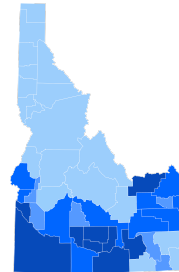


**Report of the Idaho Circuit  
Pacific Northwest District Delegate Conference, WELS  
June 8-9, 2017**



**Cross of Christ, Boise & Meridian**

Pastor John Steinbrenner, Pastor Matthew Zimpelmann, Pastor Ben Workentine (Meridian), Pastor Kurt Wetzel

Giving Thanks with us to our gracious God: for the additions of Pastor Kurt Wetzel, wife Stephanie, and their three children; for the opportunities to share the saving gospel in nearby Meridian, Idaho (2nd site worship services begin in July); for continued open doors to sharing Jesus' love with friends and family in Boise; and for the possible expansion to the Pre-School.

Please Pray with us to our gracious God: for His hand of blessing on future planning for facility use, Pre-School expansion, a concerted effort to reach straying members, summer "come" events and planning for the Meridian site, and a Praise and Proclaim Outreach initiative. Also pray that God would protect the precious faiths of the Cross of Christ staff by keeping them close to His Word in this next biennium.

**Peace In Jesus, Boise**

website: [www.peaceinjesus.net](http://www.peaceinjesus.net)

Pastor Daniel Kramer

At Peace In Jesus, we started a new teleconference Bible Study in Vietnamese and then an additional class in English. Through BHM grants, we were able to establish streaming for our worship services. Our president, Huu Trung Le, has begun his work as a part-time staff, working on filling our online school with classes. Please pray for our two PSI students soon to plan out vicar year experiences with Pastor Sorum at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

In August 2016, the Joint Mission Council approved a proposal for Randy and Chi Brown to move to Idaho to establish **Friends of Vietnam** (in the model of Friends of China) to send individuals to teach English and witness Jesus in their spare time. The added dimension of Friends of Vietnam would be helping individuals in Vietnam to enroll in schools of our fellowship in the U.S. The grant was specifically for Chi to serve as a part-time paid bi-lingual

secretary at Peace In Jesus, which would allow for more gospel ministry to be accomplished in the greater Boise Vietnamese community.

In April 2017, the JMC generously funded Friends Of Vietnam for the next 5 years. Please pray for our upcoming training session for our first two teachers going to Vietnam to share the gospel next month!

### **Messiah, Nampa**

Pastor Ed Frey, Pastor Howard Mohlke

Messiah congregation voted to make a change from a two-pastor congregation to one. Pastor Howard Mohlke accepted a call as ACTS director and will be moving to Arizona at the end of June. Please pray for a smooth transition for all.

### **Truth in Love Ministry**

Pastor Mark Cares

Once again I'm sorry I can't be with you at conference but we are beginning our sixth annual campaign in Utah this week. We will be blitzing Lehi and Provo with about \$25,000 worth of advertising, mainly Facebook and Instagram ads. We are excited because this allows us to target our audience quite specifically. There will also be about 50 people from around the country joining us to go door to door. Please keep this effort in your prayers!

Our outreach in Utah is just one small aspect of our ministry. We are also training hundreds to witness to Mormon missionaries. We are in the middle of preparing a video-based and extensive curriculum for those witnessing to their Mormon family and friends. We also give dozens of presentations a year around the country and numerous training seminars. We are extremely thankful for all the opportunities the Lord has given us and the many supporters who enable us to take advantage of these opportunities. Our ministry is supported 100% by gifts from individuals and organizations.

Finally, I am excited to share with you that a couple of our supporters gave the necessary funds enabling us to call a second pastor. We pray that the Lord will soon lead us to the right man to join our ever-increasing staff so we can continue to go forward aggressively speaking the truth in love to Mormons.  
Mark Cares

**Praise and Proclaim Ministries**

website: [www.praiseandproclaim.com](http://www.praiseandproclaim.com)

Staff Minister Dave Malnes

We rejoice that in the past eighteen months, Praise and Proclaim Ministries has partnered with twenty-one congregations from around the U.S. We give thanks for the ongoing partnership with WELS Board of Home Missions and assisting mission congregations with training their members how to proclaim the gospel. We ask the Lord to continue to bless the outreach initiative conducted in early April with Pastor Dan Moll at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Tigard. It was great to have pastors and members from four congregations in the Portland area who came to participate. We ask the Lord's hand to be with us for upcoming outreach initiatives this summer in the PNW district that will be held at Grace in Kenai, AK and Cross of Christ in Meridian, ID.



