



## A humanitarian aid story

**Each year WELS Christian Aid and Relief provides humanitarian aid grants to world missions and home mission congregations.**

Our missions use these grants to provide basic necessities like food and clothing to those who lack them. These acts of compassion help to build relationships for gospel outreach.

This year, Intown Lutheran Church in Atlanta, Ga., received a grant to assist with transportation for those who struggle to get to worship services and other activities. Some folks have poor access to transportation, and public transportation systems are often less than adequate.

Recently, we received this note from Pastor Lucas Bitter of Intown: “I just wanted to briefly share Ameerah's story. Her whole family here in Atlanta is Muslim, but Ameerah is excited to study the teachings of Christianity in Bible Basics Class. A few weeks ago, she was officially baptized into the Christian faith! Ameerah walks to Bible Basics Class at a local coffee shop, but she needs a ride to church on Sundays. The Christian Aid and Relief transportation grant money has made it possible for her to regularly attend church and grow in her relationship with Jesus. Thanks to Christian Aid and Relief for helping us reach people like Ameerah with the gospel!”

Your prayers and financial gifts lead to stories like Ameerah's. Thank you so much for your generous support!

## Response to Milwaukee floods

On August 9, 2025, the Milwaukee, Wis., area experienced torrential rains that caused widespread flooding. Many of our members and churches experienced significant damage and loss. As of this writing, we have provided more than \$150,000 in grants for WELS families and churches that suffered loss from the flood. The money has mostly been used to replace lost appliances such as water heaters, washers, dryers, furnaces, boilers, etc. Thank you for your generous donations that allow us to help people in need.



## Thailand trip

In late January and early February 2026, Pastor Dan Sims, director, and Pastor Paul Biedenbender, a member of the commission, traveled to Thailand to represent WELS Christian Aid and Relief at two important events.

First, they attended the dedication of the new training facilities at Thai Village, a WELS-affiliated ministry that works closely with our Asia-Oceania Team (AOT), in Chiang Mai. This ministry of compassion has the following vision statement: “We envision local



communities in Thailand filled with healthy, thriving people, living in shalom (where people love, respect, and honor God, each other,

and all of creation); where people have dignified work and income that provides enough for them to support their families; where the vulnerable and the poor are protected, cared for, and advocated for by community members; where quality education in safe learning environments is valued and accessible; and where each person lives with hope in their heart knowing they are a precious child of God.” To that end, Thai Village provides

vocational training and other services to assist at-risk and low-income people. WELS Christian Aid and Relief provided financial support for the new training center.



Second, they were special guests at the annual AOT meeting with missionaries, administrators, and other church leaders. WELS Christian Aid and Relief works with our missionaries in Asia through both our humanitarian aid and disaster relief programs. These face-to-face meetings will help to improve communication and collaboration so that compassion ministry and gospel sharing opportunities can be increased.

**To learn more, make a donation, or volunteer,** visit [wels.net/relief](https://wels.net/relief) and like us on Facebook at [fb.com/WELSChristianAidandRelief](https://fb.com/WELSChristianAidandRelief). If a need arises for humanitarian aid or disaster relief in your area, please contact Director Rev. Daniel Sims.

## Need a speaker?

We love to tell our stories! Pastor Sims travels through the US and Canada preaching and presenting on the vital compassion ministry of WELS Christian Aid and Relief. He also leads chapel services in our elementary schools and high schools. Need a preacher for your mission festival? Would you like a speaker for your school or group? You can request one by visiting [wels.net/relief](https://wels.net/relief) or by contacting Pastor Sims directly.

