

December 2021, WELS Updates, Resources, and Prayers

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TELL (Think, Evaluate, Learn, Lead) is an online outreach initiative from WELS Multi-Language Productions. The online English-language Bible-based training platform developed to bring the gospel to English-speakers around the world. The TELL Facebook page is sharing the gospel with more than 1,000,000 followers who are encouraged to take online Bible classes and share what they learn in their communities.

Equipping Christian Witnesses

The vast majority of WELS called workers receive their training at Martin Luther College (MLC). These are the gospel servants who faithfully share Word and sacrament, who baptize your babies, help teach your children about Jesus and mentor your teenagers, who strengthen your faith through Bible class, comfort your family through crises, and pray at your sickbed. MLC, through Equipping Christian Witnesses, is seeking to assist students ease the burden of college tuition as well as build facilities that will serve called workers in training for years to come. Find out more and how you can help at mlc-wels.edu.

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Prayers for December 2021

December 5

TELL Network – Lord God, we praise you that throughout history you have used different means to grow your Church no matter the resistance put up by Satan or unbelievers. We thank you that the Internet has allowed us to reach people in virtually any country—to train them in your Word and in how to start small groups and congregations. We pray that you continue to bless our online gospel outreach and discipleship efforts in different languages. We praise you for every lost soul that you bring to the joy of knowing you. Amen.

December 12

Martin Luther College – Holy Spirit, we thank and praise you for the gifts you have given to your Church—particularly in the form of this year's mid-year graduates at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn. You have equipped these Christians for witnessing. Guide and direct them in all that they do as they serve in your kingdom. Bless their efforts. Give them the words to speak at the proper time and in difficult situations. Grant them boldness and determination as they carry your message of salvation into classrooms and congregations, homes, and hearts across our land and around the world. We pray these things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

December 19

East Asia – Lord, you have commissioned us to preach the gospel to all nations. We praise you for blessing this preaching through our mission work in East Asia. You have opened numerous opportunities to share the good news with those who need to hear it. You have trained workers in these nations who now share this message with their neighbors. You have provided even more potential workers who are preparing for service at Asia Lutheran Seminary. Bless those who are serving and preparing to serve so that your voice is heard through their preaching and souls saved through faith in you. Amen.

December 26

London, England – Heavenly Lord and King, we ask your blessing on the WELS World Missions plan to send a missionary to the city of London, England. We ask that you grant success as we serve 50 WELS families there as well as the many in our fellowship relocating to London from Hong Kong. If it is your will, open this door, smooth the path, and grant that our plans may come to fruition. Help overcome cultural obstacles so that we may serve natives, refugees, and expatriates alike. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.