

## Pacific Northwest Mission Activity under the DMB from July 2016-2017

Our Board continues to use the BHM Strategic plan to guide and direct our activities. Our current activity under that plan follows:

### PNW Mission Board Activity: Renegotiations

#### A. Hmong Ministry, Faith, Anchorage, AK (Pastor Pao Moua)

We are very thankful for Faith work in reaching out to the Hmong souls in Anchorage AK. Faith Hmong is funded by the BHM and local offerings from the congregation. We are blessed also with the in kind partnership with Faith Lutheran in Anchoarage.

July 2016 – July 2017: \$61,000.

July 2017 – July 2018: \$59,000

Faith Hmong continues to its outreach to the Hmong community in Alaska. It utilizes food, camps, outdoor recreation, and special holidays as ways to connect to the Hmong population and to share the gospel. They continue to use Faith Anglo's sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday Afternoons. Pau moved into a permanent parsonage after the old parsonage of Faith Anglo was razed by the city of Anchorage. The Lord blessed the Board for Home Missions to purchase a new home for them. We are very thankful to our Lord and to everyone he used to make this happen.

#### B. Korean Ministry, Holy Trinity, Des Moines, WA (Pastor Youn Park)

Two year budget subsidy summary is as follows: (Note: \$30K for salary, \$5K for outreach in each fiscal year).

July 2016 -2017: \$35,000

July 2017- 2018: \$35,000

Pastor Park is very gifted in Organization and Administration. He is using those gifts to look at various outreach strategies, mainly through education. He has students in ESL, Korean School, and Sunday School. He continues to reach out to Korean students interested in attending ELHS. He is also involved with the PSI program. He regularly worships in the sanctuary of Holy Trinity in the afternoon. He uses the old portables from ELHS for office, meeting and education. We are thankful for Pastor Park's service and God's continued blessings.

**C. Peace In Jesus, Boise, ID (Pastor Dan Kramer)**

Two year budget subsidy summary is as follows:

July 2016 – 2017: \$76,000

July 2017 – 2018: \$70,000

July 2018 – 2019: \$65,000

Additional: Fiends of Vietnam: \$300,000 2017-2022

2017 - \$63,000, 2018 - \$99,000, 2019 - \$70,000

2020 - \$48,000, 2021 - \$20,000

This ministry continues to be blessed and to serve as a blessing to our Synod's world wide Vietnamese outreach. Pastor Kramer seeks to contact every Vietnamese family in Boise, travel to Vietnam as able, translate materials that can be used to instruct and proclaim the message of the Gospel in the Vietnamese language. Their subsidy is down to \$70,000 this year. Imagine your own congregation supporting the local work you do, and doing it in a foreign language. Then, traveling overseas to serve that language in their home country, acting as a Mission counselor to various groups across the United States speaking that foreign language, and translate materials to serve all these groups better. It is truly a tremendous blessing that God has enabled this group to support their local ministry and reduce their need for subsidy.

Peace in Jesus continues to reach new milestones. They have reached new highs in worship attendance, offerings, participation, and lay leadership. We are humbled by God's goodness. We praise God for these blessings.

Peace in Jesus is also working under the Joint Mission Council to establish a new Ministry called Friends of Vietnam. It is modeled after Friends of China. This effort is underway and they have already begun gathering the manpower to make this happen. Their funding is in place. Randy and Chi Brown serve as the leaders behind this effort and they serve under the ministry of Pastor Kramer and Peace in Jesus. We pray for God's blessings.

Peace in Jesus has put in place the infrastructure to live stream their service. The local cable company hooked up the proper cables to their building at a cost of \$3000. They have purchased equipment to best utilize this technology to reach Vietnamese speaking people all over the world, but especially targeting the USA and Vietnam. We pray for God's blessings!

**D. Light of Life, Covington, WA (Pastor Dan Lange)**

Two year budget subsidy summary as follows:

a) July 2016 - July 2017: \$24,000

b) July 2017 - July 2018: \$14,000

At the end of the July 2018 fiscal year, Light of Life will no longer receive operating subsidy from the Home Missions. We rejoice with them as they approach this milestone. These are the last two years of funding.

