero* (our most basic class). Each lady took a seat, pencils were ready, and expectations were high. “English only,” they heard from my lips. And we began the journey, braving the twists and turns of the English language as a team.

Together, we have come to the sad conclusion that there is no magic pill for language learning. But these ladies have what it takes — call it spirit, gusto, or just plain determination.



The gordita girls English class in Torreón, Mexico.

At each week's end we go out to eat at local gordita (a tortilla filled with thick, hearty stews) stands, ready to try all the varieties Torreón has to offer. And then it's my turn to be put on the spot. “Spanish only, teacher!” they laugh. And I just smile, thankful for the opportunity to discover more about who they are, not just what they know.

And stories they certainly do not lack. But behind the kind smiles and polite greetings lay broken hearts. They seek the mender, the one who can answer the burning questions that linger. These gordita girls have been invited to church and know what we believe—that there is one who dared to enter this sin-poisoned world to save his beloved people. That one is Christ and Christ alone, whose life, death, and resurrection we marvel over week after week.

Amazing, isn't it? The Lord puts us in these specific times and places. A life touches a life and the ripples go on. The Word never returns empty. Here in Mexico, the witnessing continues, one gordita at a time.

Kerry Pamperin

WELS Kingdom Workers is providing \$21,500 for the Mexico English as a Foreign Language project in 2009.

Lay Worker Opportunities

International

Malawi, Lilongwe, Africa

A registered nurse and an administrative coordinator are 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]

Southeast Asia

Up to 12 people to teach English as a Foreign Language in middle schools, high schools, and colleges. Teachers then invite prospects to Bible study. College diploma is required. Financial assistance available. [1-3 years]

United States & Canada

TRAVEL CANVASS WITNESS opportunities

Martinez, Ga.

Two female and two male lay workers to assist with youth programs. [May 27-June 10] 51

Crossville, Tenn.

Four lay workers to do door hanger canvassing. [June 5-14] 36

West Des Moines, Iowa

Four male lay workers to assist with basketball Bible camp and VBS. [June 13-27] 165

West Fargo, N.D.

Two female and two male lay workers to assist with soccer Bible camp. [June 20-28] 122

Milwaukee, Wis.

Three lay workers to assist with camp. [July 4-12] 176

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Four lay worker to assist with Camp Sonshine. [July 3-11] 120

Ft. Myers, Fla.

Two male lay workers to assist with VBS. [July 6-17] 111

Valrico, Fla.

Four lay workers to assist with VBS. [July 11-18] 56

Vero Beach, Fla. (ELS)

Four lay workers to assist with VBS. [July 13-17] 106

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Four female lay workers to assist with canvassing. [July 13-27] 121

Midlothian, Va.

Two female and two male lay workers to assist with VBS and canvassing. [July 17-August 2] 148

Phoenix, Ariz.

Two lay workers to assist with VBS. [July 18-26] 177

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Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Four lay workers to assist with VBS. [July 18-26] 140

St. Paul, Minn.

Two female and two male lay workers to oversee VBS. [July 20-August 1] 168

Oregon, Wis.

Four lay workers to canvass and over VBS. [a week in late July or early August] 4

Amherst, N.H.

Two female lay workers are still needed to assist with sports camp. [August 1-15] 151

Franklin, Wis.

Two female and two male lay workers to assist with soccer Bible camp. [August 1-8] 98

Dix Hills, N.Y.

Two female and two male lay workers to assist with VBS. [August 9-23] 154

Lubbock, Texas

Two female and two male lay workers to do canvassing and outreach. [December 12-19] 45

YOUTH IN SERVICE opportunities**Asheville, N.C.**

A female and a male lay worker to assist with canvassing. [July 13-19] 22

Palm Coast, Fla.

Six lay workers to do canvassing and promotion. [October 10-20] 31

SENIOR BURST EVANGELISM opportunities**Killeen, Texas**

Two lay workers to assist with follow up. [to be determined] 133

Sterrett, Ala.

Two lay workers to assist congregation. [to be determined] 69/72

Gray, Tenn.

