

100 MISSIONS IN 10 YEARS

WELS HOME MISSIONS 2023-2033

A WELS Home Missions initiative to plant
100 new home mission churches and enhance
75 existing ministries from 2023-2033.

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This is a big goal. Why start 100 new home missions?

Our Savior directs us to reach more souls with the good news. This initiative isn't as much about planting more churches as it is about sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. It's about Christ's mission to his church. **It's about aggressively reaching lost souls.**



*We don't have enough pastors for our current churches, **why should we start more?***

- Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary classes are the **largest we've seen in awhile.**
- We pray 100 in 10 helps with **recruitment.**
- 40 different churches are considering closing their doors. As churches close, **vacancies will also decline.**



How are we going to fund this ambitious initiative?

- Home Missions **currently funds about six new home missions per year.** We would be looking to increase that number to around 10 new missions per year.
- Additional funds:
 - Increased Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) allocation
 - Synod reserves (when available)
 - Proceeds from closing WELS churches
 - Generous gifts from WELS members

*Do we have the **manpower** and **resources** to pull this off?*

- Continued encouragement and support to **District Mission Boards (DMBs)**, the heart and core of Home Missions
- Home Missions administration, Mission Counselors, and Missions staff are in place to support growth
- Encouraging home mission congregations to **partner with affiliated ministries** to support ministry



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Praise & Proclaim evangelism training at
Christ Our Savior - Collinsville, IL

How does our synod plant churches?

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District Mission Boards (DMB)

The heart and core of Home Missions



Mission Counselors:
Guiding mission congregations and assisting
District Mission Boards

Life of a Home Mission church

No community is the same. No core group is the same. No soul is the same. But we know that all people have the same need for a savior from sin.



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Start: Pre-approval

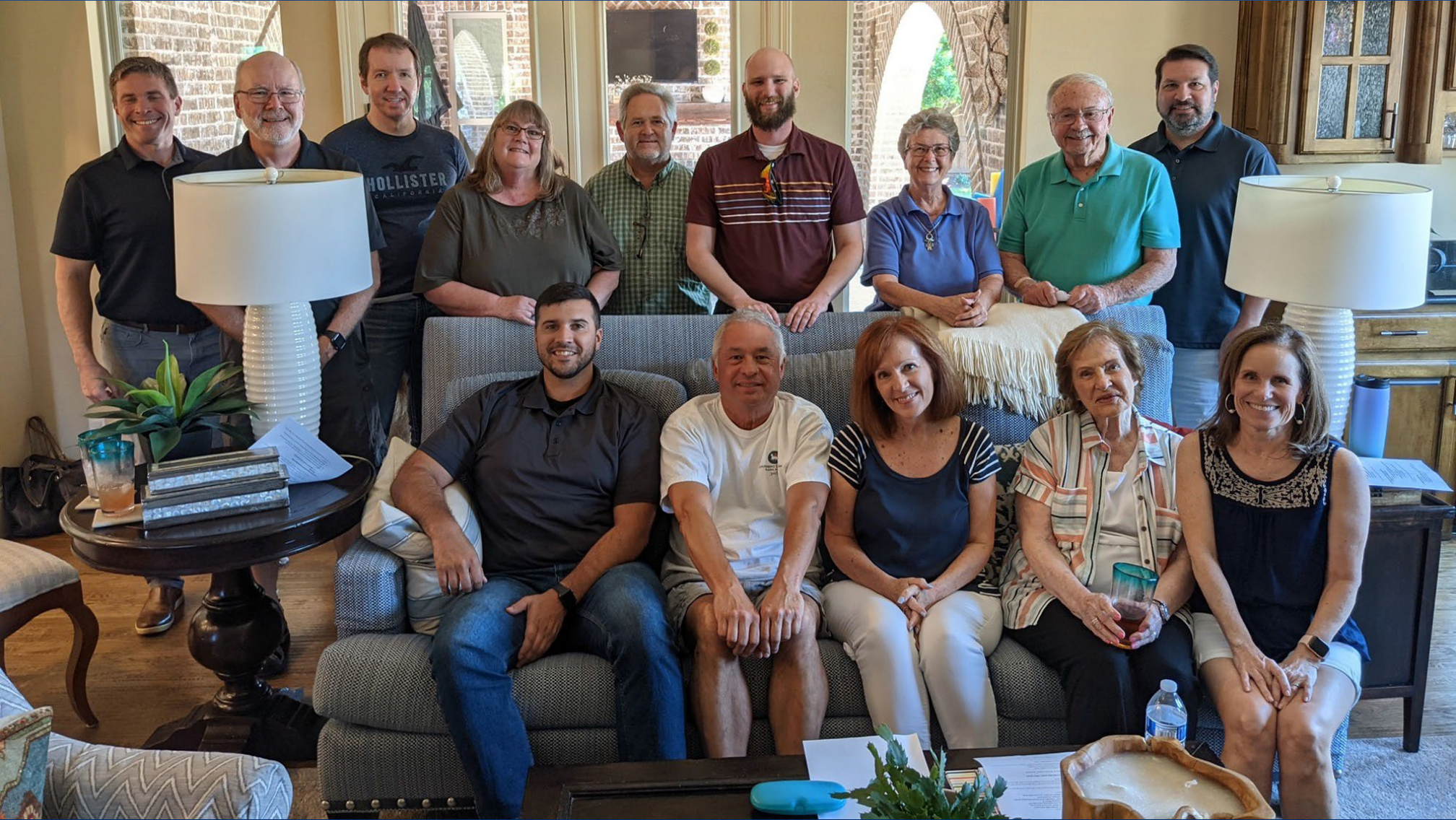
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A core group begins Bible study and initial outreach with support from their district mission board and mission counselor.





