



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MISSIONS

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MISSIONS

Jesus tells us, *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded.”*

First Presbyterian Church’s Mission Statement says, “We are a community of people who are being transformed by Jesus Christ and are being used by Jesus to transform others toward reconciliation and relationship with God.”

This is mission.

The primary point of missions is not to train pastors, build houses, or teach VBS. The purpose of missions is to glorify God. God created the world to bring himself glory. Everything exists to bring praises to God and missions seek to exalt God’s name.

The purpose of our lives is to seek God’s glory throughout the world. Scripture tells us, *“May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!” (Ps 72:8-11).*

First Presbyterian Church helps to support missionaries who do the Lord’s work in a variety of locations and in a variety of ways. Those of us who stay home support them through prayer, finances, and personal contact. We are all missionaries. We are all to be the hands and feet of Christ.

Our missions are supported in several ways. The first is with 10% of the regular church budget. These missions/ministries are found in the first section of the booklet. The second type of support is through Faith Promise giving which is a means of giving that allows people the opportunity to go the second mile in supporting missions. Those ministries supported by Faith, along with an explanation of how Faith Promise giving works. Other ministries and missions are supported by our church through special offerings: Bottles for Life, World Vision, Salvation Army, and Gideons are a few examples.

Another section of this booklet provides information on the ministries of “Friends and Family” of the congregation. These ministries receive no regular support from First Presbyterian church but have relationship with our congregation.

We welcome questions, comments or assistance with our evangelism and outreach program and invite you to become personally involved. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of our committee members.

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MISSION BUDGET

Budgeted Missions from church budget and invested funds

<u>Percentage of budget</u>	<u>Mission Organization</u>
10.0	Haspels (Gen. Assembly) Divided- Haspels Specials/Frontier Fellowship
6.5	Buckhorn Children's Center (Synod)
3.5	Amesville/New England Parish Ministry (Presbytery)
25.0	Knudsons (SIM)
25.0	Mahons (SAM)
15.0	Montana de Luz (Honduras)
5.0	Habitat for Humanity (Local)
5.0	Jail Ministry (Local)
<u>5.0</u>	<u>Heartbeats (Local)</u>
100.0	Total

Faith Promise-Funds received are distributed quarterly

<u>Percentage of amount</u>	<u>Mission Organization and Missionary</u>
35.0	Boston International Student Ministries-David & Joy Miller
6.5	International Friendships-Mabel Bahler
6.5	Navigators-Phil & Ruth Saksa
15.5	International Messengers-Bevan & Laura Stein
32.0	Kairos International-Rick & Laura Leatherwood
<u>4.5</u>	<u>New Tribes Mission-Leroy & Mary Lou Peters</u>
100.0	

Special Offerings

Lenten Offering	Divided equally-Salvation Army, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance & World Vision
Parent Days	Bottles for Life (Heartbeats)
Summer	God's Helping Hands Shoe Drive (+donated supplies)
Fall	Gideons
October	Trick or Treat on the Square
November	Operation Christmas Child (+donated items & boxes)
December	Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign (bell ringing)
December	Secret Santa (+donated items)
	Buckhorn Events

Friends and Family Missionaries

The “Friends and Family” missionaries do not receive regular support from First Presbyterian Church (not supported through the church budget or Faith Promise funds.) A variety of members of our church family support these missionaries. The Evangelism and Outreach Committee present these ministries in our church missions booklet so that, if you desire, you may further their support through prayer and/or monetary gifts.

Father, I thank you for the men and women who devote their lives to take your message of love to people from the four corners of the earth, for reaching the lost with the Gospel. Missionaries are special people, O Lord. Bless them, Father, with your love and the strength they need to continue in their work. Encourage them, Father, for their labor is often thankless and forgotten by so many. The results of their work are not often readily seen . . . it can take a long time for some seeds to take root and sprout. Father, affirm in your servants the value of their labor and the satisfaction that they are glorifying you in their tireless fervor of sharing your word. Amen

**MISSIONS SUPPORTED FROM
CHURCH BUDGET/INVESTED FUNDS**

MIKE AND NANCY MAHON – SAMAIR/PERU

Mike Mahon is a son of third- generation missionaries to South Africa. His parents are the late Reverend Joseph and Patricia Mahon. Mike accepted the Lord at the age of 10 years in Ohio. After viewing the film, “Through Gates of Splendor”, he felt the Lord calling him into missions aviation work. After graduating from LeTourneau College in 1981 with a degree in Missions and Aviation technology, Mike was prepared to check out overseas service.

