

Committee No. 08
World Missions

Reference: RTTD, pg. 67
Report No. 1

We are grateful to our gracious God that, despite great financial challenges and cutbacks in expatriate staff, the number of souls we are able to serve has increased from 33,000 to 83,070 over the last two decades. We also gratefully acknowledge the spiritual maturity which is enabling national church leaders to care for these souls.

Reference: RTTD, pg. 67
Report No. 2

We thank God for His grace in allowing the WELS Board for World Missions (BWM) to reorganize its structure. We pray that this will allow us to reach out with the gospel in the most efficient way to get the Good News of forgiveness in Christ to as many souls as possible before the last trumpet sounds.

Reference: RTTD, pg. 68
Report No. 3

We rejoice that God has blessed us with more requests for help than we can fill, such as inquiries from Bolivia, Sudan and Myanmar. Specifically we see God's hand on the gospel-work we are doing

- In cooperation with Home Mission Cross Cultural Efforts
- In Nepal
- In Pakistan
- In China

We commend the BWM for its use of creative methods, such as Latin American Traveling Theological Educators (LATTE), Apache Christian Training School (ACTS) and Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI). These tools allow the WELS to work within a variety of cultures to share the gospel.

Reference: RTTD, pg. 69
Report No. 4

We thank God for lasting blessings of fellowship with former WELS missions which are now independent church bodies. We pray this blessing continues as the BWM hands off responsibility to the Commission on Inter-Church Relations. We treasure the Christian fellowship nurtured and growing with our former missions through the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference.

Reference: RTTD, pg. 69-71
Report No. 5

The greatest blessing brings our greatest challenge: how to satisfy a thirst for the gospel in far away and even dangerous lands. It takes time and committing of missionaries and money, which are all in short supply. As the demand keeps growing, the BWM is responding with a variety of creative approaches. We pray that God blesses these efforts for the growth of His kingdom as He leads us from grace to glory.

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