Two lay workers to assist congregation. [to be determined, spring preferred] 104

Milford, Iowa

One female and one male lay worker to assist congregation. [starting April 1] 164

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Two lay couples to assist with VBS. [starting Jul. 20] 109

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

God rains blessings

Our Faith In Action division recently sent a Travel Canvass Witness (TCW) team of four Martin Luther College students to College Station, Texas. They helped the congregation of Beautiful Savior reach out to its community prior to their Easter celebration.

From morning to night the students walked door to door, handing out invitations to Easter in the Park sunrise service. The students, with help from congregation members, handed out more than 2,000 invitations each day.

Each team member worked 25 hours during the duration of the week—Wednesday through Saturday. About 7,000 homes were visited. God blessed their efforts with 40 prospects for the congregation to follow up on.

Pastor Caleb Schoeneck reflected on the efforts of the TCW team, “They met and exceeded all our congregation’s expectations. The students conducted themselves in a fine Christian manner—a way that will position them well to serve the kingdom in the future. The team appreciated the experience and were filled with joy to work with people. This underscores WELS Kingdom Workers’ philosophy to use funds and put people into works of service.”

The team thought College Station was a neat community, and the members of Beautiful Savior were great encouragers. The congregation provided everything the team needed and supported it completely. The ministry plan was well prepared—maps, transportation, radios, and details.

Pastor Schoeneck said, “The team’s mission was to hand out 6,000 invitations to the sunrise service in the park next to the church. Average Sunday attendance at Beautiful Savior is 55. There were 150 people in attendance! Even though the forecast was for 60 degrees and 80% chance of thunderstorms, congregation members moved

ahead with the service at the park. They moved the worship area from the pond-side location to the covered, open-air pavilion in the park. The rain held off until 8:15 a.m.—long enough for the service and

egg hunt to finish. We ate breakfast while it rained, but stayed dry under the pavilion. It was great to have so many visitors despite the weather.



“Thank you so much for making this trip possible. We hope and pray that it would be possible for every congregation who requests a team to receive one in the future.

For more information

on how your congregation could receive outreach help through Faith In Action, contact Judy Eisenmann <fia@wkw.wels.net>, FIA administrator, at the WKW office.

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

In Memorial

Gifts were received in memory of the following:

- Lester Albrecht
- Marion Albrecht
- Rv William Allwardt
- Marge Anderson
- Vernon Baehman Jr
- June Barner
- Dorothy Bartholomew
- Harold Baumann
- Delmar Blankenhagen
- John & Charlotte Bock
- Ellen Boettcher
- Fred Borns
- Ronald & Clara Bowe
- Sofia Bramos
- Rv & Mrs Herbert Buch
- Rachel Buch
- Floyd Bumstead
- Marilynn Ceralo
- Lois Christian
- Henry Colvin
- Gerald Cudworth
- Anton Datel
- Dona Destrappe
- Robert Dettlaff
- Lois Dettman
- Melva Diercks
- Jim Doe
- William Dumke
- Robert Dummer's parents
- Rv Hillmar & Mary Eckert
- Everett Edmundson
- Conrad Ehlers
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- Roger Eisenmann
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- Elizabeth Hutchinson
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- family of Harold Marquart
- Thomas McBain
- Rv Robert McMiller
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- Rv William Meier
- Carol Melendy
- Oscar Mellenthin
- Lee Mills
- Harold & Martha Mohn
- Lynas Moore
- Elizabeth Mosel
- Herbert & Annette Mueller
- Myron Nehls
- Raymond Neisius
- Mavis Niebuhr
- Paul Nolte
- Jason Ott
- Steven Ott
- Robert Otterstatter
- June Parker
- Marilyn Parker
- Rv Henry Paustian
- Viola Pautz
- Howard Pitcher
- Florence Plautz
- Tom Pocza
- Lucille Prochnow
- Lillian Quentin
- Donald Rach
- Eddie & Irene Rehbeck
- M/M Fred Reichel
- Larry Rhode
- James Rischette
- Ottis Ritchie
- Theoda Rittenberry
- Elda Rockhoff
- Verona Rodewald
- LaVaun Rogness
- Werner Rosenbaum
- Gilbert Rote
- John Row
- Verna Rusch
- Rv Daniel Sabrowsky
- Arthur Schaefer
- Alexander Scharkow
- Helene Scharkow
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- Lorraine Schuelke
- Ellen Schultz
- Delmar & Esther Schulz
- David Schumacher
- Jean Schwantes
- Dorothy Seifert
- Fred & Marie Seils
- Anita Smith
- Julie Spears
- Arnold Stephani
- Ferol Stewart
- Shirley Storlie
- Karen Straseske
- Harold Strauch
- Warren Stuebs
- Lyle Tabbert
- Edna Talaga
- Eunice Taylor
- Frederik Terpstra
- Jim Thompson
- Tess Thorn
- George Tigges Sr
- Cheryl Tillema
- Daniel Umnus
- Ann Uttech
- Edward Van De Water
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- Char Youngwirth
- Carol Zastrow
- Edmund Zastrow
- Gertrude Zimmerman
- Leon Zuehls