In 1986 while working as training staff at MMS Aviation in Coshocton, Ohio, Mike took a trip to assist South America Mission in Peru rebuild a newly-acquired plane. This confirmed his call to overseas ministries. In mid-1987, God brought Nancy Duling into Mike’s life. Nancy, a Coshocton native, was teaching in Coshocton City Schools at the time. Nancy had accepted the Lord at the age of eight; He had shown her when she was twelve that He wanted her to be a missionary. They met at a Bible study Mike was leading in 1987, and the rest is history! After marriage in November 1988, Mike and Nancy joined South America Mission in June of 1989, and arrived in Peru in late October of 1991. Annette Mary was born in 1993, and Daniel Edwin in 1999. Presently, Annette attends Mt. Vernon Nazarene University; Daniel, who lives with his parents, attends school in Peru.

Mike worked his first term and most of a second as an aircraft mechanic at SAMAIR Peru, but it rapidly became evident that he had talents in computer technology and ordering aircraft parts that were soon put to good use. As time went on, and as Mike became more involved in procuring parts, fuel, and other equipment necessary to keep SAMAIR Peru operating efficiently, it became obvious that he also had the patience and perseverance necessary to deal with aviation and customs officials in the capital city of Lima, and local officials in Pucallpa. The laws affecting civil aviation in Peru can change on a daily basis, so the government paperwork load has increased. Other challenges have also come Mike’s way, but he deals with them one at a time, with the help of the Lord and your intercession on his behalf.

For Nancy, learning Spanish has been a joy. Because she loves to talk, she can develop friendships rapidly, and has done so with Peruvian ladies of all social classes. She has helped co-lead a ladies’ Bible study in Pucallpa, flight-followed for SAMAIR pilots, and translated for various medical teams from the U.S. She maintains her state of Ohio teaching credentials, so she also has, from time to time, taught High School English at SAM Academy, our mission school. In addition to teaching, Nancy’s service last term included serving as hostess for guests/visitors to the SAMAIR Peru base.

SAMAIR / Peru is an aviation service focused on partnering with mission agencies and the national church to evangelize and disciple people groups in remote areas of eastern Peru by providing safe, efficient, and affordable air transportation.

We currently operate two Cessna 206 aircraft into remote jungle airstrips and one Cessna 206 seaplane that carries people and supplies into remote lake and river destinations. In existence since 1962, SAMAIR-Peru has safely transported thousands of tons of cargo and tens of thousands of national missionaries, medical workers, foreign missionaries, and community

development workers into some of the most remote locations on the globe.

SAMAIR serves at least seven different mission organizations as well as national missionaries, allowing an assortment of ministries to take place that would otherwise be impossible. Students are brought to Pucallpa to receive extensive Bible and leadership training. Missionaries are transported and supported in order to reach the unreached, plant churches, and train church leaders. National missionaries are flown to remote areas to minister to their own countrymen. Emergency medical flights are carried out on a continual basis as requested by missions, communities, and local government agencies.

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PAUL & CHRISTY KNUDSON - BOLIVIA

Paul & Christy are with the Society of International Missions (SIM), a Presbyterian mission agency. Until recent years, the couple has worked extensively with the Quechua people of Bolivia. Until several years ago, there were no Quechua believers in the green pasturelands around the small village of Khari Mayu. At that time, a Bolivian pastor started walking between the isolated communities and sharing the Gospel. For three weeks each month, he continues to share the good news of Jesus as he treks from house to house. A short-term team from Canada gave away small fixed-frequency radios that broadcast Radio Mosoj Chaski, the Christian Quechua radio station, to all the households in the area. The power of the gospel broke through and began changing lives. The small group of believers started a church and put up walls for a building. Years of hard and faithful work has paid off. Many Quechua have come to know Christ as their Savior.

Paul has been named as director of SIM Bolivia for a five-year term. This has required a move from Sucre to Cochabamba. The Knudsons are attending a Quechua church in Cochabamba, and they are looking for a ministry they can have as a family to the Quechua in Cochabamba.

Christy works with missionary and Bolivian women in the area of Kids Club, planning lessons and activities. Both Paul and Christy do volunteer work in local ministries. Christy is the daughter of Judy and Leonard Phelps. (Leonard was our Interim Pastor.) Their children are Abby, Caleb, and Caitlyn.