Backpacks and Burgers at an exploratory site
in Kalispell, Montana



First core group meeting for planting a mission in
North Collin County (Dallas), Texas



Gathering to discuss mission opportunities in
Cedar Lake, Indiana

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Year 1: Home mission approved



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A home missionary is called/assigned and works with the core group to plan further community outreach. The group chooses a name for their church.

New Starts - Spring 2022





New mission start in Canton, GA



**Unsubsidized new mission start in
Lodi, WI**



New home missionary
assigned to **Amazing
Grace, Dickinson, ND**,
and commissioned at
Taste of Missions.

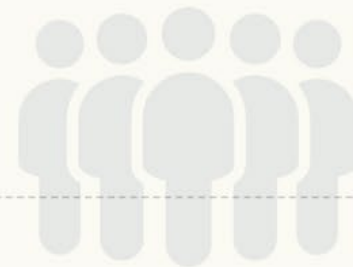
Rev. Joel Prange and
wife Lydia



Church Planter Intensive
Support for home missionaries

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Years 2-3: Worship begins



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Equipment is purchased for worship in a rented space. The mission ramps up outreach and looks to increase name awareness in the community.





**Worship launch - Citrus Grove
Wesley Chapel, FL**



**Good Shepherd - North Liberty, IA
Worship launch during Holy Week**



Waco/Hewitt



West San Antonio



Amarillo

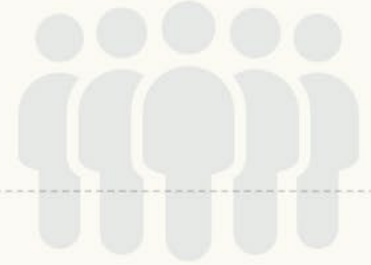
Three home missions in Texas launching public worship on September 11, 2022



The Vine - Joplin, Missouri
Continued outreach after their launch in
December 2020

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Years 4-5: Looking forward



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Expanding church membership begins exploration to buy land or purchase an existing facility for a permanent church home.





Land purchased for a new church in
Candelas, Colorado



Exploring an opportunity to buy and renovate
a building in Fredericksburg, Virginia



Looking for land in
Brandon, South Dakota

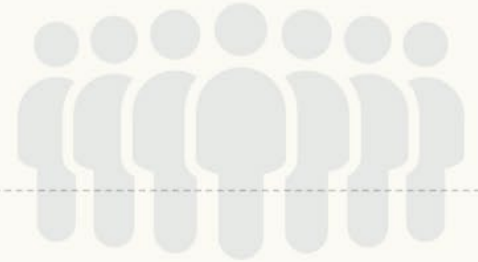
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Years 6-7: Putting down roots

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A permanent facility is purchased and remodeled or built from scratch. Personal evangelism efforts continue, and the home mission is a solid community presence.