With thanksgiving

WELS Kingdom Workers received gifts in honor of the following:

- Wyatt Mason Arndt (birth)
- Harriet Bantley (96th birthday)
- William & Evelyn Becker (51st anniversary)
- Rv Walter & Marilyn Beckmann (50 yrs ministry)
- Rudolph Bittner (80th birthday)
- Makayla Chapman (1st birthday)
- Henry Colvin (100th birthday)
- Ray Connick (90th birthday)
- Elaine Cook (birthday)
- Jacob Dahlberg (birth and baptism)
- Rv Gerard Drum (service to the Luth church)
- Alan Georgson (81st birthday)
- Bob Grebe (WKW founder)
- Rv Stephen Hein (Christmas gift)
- Ruth Imse (birthday)
- Jesus birthday
- Rv Randall Johnson (Perry, MI mission work)
- Scott & Rebecca Klitzke (4th anniversary)
- Albert & Ardes Klug (60th anniversary)
- Don & Joyce Knuth (50th anniversary)
- Edward & Sandra Krause (years of teaching)
- Mike & Melissa Kreuser (wedding)
- Alice Kroboth (80th birthday)
- Brian & Kristin Krueger (9th anniversary)
- Rv Kuckhahn
- Don & Shirley Larsen (40th anniversary)
- Joyce Lendt (27 years of teaching)
- Luther's Catechisms (480th anniversary)
- Judy & Steve Martens (25th anniversary)
- Rv Lawrence Nolte (birthday)
- Joshua Odell (Christmas gift)
- Dorothy Ostrem (80th birthday)
- Ronald & Janet Ott (50th anniversary)
- Earl Pappenfuss (74th birthday)
- Rv David Parsons (ordination)
- Clarence Peterson (80th birthday)
- Dale & Hazel Quast (57th anniversary)
- James Rach (85th birthday)
- Jeff Rach (retirement)
- Duane & Karen Rodewald (20th anniversary)
- Lee Rodewald (birthday)
- Steve & Carissa Rodewald (5th anniversary)
- Keturah Schleusener (birth and baptism)
- Maria Schlomer (90th birthday)
- M/M Jeremiah & Hannah Schmiege (willing to serve)
- Karl & Judy Schmiege (40th anniversary)
- Roy Schneider (80th birthday)
- Mark & Denise Schultz (16th anniversary)
- Roseann Schultz (retirement)
- Ruth Schultz (92nd birthday)
- Rv Stephen Smith (30 years of ministry)
- Joanne Solofra (birthday)
- Roger & Carla Steffel (50th anniversary)
- Harlow & Lois Stichman
- Wilfred & Ruth Stocker (50th anniversary)
- Todd & Janae Stoltz (12th anniversary)
- M/M Jon Strawbridge (Christmas gift)
- Arnold Strehler (80th birthday)
- John Stuhr (70th birthday)
- Edith Thompson (90th birthday)
- Larry & Judith Voigt (lay workers in Africa)
- Carol Voss (80th birthday)
- Rv Nathan & Julie Wagenknecht (wedding)
- David Weise (50th birthday)
- Dean & Sandy Williams (50th anniversary)
- Carol Voss (80th birthday)
- Rv William Woldt (service to the Luth church)
- Lowell & Twyla Zasko (50th anniversary)
- All ex-POWs

Touching hearts with God's love

Tiphanie Wiley and I have been in Taichung, Taiwan for about seven months. You can imagine the questions our friends and relatives have about our experience here. So when asked what life is like in Taiwan, I talk about the hearts we touch with God's love.

