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WELS mission work is happening in new communities in the United States and around the world every day. WELS Missions appreciates your prayers, special gifts, and congregational offerings. There is always a need to help the hurting, and together with God's blessing, we can do more.

As part of this year's Taste of Missions event, it is our goal to collect \$25,000 in offerings to support future mission work. A generous group of sponsors has pledged to match every dollar up to \$10,000! A gift of \$100 will translate to \$200 for ministry tomorrow, doubling your impact. This Taste of Missions offering will be divided evenly between Home and World Missions on July 31. Learn more about this special offering and how you can support it at tasteofmissions.com/give.

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