

Committee No. 8
WORLD MISSIONS

Reference: RTD, pg. 106
Report No. 1

A defining characteristic of the work of the Board for World Missions is the close integration of missionary service, training of national leaders, partnership with sister churches, and the use of digital tools to develop and distribute gospel resources. WELS World Missions is currently in 60 countries and operating through a team of 50 WELS called workers. These missionaries serve alongside national churches to proclaim the gospel, train new leaders, and sustain ministry structures in various cultures. This allows the Board for World Missions to respond to new opportunities while maintaining a confessional Lutheran identity and outreach.

Report No. 2

Over the next three years, the Board for World Missions will focus on strengthening training, collaboration, and global engagement in gospel ministry. They will focus on the following goals during this initiative: 1) 10% annual increase in those actively engaged in ministry training, 2) a system for regular collaboration between mission fields, including a communication and resource hub for missionaries, and 3) a global mission community of over 450,000 people and growing.

Reference: RTD, pp. 107-108
Report No. 3

Regional mission work will be done during this same three-year period. The regions that will be a focus are as follows: Africa, Native America, Europe, Asia-Oceania, and Latin America. Each of those regional focuses have their own three-year pictures with measurable goals to achieve over those three years.

Report No. 4

Multi-Language Publications supports the global mission of the Board of World Missions. They are also following a three-year picture which focuses on the following aspects: 1) the gospel has been shared with 25 million people worldwide and 150,000 actively using their discipleship resources, 2) an expanding library with over 500 resources, including films in 50 languages, and 3) formal translation training in Asia.

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