WELS Church Extension Fund

A valuable partner of Home Missions

Fiscal Year 2021-2022:

- **\$24.1 million** in loans to home mission churches
- **\$2.4 million** in matching grants to home mission churches
- **19** new projects were approved
- **\$1.6 million** grant to WELS Home Missions



“Groundbreaking” at Good News in Mt. Horeb, Wis., January 2, 2022



**Creating space for more ministry in
Richland Center, Wisconsin**



**First worship service in newly renovated facility in
North Nampa, Idaho**

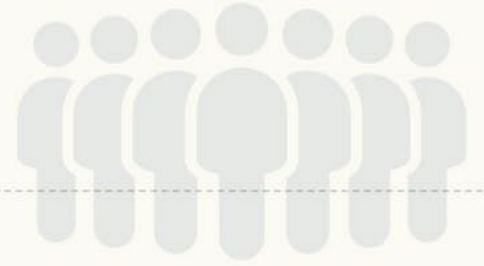
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Years 8-10: Church maturity

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A growing membership and spiritual maturity and stewardship lead to higher local support for the church, freeing up Home Missions resources to plant other missions.





Six new souls for Jesus on Baptism Sunday at Shepherd of the Hills in Las Vegas, Nevada



Building on outreach momentum at
Eternal Rock in Castle Rock, Colorado



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Share student information with
WELS Campus Ministry!



Amazing Grace – Myrtle Beach, SC



Our Savior – Strongsville, OH

Growth in WELS Campus Ministry



Outreach through Campus Ministry
Colleen - Intown, Atlanta, GA



Rev. Samuel Lor
True North - Minneapolis, MN



Rev. Thomas Welch
Michigan Tech - Houghton, MI

**New Campus Ministry pastors assigned
and commissioned at Taste of Missions**

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Years 10+: WELS churches reach more souls

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Healthy WELS churches with an outreach mindset grow Christ's kingdom and reach more souls locally and through expanded synod mission efforts at home and abroad.





Peace - Aiken, South Carolina
Fully self-supported after eight years



**Thriving Hispanic ministry at
Bethel in Menasha, Wisconsin**

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GOAL!

Thriving WELS churches support new growth

Recent home mission churches support the planting of additional home missions through daughtering new churches, starting a second site, enhancing their ministry to reach a new demographic in their community, and/or supporting WELS home and world mission efforts through Congregation Mission Offerings and special gifts.