Recent news from the Knudson family reports that Carachipampa Christian School is underway for their children. Without a good English speaking school for their children, many missionaries would have to return home. At the present time, all the elementary teachers are long term, which gives the kids stability. The high school (grades 7-12) doesn't have as many long-termers, and it is difficult to find all the necessary teachers. Several more are still needed. Christy is on the school board and teaches elementary art. She has taken on the responsibility of 7th grade science for the first quarter while a fellow missionary recovers from surgery. Pray for Christy, as she takes on this new adventure, and for Abby, as her Mom will be her science teacher.

Abby recently donated 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love. Originally, she planned to let it grow for four years until returning on home assignment, but says she was exasperated with it, so decided to cut it sooner. She said, "I like my short hair and am glad I can send my hair to kids who need it."

The Knudson family is supported through the annual church mission budget.
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MONTAÑA DE LUZ
Providing Hope for Children Affected by HIV/AIDS in Honduras

Montaña de Luz is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that provides hope for children affected by HIV/AIDS in Honduras. Our priority is to help these children heal, thrive and grow as they experience the love of God in their daily lives. Our staff functions as a family, with daily life going on all around as the children play together and with the caregivers.

Physically, Montaña de Luz is situated on top of a small mountain in south-central Honduras. Its peaceful setting provides a loving environment for these children to live. We provide nutritious food, clean water and proper medical care, and educational opportunities. Many of our children come to us malnourished, weakened and very ill. With the proper nutrition and medical care, we are blessed and so thankful to see them improve and grow.

We are sponsored and supported by Catholic and Protestant churches and secular organizations. Visitors in the form of service teams arrive about once a month to share in our daily experiences and to create improvements to the facility.

Our mission is to build a better reality for children in Honduras affected by HIV/AIDS. We are a not-for-profit, faith based organization that believes that every person has the right to live with dignity and respect. We open ourselves individually and collectively to be transformed by our interaction with each other and the people of Honduras. We seek to embrace diversity not only with our brothers and sisters in Honduras but also with our partners and members of our own community.

Mission Statement:

The Mission of Montaña de Luz is to make God's love visible by providing for the health, educational, and security needs for Honduran Children affected by HIV/AIDS by:

- Making medical care available in a family-like environment
- Improving the quality of life in order to return or incorporate the children to a home environment whenever possible
- Developing educational and social skills to enhance successful integration into Honduran society
- Promoting the acceptance of their medical condition (for those who are HIV+) with dignity and self-sufficiency.
- Developing community awareness and education of HIV/AIDS related issues.

Our Purpose is:

- To provide a holistic ministry that addresses the physical, social, medical, emotional, spiritual, and educational needs of the person.

- To develop a home where Honduran children both infected and affected by HIV/AIDS can live; and a hospice for children who are dying, providing an opportunity to both live and die with dignity.
- To build a bridge between all partners and participants in this project and the people of Honduras.
- To empower and mentor Honduran leadership for this project.
- To educate the people of Honduras about HIV/AIDS, fallacies and myths about the disease, means of controlling the spread of the disease, and compassion and care for those with the disease.
- To provide a full range of opportunities for stateside organizations and individuals to be involved in the project including:
 - Financial support
 - Personal correspondence with children and staff
 - Collection of materials and supplies needed by the children

Participation in leadership functions such as board membership and fundraising
Service team experiences that will:

- Educate persons in the United States regarding the gifts and needs in Honduras through an interdisciplinary, cross-cultural experience.
- Make a humanitarian contribution that better the lives of people in Honduras.
- Enrich the lives of participants by renewing their sense of purpose and perspective.

First Presbyterian Church of Newark has sent three service teams to Montaña de Luz in recent years. Participants returned with warmed and grateful hearts, expanded thinking, and nurtured souls.

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AMESVILLE/NEW ENGLAND COOPERATIVE PARISH

This ministry is the newest (2013) Presbytery program we have chosen to support. As Meigs County Ministries had not requested funds since 2011, the Evangelism and Outreach Committee was given a selection of ministries to choose from to fill this opening in our Presbytery mission allocations.

The Amesville/New England Parish was formed in 1986. It is composed of three congregations: Amesville Presbyterian, New England Presbyterian, and the Amesville United Methodist Federated Congregation, with the Athens Presbyterian Church, a partner (with financial support) in Ministry. Amesville is a village of about 200 people, 15 miles Northeast of Athens, Ohio. New England is between Amesville and Stewart in rural Athens County.

One of the goals of the Parish is to build bridges between members of the congregation and members of the community.

