

Making Disciples One Page at a Time

According to a recent report by Hootsuite, 9 out of 10 individuals living in North America enjoy access to the Internet. By contrast, only 1 out of 4 people living in sub-Saharan Africa are internet users. Nearly 1.3 billion people live on the continent of Africa currently, and the estimated population by the end of this century will be over 2 billion. That is a huge opportunity, both for telecom companies as well as Gospel missionaries!

While most people living in developed countries can view Christian materials digitally, a very small percentage of African living in remote areas have smartphones or tablets. The printed word still has legs in Africa and books carry the message of Christ's Gospel effectively. In collaboration with WELS Multi-Language Productions, the following printed materials have recently been produced by our Gospel partners in the following countries.

Nigeria

All Saints Lutheran Church is made up of 1,700 Christians who are served by pastors, evangelists and preaching elders in 23 congregations. Rev. Edward Obi, the President of their church body, approached One Africa Team with a request for materials to teach adult Bible class.



WELS Multi-Language Productions has an extensive catalog of publications that they have made available to all of our mission partners around the world. These Gospel-centered publications include both tracts and books in 56 different languages. All Saints chose four books from the "Living in Faith Discipleship Series": *The Origin of Life*, *How to Talk with God*, *How to Read Your Bible*, and *Life After Death*. These books were originally produced by the WELS Commission on Special Ministries for use in prison ministry, and have been adapted by WELS Multi-Language Publications for use in the general population.

All Saints requested permission to reprint the English language version of the books, since English is widely understood in Nigeria. Forty copies of each book were printed locally in the town of Ogoja and will be distributed among the pastors, evangelists and preaching elders. We ask for God's blessing on this sowing of the seed!

Christ the King Lutheran Church is made up of 2,478 members who are served by pastors, evangelists and preaching elders in 34 congregations. This church body was once a part of the Nigerian Lutheran Church, a mission that was jointly served by the WELS and the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod when the two church bodies were in fellowship in the Synodical Conference. Christ the King requested assistance in reprinting the text of Luther's Small Catechism, which was originally published by the Synodical Conference in 1942.

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Malawi

The Lutheran Church of Central Africa - Malawi Synod (LCCA-MS) has over 44,000 members. In August of 2019 the LCCA's Education and Publication Committee identified the need for a book of devotions that Christian families could use in their homes. Over the years, publications in Central Africa have been primarily targeted at pastors or people desiring to become pastors. Other than the Small Catechism and some Adult instruction manuals, there really wasn't any publication targeted at enriching the devotional life of laypeople.

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Northwestern Publishing House granted the LCCA permission to translate *The Word Speaks: 365 Devotions Based on the Sayings of Jesus* into both the Chichewa and Chitumbuka languages. Twelve pastors from the LCCA worked on the translation project for over a year. WELS Multi-Language Productions Layout Designer Michele Pfeifer designed the cover and layout of the publication. The book will be offered for sale in each of the five regional bookstores located throughout the country.

Ethiopia

The Lutheran Church of Ethiopia (LCE) has 421 members who meet in five different locations and are served by one pastor and four national evangelists. Recently, the LCE offered a day long workshop for its leaders, ministers and members in the town of Bishoftu, near Addis Ababa. The workshop's topic was on Christian vocation. The LCE chose to use a WELS Bible study called *My Vocation in Christ* by Rev. Kenneth Cherney and translated the text into the Amharic language.

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Once again, MLP Layout Designer Michele Pfeifer assisted with the design of the publication, which had to be produced in a bi-lingual format. Ms. Pfeifer worked closely with LCE President Rev. Kebede to ensure the correct placement and layout of the texts.

The seminar, the first of its kind that the LCE has ever offered, was attended by 23 people. They will continue to offer this seminar and others like it in the future as a part of their outreach to their fellow Ethiopians.

Missionary John Roebke lives in Malawi

Please pray for those working in fields that are ripe for harvest. Share their story, engage with future news and receive updates. Learn more about our mission fields in Africa and how the Holy Spirit is working faith in people's hearts at <https://wels.net/serving-others/missions/africa>