Former Home Mission



New Start

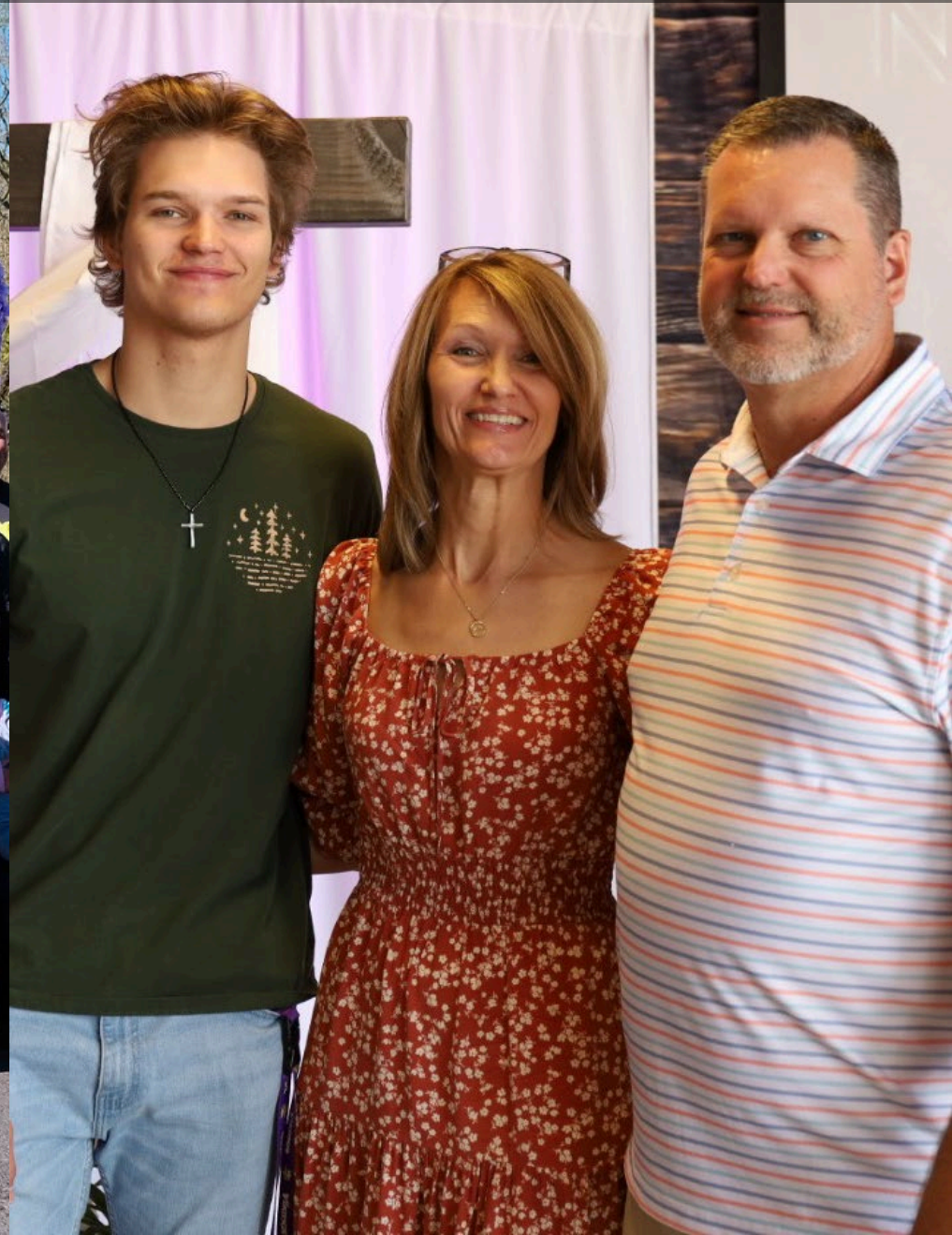
Children's
Message



Former Home Mission



Second site



Enhancements & Unsubsidized Missions Spring 2022





Self-Supporting
Congregation



Enhancing
a ministry



Shepherd of the
Mountains
Reno, NV



The Springs
Sparks, NV



Light of the Valleys
Reno, NV

WANT TO HELP?



PRAY
FOR WELS HOME
MISSIONS



GET INVOLVED
IN A MISSION
EFFORT



GIVE GENEROUSLY
JUST AS CHRIST GAVE
SO GENEROUSLY



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Christ's Love, Our Calling.

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PRAY!

Lord, you know that countless souls are still searching for the peace that transcends all understanding. You have commissioned us to find the lost and have equipped us with your Word and Sacraments and your faithful promises. You assure us that you are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. Confident of these truths, we humbly and boldly ask for your rich blessing upon the 100 missions in 10 years initiative. Bless our current missionaries and the fields that they serve. Provide ample manpower, money, and ministry resources. Grant wisdom, strength, perseverance, and joy to all involved in this effort. In all we do, move us to see and do our part in spreading the gospel so that more may know your saving peace, all to your glory. Amen.

GET INVOLVED!

- Talk with your pastor and/or district mission board to see what you to your congregation might do to get involved in this synodwide church planting effort.
- Encourage young men and women in your church to consider full-time ministry
- Ask you pastor to keep our synod's work in your congregational prayers and provide updates on a regular basis.

Learn more at wels100in10.net/getinvolved.

Open to **WELS members** of all ages and backgrounds
with a heart for mission work

WELS Mission JOURNEYS

Want to learn more about how you and your congregation can get involved?
Visit wels.net/missionjourneys.

St. Matthew's,
Oconomowoc, WI,
to Houston, TX



Domestic mission trips are up and running!

WELS Mission JOURNEYS

Long-term Volunteer Opportunities



Idaho Falls, ID (NOW FILLED)



Bentonville, AR

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SPEAKERS

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Taste of MISSIONS

June 11, 2022



Watch the recordings!





My gift to **100 Missions** in **10 Years**

Home Missions has had 119 new mission starts and enhancements since 2011.



**Aggressively
reaching
lost souls**



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your phone's camera or visit
wels.net/support.



**Immeasurably
more than *all*
we ask or imagine**

Ephesians 3:20