Their preschool continues to be almost full with 52 students attending this past school year. They continue to wrestle with the challenge of needing to increase offerings while receiving less and less subsidy. This challenge becomes even more difficult as they seek to meet rising costs while trying to expand various ministries.

Even though they only have one year left on their grant agreement with Home Missions, they will continue to be eligible for special gifts. These funds are made available by directed gifts from various people and organizations. One of the main contributors is LWMS. A list of special gifts given to eligible congregations is listed below.

May God continue to richly bless Light of Life.

#### F. The Vine – Coeur d’Alene ID (A Branch of St Matthew Spokane) (Pastor Kevin Schultz)

Two year approved grants:  
2016-2017: \$124,000  
2017-2018: \$128,000

This group has a nucleus approaching 20 and attending regular Bible study in Kevin’s home. This group was gathered through Kevin’s outreach efforts. They have a team from St. Matthew in Spokane willing to help canvass and to gather for worship in Coeur d’Alene when it begins. A soft launch date for their first worship service is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>. They plan to have their grand opening in late October of November.

One of their most effective approaches for getting name recognition in the community is their random acts of kindness. For example, they will regularly bring donuts to various work places or give out donuts to the general public entering a local super market. These acts connected to their aggressive outreach efforts of canvassing, community picnic, soccer camp, VBS, mailers, emails, facebook boosts, etc. has given them strong name recognition and a growing prospect list. Their biggest challenge is they started without a nucleus. Their greatest blessing is their partnership with St. Matthew’s and specifically the launch team. May God continue to bless this work.

#### G. Meridian, ID – Multi-site of Cross of Christ, Boise, ID (Pastor Ben Workentine)

Two year approved funding:  
2016-2017: \$126,000 (prorated)

2017-2018: \$115,000

Ben began serving Meridian in October. He has reached out to other WELS groups for ideas and is looking for the best practices while starting a new congregation. He has a core group from Cross of Christ which is willing to worship at his new location when it is identified. Ben is navigating through his new reality which finds him as a member of Cross of Christ, a team pastor at Cross of Christ, Boise, and the sole pastor at Cross of Christ, Meridian.

His reaching out activity continues to increase. He has BIC classes going with members from both Cross of Christ and the new target area. He has small group Bible studies in homes, stays connected with the main campus through Bible study, limited preaching, and active as youth Pastor. He is blessed to lean on a strong congregation that has many people experienced in planting a new mission start.

The congregation is preparing for their first worship service September 10, while exploring the best location to conduct this service. They plan on being flexible as they look long term as to the best location to locate as a permanent outpost for preaching and teaching the gospel. We pray for God's blessings.

## **PNW DMB Partnerships**

**Unsubsidized Missions:** *(These missions are not currently receiving funds from the BHM, are working with the DMB and reporting to us, and are eligible to receive special funds to enhance their ministry.)*

- **Beautiful Savior, Hillsboro, OR** –They receive no financial support from the BHM, but are eligible for Special funds and for CEF grants. They can receive 4:1 grant on 10% down on any land up to 5 acres. They can also receive a 2:1 grant on 10% down on their new facility up to 7000 square feet.
- **Caminando con Jesús/Grace Yakima, WA** (Vacant)  
Grace Yakima received funding from the BHM for 3 ½ years. They will continue to report to us and will remain an unsubsidized mission for several more months. two more years in which they are eligible to receive special funds. They are currently without a pastor at the time I am writing this report.

**Future Unsubsidized Missions:** *(These missions choose to partner with our DMB and Home Missions. Over the course of at least one year, this mission shares its ministry plans with our DMB, works with us, and sends monthly reports to us. After a year, they can officially receive the status of an Unsubsidized Mission.)*

- **Sweet Home, OR** – This group meets with Pastor Wasser 2x per month. They meet at a LCMS church which is wrestling with a decision to partner with us or to

partner with a LCMS church in a neighboring town. This decision will be known in the next couple months.