A brief summary of how the Parish has attempted to facilitate this goal in 2012:

- All people in the community were invited to four wiener roast/community dinners held in 2012. People took time to visit, enjoy the food, fellowship and clean-up. Many who came were not directly related to the parish. A blood pressure clinic was also offered.
- All community youth were invited to programs at New England and Amesville via postcard invitations and Facebook postings. Children who have attended summer VBS in both Amesville and New England are connected to the churches through these programs and already know that they are welcomed to all church activities.
- Many families whose children attended Parish Camp in the summer were unable to afford the registration or camp fees. These families were able to work off registration fees by assisting in camp set up and helping with maintenance and repair projects. The rest of the fees were provided by “camperships” from the Parish. Several of the campers also came to help with camp work-day projects.

The Parish Coordinating Committee at Amesville/New England Parish believes that Christ’s call is to “go into all the world and make them Disciples.” Under their direction and that of the Education and Mission Committee and the Outreach and Fellowship Committee, our congregations continue to work at this directive in both the Amesville and New England Communities. For most of the children involved, this is the only contact they have with Christ and the church. Also, the program for persons with Developmental Disabilities is the only program in the county for adults. Adults come from a residential facility (Echoing Meadows) and two other care agencies.

With their letter of introduction, this ministry also provided us with a summary report from last year’s numerous outreach programs, as well as an uplifting and more detailed report from their week-long summer camp program. Support given by the congregation of First Presbyterian Church will be used to support and extend these programs.

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JOHN AND GWEN HASPELS

John and Gwen Haspels have been working in Africa with the PCUSA World Mission Office for forty years. They plan to stay on the mission field for another 2 1/2 years among the Nuer, Majengere, Desi, Murie, Suri and Suri/Baale peoples.

Their plans include: finishing the Suri Rural Development Project, working with Baale people on Community Health Evangelism and mentoring a team to work with the Baale outreach. They covet our prayers for this important work. They receive their support through the annual church mission budget.

John and Gwen presently work on a multiphase project in Ethiopia that would be taxing to the patience of almost anyone. It took them four years to receive work permits and resident visas from the Ethiopian government for Phase I of the project. "We have been learning to wait on and trust in the Lord," says Gwenyth. Phase I of the project is devoted to construction of a 70-kilometer road to Tum and a second road through the mountains to the Surma people in Kibish, and also the development of a good water system for Tum. Phase II of the project is a comprehensive program that includes evangelism, education, medical care, and development work.

Ethiopia is in East Africa and has a population of 36 million, which is 56 percent Christian. Life expectancy is 42 years. At an elevation of 4,500 feet above sea level, the country is made up of forest and grasslands.

The joys and the frustrations of work in Africa are not foreign to John and Gwen Haspels. They were both children of missionaries and were reared in Africa. They have been serving as mission co-workers since 1974, first in Ethiopia, then in Sudan, and now again in Ethiopia. During their tenure in Sudan, the station where they worked was attacked. John was taken hostage and held for 16 days by rebels attempting a military coup.

"It is the truth that has brought us here and enables us to keep going. It is the truth that keeps all the hunger, violence, hatred, and pain in perspective. If Jesus had not risen, then indeed there would be little hope for the starving," write the Haspels as they witness the dynamic growth of the African church amid adversity. They often write of the baptism of a hundred people at a time or of churches so vital and crowded that they expanded to four services on Sunday only to have worshipers stay for all four services.

John Haspels was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Ethiopia. He attended high school in Alexandria, Egypt and is a graduate of Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California and was ordained in 1973. Before starting his mission work, John worked in development and church planting for the former United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (UPCUSA) in New York City. He has continued this work in Africa.

Gwenyth Adair Haspels was born and reared in Sudan. She also attended high school in

Alexandria, Egypt, and then Sterling College. She received an R.N. diploma from Wesley School of Nursing and worked as a nurse in Pasadena before becoming a mission co-worker. She has continued her medical work as a clinic supervisor in Africa.

They have four children:

Desta (*born in 1972*)
Charles (*born in 1973*)
John (*born in 1977*)
Heather (*born in 1985*)

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BUCKHORN CHILDREN'S CENTER OF OHIO

Tri-State Youth Authority (TSYA) of Gallipolis, Ohio operates a residential program on Buckhorn's Ohio campus in Chesterfield, Ohio. This program serves young men referred to the program through the Ohio Juvenile Justice System. Buckhorn personnel provide both group and individual therapy to these young men.