Coming to Taiwan, my first objective was to create a comfortable atmosphere in the classroom so students could freely participate and ask questions. I also wanted to establish and maintain a connection with the students. Having a good relationship with God's people here in Taiwan is vital for teaching God's Word. If a good relationship is not established, our students would be less likely to listen to what we have to say and God's message would not be heard.

Building a relationship can take a long time to establish depending on the cultural norms of the society. Things like a person's identity, sense of saving face, and respect are important and highly sensitive in this culture. If an identity was hurt and that person felt disrespected, the relationship would be severed indefinitely. Although the two hours that are set aside every Thursday are essential times for building and maintaining relationships, it is not the only time to touch hearts with God's love.

We teach English to a variety of students here. Classes take place in our small, but fully equipped church located only 10 minutes away from our apartment. We teach children and adults, and oversee a youth group.

There are two main levels of English for our adult classes—a lower level and higher level. I teach the higher level English class every Thursday morning. There is a consistent and interactive group of 15 wonderful students. Class time includes one hour of English when students learn about the language and a little about our culture. The second hour of class is God's Time. This is when we join in a devotion that promotes class participation and encourages questions about God.

Following the first morning class, the higher level students take us out for lunch. This is a time spent for further conversation. The students take opportunity to ask more questions about the lesson learned or English words or phrases they've heard.

More important, Tiphanie and I use times like these to teach more about God's love. A few of my students even asked me to teach them the Lord's Prayer that we say before eating. Other students have asked how Jesus died and what happened during creation. One student said, "So, Jesus loves us...no matter how bad we are?" "Yes he does!" I said joyfully.

Questions like these may seem trivial, but it shows that the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of our students. They are moved to find out more about this amazing Jesus. We are so thankful and



Lay workers, Tiphanie Wiley and Jenna Graebert, teach English classes to children and adults in Taichung, Taiwan.

blessed to witness this development during our time here. God's love is being felt here. I pray that it continues to spread in the beautiful country of Taiwan.

Jenna Graebert

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15 Things You May Not Know About WELS Kingdom Workers

- ...is not part of our synod's governance. (WKW is a para-synodical organization with its own 14-member board of directors.)
- ...receives no funding from the synod. WKW is a funding source for the synod.
- ...raises & matches money entirely and only for our synod's mission projects.
- ...offers ministry opportunities (and funding) for WELS/ELS members who are high school age and older.
- ...provides lay workers to help congregations, schools, and organizations build/remodel facilities.
- ...provides lay workers to assist congregations with many types of outreach throughout the United States.
- ...provides lay workers for world mission fields.
- ...supports chapters of mission-minded people who determine local outreach projects.
- ...offers speakers for mission-oriented worship services, Bible classes, schools, and organizations—**free** of charge.

...is home to the Mission Information Center, providing kits with artifacts and information about our synod's mission fields.

...matches all contributions, dollar for dollar, taking nothing for the cost of administration. (A \$10 gift sends \$20 to the mission fields.)

...has a Web site <www.welskingdomworkers.org>, along with a blog <wpmu.wkw.wels.net>, that is accessible 24 hours per day.

...welcomes the opportunity to host small group informational gatherings at your home, church, or restaurant of your choice. (We cover the cost, and don't ask for money).

...offers many avenues to receive financial gifts, including online gifting, corporate matching funds, Thrivent Giving Plus program, and others.

...has a toll-free phone number (800.466.9357) which is also accessible 24 hours per day.

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

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