

## WELS Kingdom Workers

Endeavors, under God:

- to inform Christians of the needs and opportunities that exist in mission fields;
- To encourage Christians to become personally involved in mission work;
- To facilitate and coordinate volunteer efforts in mission fields; and
- To provide financial support for special mission projects

Taken from the Summer National Newsletter

In line with these guidelines, your local chapter board would like to share information of the many opportunities that are available with your congregation, school, Sunday school, or church group. Please contact any of the people listed below and they will be able to put you in touch with the right person.

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## Gifts and Memorials

We heartily thank everyone — individuals and organizations — who have sent gifts to support the mission projects of the Minnesota Valley Chapter of WELS Kingdom Workers. Mission project support has been received In Memory of:

Pastor Ralph Baur  
Armin Grundmeyer

## Thank You

We thank the following volunteers for serving on the Board of the Minnesota Valley Chapter of the WELS Kingdom Workers for the past three years:

John Schultz—Chairman  
Art Schulz—Vice-Chairman  
Connie Scharf—Secretary  
Elwood Heldt—Treasurer  
Paula Windschitl-Board member and Secretary

We welcome John Paulsen to our board as chairman. Elwood Heldt has agreed to be our vice-chairman and Allan Stelljes will serve as treasurer. We always welcome new faces and this year we are looking for someone who is willing to join our board as secretary.

To learn more about the duties of secretary or about being on the board, please contact John Schultz at 507-354-2568.

**You can help support the projects of the MN Valley Chapter by sending contributions to the address on the front of this brochure. All gifts go to Hispanic Outreach unless you direct it to another project.**

Offerings support the following projects:

Hispanic Outreach      Teen Mission Trips

**Thank you for your gift.**

# Mission Project Update

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## What Difference Can I Make?



Perhaps you have heard the story of the starfish before. It's the one about the boy who was making a difference for each starfish that had washed up on shore, saving them from certain death, one at a time. (The original story is by Loren Easley and can be found at [www.starrbrite.com/starfish.html](http://www.starrbrite.com/starfish.html))

This story exemplifies how each one of us can make a difference. We all have a tremendously important task: to proclaim the gospel message of Jesus to everyone who may not have heard it. He "*wants all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*" You may be the vehicle by which God wishes to call someone to faith.

We know that without Jesus, there is no forgiveness. Without Jesus, there is no heaven. Shall we keep this to ourselves? Is there someone you can tell? Perhaps a new family has just moved into your neighborhood? God may use you as his instrument to bring another soul into his kingdom.

Pray that he use your witness and life to attract people you know to their Savior, one soul at a time. Pray that he use your gifts to support those who witness in your stead.

Jim Renz

### Annual Meeting

On Sunday, August 7, 2011, 52 gathered at the New Ulm Country Club for the annual meeting. Rodrigo Concha, Hispanic vicar, opened the gathering with a devotion about our best friend, Jesus. Reports were given on the Fairfax canvassing, Hispanic Outreach logo, and WKW National. Opportunities for more outreach were suggested. We also had a business meeting to share details of our funding and programs with our members. The meeting closed with a sing-along and Benediction.



## Hispanic Outreach: an Update

Last year at this time, you learned about the Hispanic Mission Project vision for the next five years. Now that we are near the end of year one, we are seeing the Lord's blessings to this project in several ways.

**At St. Paul's, St. James,** the ESL class continued to meet throughout the summer. A young woman from Colombia was strongly motivated to learn English as a second language. Her commitment to learn is now attracting additional English learners to the program, people she is bringing in. And through the vacation Bible camp, several non-member children have enrolled in St. Paul's Pre-school.

**In Fairfax,** the Lord blessed the canvassing done during the spring by increasing the attendance of the vacation Bible school with a 25% increase. Numerous contacts have been made which have the potential to bring more people to Christ. Recently, Rodrigo had the privilege to proclaim God's Word in a mission festival service in Fairfax.

**In the Glencoe area, New Ulm and St. Peter,** the efforts continue to serve individuals and families with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Lord's blessing all of these efforts and the Lord's blessings on Rodrigo & his family, giving him the energy to proclaim.

## You're Invited to a

### Mission Program and Meal

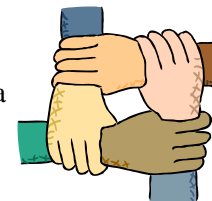
**Where:** MLC Cafeteria

**When:** Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011, following the Reformation Festival Service held in the Chapel of the Christ at 2:30 p.m.

**What:** Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and an opportunity to learn more about the mission outreach programs that involve WKW volunteers. A meal will be provided.

**A free-will offering will be gathered to support WELS Kingdom Workers chapter projects. Please plan to join us!**

### Together We Can!



What seems impossible for a few can be done together. Our chapter project of Hispanic Outreach has been supported by people just like you for the past six years. It is time for us to pull together again to support it for the year 2012. As of this writing, funding has only been received to support the Hispanic Outreach Mission Project through January. The support needed is \$30,000 a year.

Our South-central MN region has been blessed with a native speaker of Spanish. In turn, Rodrigo and his family have been blessed to stay in the region and further his studies as part of the Pastoral Studies Institute. He is currently a vicar, soon to become a pastor. Let's each do our part to support this vital outreach program.