Mission, Philosophy and Purpose

The mission of Tri-State Youth Academy is to create an opportunity for children to make positive changes in their attitudes and behaviors in order to become productive members of society.

The philosophy of Tri-State Youth Academy, "Every child deserves a second chance," is the foundation of our program. Our philosophy places emphasis on the present and combines social learning theories and behavior management to create a basis of structure. Structure is developed through setting limits, routine consistency, and the overall process of normalization.

In order to effectively implement our purpose, changing problematic attitudes and behaviors to socially acceptable ones, our purpose is two-fold: preventative and transitional. Preventative care addresses the treatment and modification of nonproductive, unacceptable behavior in order to prevent further out-of-home placements. Transitional care enables a gradual transition of adjustment that allows our children to successfully return to family and community life.

Frequently Asked Questions

What types of children are served by Tri-State Youth Academy?

TSYA serves male youth who are in custody of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, due to abuse or neglect, and male youth that have been committed to the Department of Youth Services. The majority of the children have experienced situations within the judicial system. However, please keep in mind that these children are severely disadvantaged. They come from broken, dysfunctional homes where they have experienced abuse and/or neglect. They have received little or no parental support, supervision, or structure. They have not been provided the opportunity to witness positive role models within their environment.

How long do the children reside in the program?

Tri-State's program consists of a progressive, individualized treatment plan that generally requires six to 18 months for successful completion.

Are the children who are admitted to TSYA just from the state of Ohio?

No. TSYA accepts children from all states.

When was TSYA established and why?

TSYA was established as a treatment-oriented child caring program in 2006. The purpose of the program is to provide disadvantaged youth the opportunity for a “second chance”-- a second chance to learn from their mistakes and to grow in a nurturing environment.

What education services are provided?

TSYA provides an on-site educational program tailored to meet the needs of each student. This program consists of intense teacher-student interaction and special education opportunities.

What is the purpose of Tri-State Youth Academy's long-term treatment program?

The purpose is to help our children recognize and then change those attitudes and behaviors that contributed to their placement in our program. We strive to build positive self-esteem and develop the skills necessary to deal with their problems in an effective, efficient manner.

The young men from Buckhorn have joined the congregation of our church several times in the past few years for worship, meals, and activities. We enjoy their visits and hope to interact with them more in the future.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Shelter from wind, rain and cold is a basic human need.

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization. We are dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. Our ministry was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent place to live in dignity and safety.

All are welcome.

Habitat has an open-door policy: All who desire to be a part of this work are welcome, regardless of religious preference or background. We have a policy of building with people in need regardless of race or religion. We welcome volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds.

We are driven by the desire to give tangible expression to the love of God through the work of eliminating poverty housing. Our mission and methods are predominantly derived from a few key theological concepts:

- **Putting faith into action**

Habitat's ministry is based on the conviction that to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, we must love and care for one another. Our love must not be words only— it must be true love, which shows itself in action. Habitat provides an opportunity for people to put their faith and love into action. We bring diverse groups of people together to make affordable housing and better communities a reality for everyone.

- **The economics of Jesus**

When we act in response to human need, giving what we have without seeking profit, we believe God magnifies the effects of our efforts. We refer to this perspective as “the economics of Jesus.” Together, the donated labor of construction volunteers, the support of partner organizations and the homeowners' “sweat equity” make Habitat's house building possible. By sharing resources with those in need, Habitat volunteers and supporters have made decent, affordable housing a reality for more than 300,000 families worldwide.

- **The theology of the hammer**

Habitat is a partnership founded on common ground— bridging theological differences by putting love into action. Everyone can use the hammer as an instrument to manifest God's love. Habitat's late founder, Millard Fuller, called this concept “the theology of

the hammer.” “We may disagree on all sorts of other things,” said Fuller, “but we can agree on the idea of building homes with God's people in need, and in doing so using biblical economics: no profit and no interest.”

Habitat for Humanity welcomes all people to build with us in partnership. “The Bible teaches that God is the God of the whole crowd,” explained Fuller. “God's love leaves nobody out, and my love should not either. This understanding drives the theology of the hammer around the world, steadily building more and more houses in more and more countries.”

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HEARTBEATS OF LICKING COUNTY

Heartbeats of Licking County (HOLC) is a non-profit Christian ministry in existence since 1969. We are non-political and interdenominational. We offer emotional, physical and spiritual support to those who find themselves in the midst of an unexpected pregnancy. Believing that Christ is the foundation of this ministry, we endeavor to model Him in every aspect. Obeying Christ's command to love, we desire to be His hands and feet and provide the best possible services. We are committed to the sanctity of human life and believe God loves equally the women who come to us as well as the precious lives that many of them carry.

