

Breaking Barriers with AI: From Weekly Services to a Wedding That Spanned Languages and Miles

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Challenge

Using Language to Overcome Distance and Unite Hearts

Love knows no borders, but distance can often feel like an insurmountable obstacle. When two members of the Apostolic Christian Church, both of Haitian heritage, prepared to exchange vows, they faced an emotional challenge, most of their loved ones resided in Haiti and other distant locations. The prospect of celebrating one of the most important days of their lives without the presence of their closest family and friends cast a shadow over their joy.

The church, deeply committed to fostering unity and inclusivity, refused to let geography stand in the way. They sought a way to bridge the physical divide and bring the couple's loved ones into the celebration—without them having to leave their homes.

The Apostolic Christian Church is based in Belvidere, Illinois, a small town where nearly 28% of the population speaks a language other than English at home. With a vibrant and diverse community, including a significant Latino and Haitian population, the church recognized the need to create an inclusive worship environment where every individual, regardless of language, could fully engage in services and church events.

"Our mission is to ensure that everyone, regardless of the language they speak, feels at home in our church. By breaking down language barriers, we are opening the doors for all to hear the Word of the Lord, participate fully in worship, and find a true sense of belonging in our faith community."



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Solution

A Revolutionary AI Wedding Experience

Having already embraced Wordly AI translation to ensure non-English-speaking members could fully engage with the teachings of Jesus during weekly services, the Apostolic Christian Church sought to make the couple's wedding truly extraordinary. They leveraged the real-time AI translation and live-streaming capabilities of Wordly to create a wedding experience like no other.

With a simple QR code, the couple's family and friends across Haiti and beyond could join the ceremony remotely, hearing the prayers, vows, and blessings in their native language in real time.

The process was seamless:

- **AI-powered real-time translation** allowed non-English-speaking friends and family members to hear the service in more than 60 languages.
- **A transcription of the ceremony** was provided as a cherished keepsake, preserving the sacred moment forever.

For the couple, what could have been a bittersweet occasion transformed into an unforgettable moment of unity and joy. Their family in Haiti heard them say, "I do," as if they were in the same room. When the congregation lifted their voices in prayer, loved ones across the ocean joined in harmony.

"We wanted this day to be as special as possible for the couple, and Wordly made that possible in a way we never imagined. To see their family in Haiti, hearing every word, every prayer, every vow in real time—it was truly powerful. It wasn't just a wedding; it was a celebration of love, faith, and unity across any distance. This is what church is all about: bringing people together, no matter where they are."



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Results

A Celebration Beyond Borders, Leaving a Lasting Legacy

The impact of this technology-driven solution was profound:

- **20-30 family members from Haiti and beyond** participated in real-time, celebrating alongside the couple.
- **An overwhelming sense of connection** was felt by all, proving that faith and love transcend physical distance.
- **Tears of joy flowed across borders**, uniting two worlds through faith, love, and technology.

In the end, this was more than just a wedding. It was a testament to the power of faith, technology, and the unwavering commitment of a church to unite hearts across the globe.

"Seeing a family brought together across thousands of miles, hearing their voices celebrate love and faith as one, this is what the church is meant to do. This is why we serve."

The Future

A Bold New Era of Inclusive Worship

In addition to enhancing wedding ceremonies, the Apostolic Christian Church uses Wordly for real-time AI translation during weekly services, allowing non-English speakers to fully engage with the Bible's teachings alongside their English-speaking neighbors.

With its user-friendly interface and customizable glossary, Wordly ensures accurate transcriptions, even for difficult or unfamiliar words, like those in sacred texts. The low-cost of Wordly ensures everyone can benefit, but its true mission is to make God's teachings accessible to all, breaking down language barriers and fostering understanding in a truly inclusive way.

Parishioners can scan a QR code and listen to or read the sermon in their preferred language, eliminating the need for separate services and ensuring full participation.

"By using Wordly's real-time AI translation, we're breaking down language barriers so everyone can worship, build relationships, and experience faith together," says a church leader. "Inclusion and understanding are at the heart of our mission."

Since Wordly's introduction, the church has seen:

- Increased participation from non-English speakers.
- A deeper sense of empathy, as English speakers understand the challenges of non-English speakers.
- Stronger community engagement with a focus on including everyone in the Church and community.

One congregant shared, “I’ve been to churches where I felt disconnected because I couldn’t understand the message. Here, I hear everything in my language, and that makes me feel welcome.”

With Wordly, the Apostolic Christian Church is not just translating words, they’re transforming the way the church members connect, fostering understanding, and breaking down barriers, one person at a time.



About Apostolic Christian Church

The doctrine of the Church is rooted and grounded in the Bible, which is recognized as God-inspired and infallible. The Church believes the Bible contains all needed for doctrine and instruction in righteousness centered on the gospel message of Jesus Christ and salvation that comes through his death and resurrection. The Apostolic Christian Church Statement of Faith expresses what we believe and teach (our doctrine) based on the Bible.

About Wordly

Wordly provides live AI translation and captions in 60+ languages, making meetings and events more inclusive, accessible, and engaging. The Wordly platform does not require human interpreters or special equipment – making it easy and affordable to communicate across multiple languages.

Over 4 million users at 2,000 organizations worldwide use Wordly for in-person and virtual sessions across various industries, including corporate, non-profit, government, education, and religious organizations.

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