

Praise & Proclaim Partners with Home Missions

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The Holy Spirit works in miraculous ways. Even the smallest gospel seed can be transformed into faith through the power of the Spirit. What a blessing from our Lord!

Everyone understands that verbally sharing the gospel message with strangers can be a scary thing. But, we have a life-saving mission that we need to carry out. How do we “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 29:19) with this fear holding us back? That’s where Praise and Proclaim Ministries can help:

“Praise and Proclaim Ministries teaches and equips Christians how to joyfully and confidently share this important message of God’s salvation with others. We provide an immediate, well-organized opportunity for Christians to put their training into action by conducting a door-to-door canvassing experience to proclaim the gospel. By participating in our outreach campaigns, members of congregations learn how to engage, proclaim, and invite neighbors and friends to hear the gospel.”

Dave Malnes, founder and president of Praise and Proclaim, has years of experience conducting outreach as a staff minister in churches in Minnesota and Idaho. Today, Dave’s full-time ministry is dedicated to sharing that knowledge with churches around the United States. Dave states, “Many Christians wrestle with the fear of verbally proclaiming the gospel to lost souls. The intent of our outreach initiatives is to break the thin layer of ice that causes us to refrain from witnessing.”

Praise and Proclaim puts together a well-organized outreach plan, complete with hand-out materials, mailed fliers, and canvassing maps, specialized to fit the needs of each

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church - Meridian , ID

congregation. This expert administrative support allows the pastor and lay people to concentrate fully on the task at hand: learning how to proclaim the gospel. It also frees up the pastor's time for him to focus on following up with prospects after the outreach initiative.



Starting with a few hours of training led by Dave on a Friday night, participants are given the tools to easily proclaim the gospel when putting their training into practice the next day. Rev. Lincoln Albrecht, Home Mission Pastor at River of Life Lutheran Church in Goodyear, Ariz., attests to the quality of the training, "The strength of Dave's teaching is in its simplicity. Many people see their pastor as an expert door-knocker or Jesus-talker, and so they think they never could do what he does. Dave breaks the process down into manageable chunks and sets their collective minds at ease."

Many WELS Home Missions are taking advantage of Praise and Proclaim as a part of their overall outreach strategy. As it stands currently, 10 home missions have participated in Praise and Proclaim outreach initiatives in 2016 and 2017, with another two home missions scheduled to participate so far in 2018. Today, 487 people have been trained how to share the gospel message. Thanks to their efforts and the Holy Spirit working through them, the seed of the gospel has been planted about 3,800 times.



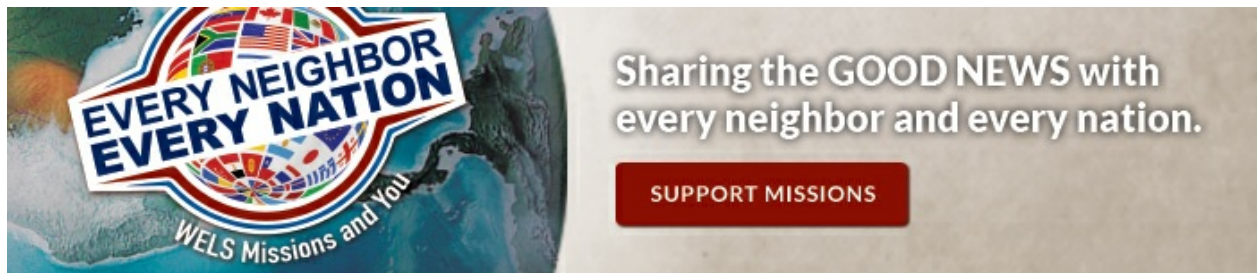
Peace Lutheran Church – Liberty Hill, Tex.

After participating in a Praise and Proclaim outreach initiative, members from the Arizona/California and Pacific-Northwest District Mission Boards reported back,

“We recommend that every new {home mission} start use this approach to kick start the work in their communities. There are so many details and so many best practices that {Praise and Proclaim} will take care of for the new mission, that it serves as an invaluable service when reaching out to the community with the gospel. It will also give the new mission an outreach template to use for generations to come, as well as equip its members with an outreach mindset from day one.”

As WELS Home Missions continues to explore new ways to help new mission starts reach out to their community, Praise and Proclaim Ministries has been identified as a valuable partner. Rev. Keith Free, Administrator for Home Missions agrees, “Dave doesn’t just train people how to canvass – he equips people with the tools and training they need to become evangelists in their community for years to come. What a blessing this partner is to our work!”

To learn more about this ministry, read testimonials from past participants and see how your church can utilize Praise and Proclaim Ministries, visit www.praiseandproclaim.com.



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