We serve all with free and confidential services and do not discriminate but serve anyone that walks through our doors with excellence and compassion. Our incentive-based pregnancy, parenting, and life skills program "Earn While You Learn" provides great avenues for whole health growth – personal, relational, parental, familial, social and spiritual. We also provide programs for post-abortion healing and sexual integrity.

Our premiere prevention program, Relationships Under Construction, has provided a risk avoidance approach to sexual health in our community public schools since 1994 and annually sees over 3500 students. We have seen in the last decade teen birth and teen abortion rates decrease in Licking County by nearly 40%.

Mission Statement:

HOLC is a life-affirming ministry committed to impacting the lives we serve with the love of Christ. We will achieve this by:

- Practicing intentional unconditional love of Christ to all that come in word and deed
- Offering practical help and positive alternative choices to abortion
- Loving the woman well so hope rises in her and she can love her baby to life
- Providing restoration groups for post-abortive women and men
- Encouraging, equipping, and expanding the tools to create a culture of life in our churches and community
- Teaching youth about the value of their sexual integrity and the importance of committing to abstinence until marriage
- Modeling and serving others in the local, state, national and international pro-life communities
- Purposing to impact our service area to embrace the sacredness of human life across cultural, generational, and ethnic boundaries

Vision Statement: We envision a world where every human heart is protected both in the womb and in strong families.

Statement of Christian Faith

The ministry of Heartbeats is based upon the Bible, God's Spirit-inspired written word. We believe that it was written without error in the original manuscripts and is the final authority in all matters on which it speaks. We accept the doctrinal teachings that historically have been

agreed upon by all Christians. We allow for freedom of conviction on other doctrinal matters, provided that any interpretation is based upon the Bible alone, and that no such interpretation shall become an issue that hinders the overall mission of Heartbeats.

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LICKING COUNTY JAIL MINISTRIES

“For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God” – Romans 3:23

Who understands this reality more than those of us who get caught! The Good News is that God doesn't abandon us; and, dear friends, in His Name, we are not to abandon those who find themselves on the wrong side of the law (human or God's).

Licking County Jail Ministries (LCJM) provides a full-time Chaplain (on call 24 hours a day) who works with inmates and:

- **Provides** spiritual counsel and direction for inmates
- **Provides** crisis intervention/prayer intercession
- **Oversees** and assists LCJM volunteers
- **Offers** and leads weekly worship services
- **Provides** spiritual support for Justice Center staff

LCJM provides spiritual direction and care to inmates by offering:

- **Bible Studies** led by area volunteers at the jail
- **One-on-one** mentoring ministry through the “Be a Friend” program
- **Regular** weekly worship services
- **Local clergy** visitation opportunities
- **Aftercare** to inmates upon release

LCJM reaches out to support families of inmates by offering:

Aunt Mary's Story Book Project

Often times, children of inmates are the crime victims we forget about. For children suffering from the effects of a parent's incarceration, their parent's taped voice allows them to listen to that voice any time they need or want to. To children, no matter what a parent has done, they're still “mommy and daddy.” Likewise, children can be a powerful motivator for parents. The desire to provide a quality life for their children can cause these parents to seek help dealing with their personal problems. Aunt Mary's Storybook Project helps strengthen family bonds, as well as encourages literacy. Volunteers take storybooks into the jail, allow the inmate to choose one, and then read it on audio tape or video record on DVD. The book and tape or video is then packaged and sent to the children.

Belay Ministry

A “belayer” is someone who gives support to a mountain climber should they slip and fall. The purpose of the Belay Ministry is to give support and encouragement to families of those incarcerated. This ministry seeks to address the family's:

Friendship needs

Acceptance needs

Transportation needs

Need for financial assistance
Legal advice needs
Ministry needs for adults and children.

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"I was in prison, and you came to visit me . . . "Matthew 25:36

FAITH PROMISE GIVING

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"They gave of themselves as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. . . . See that you also excel in this grace of giving. . . . Your plenty will supply what they need"-- II Corinthians 8:3, 7, 14

Faith Promise is a way of giving to world evangelism. Rather than waiting to respond to individual appeals as they come along, believers ask the Lord how much they should give to missions over the next year. They then commit to that annual total as a "Faith Promise." Faith Promise thus makes missions giving strategic rather than sporadic.