- **Immanuel, Salem, OR & Beautiful Savior, Corvallis, OR** - Continue to learn more about Multi-site ministry. Pastor Luke Tembreull, Pastor Craig Wasser, and Mr. Ethan Colvert attended the WELS National Multi-site Conference held last November in Tucson, AZ. Peter Kruschel lead a multi-site presentation to these two congregations on February 4, in Salem, OR. There is great opportunity for ministry expansion in the greater Willamette Valley and each congregation is wrestling with how best to use our God given resources to reach more people more often. This work is slow in moving forward but continues to remain on the member's hearts and new opportunities continue to present themselves.
- **Gethsemane, Tigard, OR** – Peter Kruschel met with the leaders of Gethsemane Ev. Lutheran Church about exploring outreach strategies with them. Gethsemane will be deciding in the near future whether or not to have an official partnership with our DMB or just an advisory one. They had Praise and Proclaim ministry coordinate an every home mailer and a door to door canvass in their target area. This gospel activity was blessed. 20 people canvassed and these groups shared 144 gospel presentations. These canvass teams included members from Beautiful Savior, Corvallis OR. and Amazing Grace, Milwaukie, OR.
- **Grace, Seattle and Salem, Edmonds** – These two congregations are confronting changes. The DMB, working closely with Pastor Tom Gumm and the Presidium, is exploring the opportunities presented to us to serve these gospel outposts with the resources we have as well as seeking partnerships with their neighbors. May God bless these plans.

**CEF Grants:** *(The CEF can now grant funds directly to the BHM which Home Missions through an established endowment. This will possibly give us \$700,000 of funds to use to open new missions. The CEF also continues to grant new missions for land up to 10% at a 4-1 ratio, and up to 10% of the building (7000 sq.ft.) at a 2-1 ratio. (With the down payment of the 10% for land and facility and the grant funds, a new congregation will pay only 50% of the total cost at closing. A tremendous blessing.) Below are congregations in our District who recently have received this blessing.*

- **King of Kings, Kennewick, WA** – King of Kings has purchased the land on which they will build. They have been approved to receive a 2-1 matching grant for the facility itself. They are working through the new policies of the CEF at this time. They will receive over a \$100,000 to \$200,000 grant when their planning is finished and they are ready to build.

#### **Special Funds Received 2016 – 2017 \$12,201.52**

- **\$500 Holy Trinity, Des Moines, WA. Sudanese Bibles – January**
- **\$651.52 Light of Life, Covington, WA Easter Outreach – March**
- **\$600 Peace in Jesus, Boise, ID. ESL - April**

- **\$4000 Cross of Christ, Meridian, ID Canvass Campaign – August**
- **\$1500 Peace in Jesus, Boise, ID Streaming – August**
- **\$5000 Peace in Jesus, Boise, ID Equipment – March**

**PNW DMB Mission Targets:**

**I-5 Vision: Chehalis, WA, North Vancouver, WA, Bellingham, WA, Albany, OR, Roseburg, OR**

**I-84 Vision: Ontario, OR/Caldwell, ID (Western Treasure Valley)**

**I-90 Vision: Spokane Valley, WA, Moses Lake, WA, Issaquah, WA,**

- **Albany, OR** – We are looking to propose this as an area for the BHM to fund a new site.
- **King of Kings, Kennewick/Richland, WA** – Is receiving a grant from the WELS CEF similar to the grant received by Shepherd of the Hills in Anchorage. The amount is unclear at this time, but it will be a 2 to 1 grant for up to 5000 square feet up to 10% down.

<b>Church Extension Fund</b>
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These congregations are considered subsidized because the loan rate is below 5.5% or they qualify to receive a loan based on their Mission status:

- Beautiful Savior, Beaverton, OR (This congregation is currently looking for land on which to build.)
- Peace in Jesus, Boise, ID.
- Cross of Christ, Boise, ID.
- Light of Life, Covington, WA.
- Living Hope, Redmond, WA.
- Beautiful Savior, Everett, WA.
- Shepherd of the Hills, Anchorage, AK.
- King of Kings, Kennewick, WA.

Our CEF is willing and able to lend to self-supporting congregations. They will be competitive, so please discuss rates and long term loans with them before you dismiss them as an option. If you bring an approved loan to them from another lender, they can often beat it. This serves our Missions well when more congregations borrow from CEF as the funds go directly back into Mission funds for expanding Missions.

**Over 5 Million dollars in CEF money is on loan to congregations of our District.**

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