

WELS CONNECTION **CLOSE-UP**

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**WELS Mission
JOURNEYS**
Every Neighbor, Every Nation

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Embarking on adventures to share God's Word

WELS Mission Journeys is the new WELS program that provides opportunities for members to participate in short-term mission trips. Whether church- or school-based, these groups of volunteers travel to WELS mission fields at home and across the world, contributing to the Great Commission in direct and deeply fulfilling ways.

Before the trip, a Mission Journeys team leader instructs the volunteers on how they might best serve the mission field's needs throughout the trip. At this stage, each participant develops a spiritual plan for the group's outreach efforts. They also receive materials to encourage their personal spiritual growth, effective team building, and cross-cultural understanding.

"The program's foundation is on God's Word," says Mr. Shannon Bohme, coordinator for Mission Journeys. "We really want people to have those growth opportunities so that they're able to be spiritually enriched," he said. "Our program is designed to give opportunities in

devotions, in prayers, and in time that people can have studying the Word together."

After the trip, attendees return to their congregations and classes newly equipped to serve others. Many are able to lead outreach activities or events in their own communities.

A Mission Journeys trip is not a simple vacation or travel opportunity but a quest to share God's Word with those who may not yet know him.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Visit wels.net/missionjourneys to learn more. Talk with a leader at your church or school to see if a Mission Journeys trip is something a group within your organization might explore.