Is there a scriptural basis for Faith Promise missions giving?

Faith Promise giving makes us channels of blessing. In His covenant with Abraham, God said that through Abraham's descendants, "all peoples of the earth would be blessed." (Genesis 12:3) Faith Promise giving is a way of handing on the blessing.

- Faith Promise giving is more than one can afford.
(II Corinthians 8:2-3, II Corinthians 9:6-15)
- Faith Promise giving reflects our personal commitments
(II Corinthians 8:5)
- Though Faith Promise giving is optional, it does clearly demonstrate our love.
(Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 6:38, Romans 12:9-10)

Who should give to Faith Promise?

Everyone! Children and youth may have less money than adults, but it is important to train them in systematic giving and faith living.

What's the relationship between Faith Promise and paying a tithe?

Faith Promise Giving is over and above the tithe. Tithing is a clear scriptural principle, dating back to the earliest pages of Genesis. Tithing recognizes God's ownership over me and all that I have.

In practical terms, tithe money runs our church and its ministries. Faith Promise is a way for us to give specifically to reaching the unreached of the world. Faith Promise Giving tangibly expresses my desire that the whole world know the Good News.

How do I get the funds to fulfill my Faith Promise?

God may increase your income.
God may decrease your expenses.
God may lead you to sacrifice.

Do I give my Faith Promise before I get it?

A Faith Promise is a FAITH commitment. Promise only what you believe God wants to give through you. Then trust God to be faithful in this promise.

Your Faith Promise involvement says that you believe:

- World evangelism is vital to accomplishing the mission of the church;
- The gospel can change lives;
- Giving, although important, is secondary to faith and praying; and
- God will help pay the amount promised.

How do I make a Faith Promise?

- Study the scriptures.
- Total up your giving to world evangelism for last year.
- Increase that total by a reasonable percentage.
- Divide the total by 52 or 26 or 12 (weekly, bi-monthly or monthly) contributions) according to your individual pay schedule.
- Again, prayerfully consider the amount you can faithfully propose to give. (II Corinthians 9:7)
Do not be surprised at what God lays on your heart. Just be obedient.

How do I give my Faith Promise?

Give regularly if you can. Missionaries need regular support. Some Faith Promises, however, depend on annual, one-time income. These can be paid when those monies are received.

Is this a pledge and will I be notified of my progress?

This is a promise to God, not a pledge to the church. Your Faith Promise amount is between you and God. No one will notify you or keep track of your progress toward your commitment.

Who can make a Faith Promise?

Anyone who wants to trust God and who wants to be used by God to get the Good News to the unreached can make a Faith Promise commitment (Luke 6:38, Proverbs 11:24-25). Youth and

children are encouraged to participate in Faith Promise giving.

How long does my Faith Promise commitment last?

Generally, Faith Promise commitments are made once a year. The weekly, monthly, or annual commitments extend for one year from that time.

What is the advantage of Faith Promise giving?

One major advantage in giving to missions on a per week or per month basis is that you can give far more to missions that way than you can by giving one or two big sacrificial gifts per year. Faith Promise enables you to give to missions in amounts that reflect what you'd like to do. Faith Promise enables you to reach out to the unreached on a regular basis (rather than just one or two special occasions during the year).

Is Faith Promise the only way I can participate in missions giving?

Not everyone chooses to give weekly or monthly through Faith Promise. Our church offers other opportunities for special giving throughout the year, the Gideons ministry and One Great Hour of Sharing, for example. Those participating in Faith Promise Giving may choose to give additional offerings at these times in response to the Lord's direction.

Thus, to summarize, Faith Promise is simply a way of doing what we feel God wants us to do. Scripture tells us in a variety of ways that He wants us to be a giving people. He also wants us, as spiritual children of Abraham, to be involved in that Abrahamic Covenant in Genesis 12 of seeing that "all nations will be blessed." Our involvement in Faith Promise grows from a very pragmatic way for us to respond to God's desire that all nations come to know Him.

MISSIONS SUPPORTED BY FAITH PROMISE GIVING

DAVID AND JOY MILLER
BOSTON INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY

Working with others, we help international students in the greater Boston area to adjust to US life. We have a variety of events and ways to help them.

Welcoming International Students in the Boston West Area for over 50 years, we and our Boston west area partners have been helping thousands of international students. Our help has been in areas like housing, rides to/from the airport, ESL, friendship, seminars on selective topics to help their understanding of the U.S., and a place to call when they need help.

Presently, students from Malaysia, Singapore, Slovenia, and the U.S. live in the David and Joy's household. David teaches at Northeastern, working with students from China, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, and Korea.

David has been diagnosed with mantle cell lymphoma and has received chemotherapy in recent months. In February, 2013, he received a stem cell transplant. He has been using a website called "Caring Bridge," which allows David and whomever is reading to leave notes, feedback, etc. for one another. He states he hopes that "some of my students will be able to observe and even interact with you, my brothers and sisters, on this site." "Most international students have a difficult time breaking out of a 'ghetto' of shyness or lack of language/cultural understanding. There's a limit to the 'spiritual content' I can share in class, but if a student chooses to visit the site and interact with respectful friends of mine, that's a different matter. So if you can leave any notes on the site for others to read, please consider including thoughts and wording that non-Christian internationals might understand." The website is at www.caringbridge.org/visit/drm. The password is

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RICK AND LAURA LEATHERWOOD - KAIROS INTERNATIONAL

The nature of missions is changing as we get closer and closer to the end. Our understanding of what needs to be done becomes clearer in light of the time and season we now find ourselves.

Rick Leatherwood is the president of Kairos International, an organization driven by a passion to reach countries closed to the message of Jesus' love and freedom. After a decade of successfully leading teams of Native Americans in a pioneering effort to share God's plan with Mongolians, Rick and Laura have seen 10,000 new followers of Jesus and the first translation of the Bible into Mongolian as a result of their work.

Following God into even more daring territory, Rick and his family currently renovate schools, supply computers, and dig wells overseas in an effort to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

The Case and Call for Oral Bibles by Rick Leatherwood

In 2006, the late Avery Willis, former vice president of the Southern Baptist's International Mission Board and founder of the International Orality Network, stood before 40 missionaries in northern Iraq and began his talk by saying, "For forty years I did it wrong." I was amazed. I had no idea what orality was and didn't really care. I had simply come to the seminar to hear Avery Willis. He was one of the biggest names in missions and yet here was Avery beginning his presentation saying he had done it wrong for forty years!

Without exception, Avery had our attention as he turned and drew a circle on the white board and asked, "What is that?" and we all said, "Circle." He then drew a square and asked, "What is that?" and we all said, "Square." Then he drew a triangle and we all said, "Triangle." Avery turned around and looked at us and said, "You say that because you are literate. If you were a non-literate person you might see a ball, a block, and a pyramid, because non literate people do not think in abstract terms like literate people do. When we learn to read, something happens in our brain and we begin to think in more abstract terms."

Two years later, I was conducting my first orality workshop in Liberia, West Africa, which is 80% non-literate, and I drew a big circle on the chalk board and asked what is that? Everyone said, "Ball." Hum. Then I drew a square and asked, "What is that?" and everyone said, "Block," just like Avery had said. The point is if we come to people preaching the gospel using circles and squares (abstract concepts) and they are thinking in terms of balls and blocks (concreteness), we don't communicate in a form the people understand, and this was the 'wrong' that Avery was talking about.

Jesus was literate. But He knew the vast majority of the people listening to him were not literate. So He did not speak to the people in high abstract terms. He taught them through storytelling. He taught them through the concrete stories of fishing and farming, vineyard owners and laborers, merchants, pearls, hidden treasure, wheat, tares, nets, tax collectors and Pharisees.

Jesus was the master storyteller whether it was about a moneylender and his debtors, a rich man and a beggar, two sons, an unjust steward, and on and on. Even when Jesus talked to a religious expert, someone who was obviously literate and could quote the Scriptures, Jesus told the expert of the law the story about the Good Samaritan. Nothing too abstract here- a Levite, a priest, a Samaritan, robbers, an inn keeper, two coins. Where did this story come from? It came from the mind of Jesus, as He graciously gave the expert in the law the direction he needed to leave his racial prejudice and religious hypocrisy behind and “go and do” as the Samaritan had done.

Storytelling is the fastest growing method of evangelism and discipleship in the world today. It is effective and people like it.

Jesus said, “You are truly my disciples if you continue in my word.” Jn. 8:31.

You and I have become disciples by reading the word of God and following its teaching. But what if someone cannot read? Jesus did not say, “Go and make disciples of everyone who can read.” He said, “Go and make disciples of all nations,” whether they can read or whether they cannot read.

Sixty five percent of the world’s population is not literate. Most of those living within the unreached peoples in the world today are oral learners. If we are going to reach oral learners with the gospel we must use oral strategies. Missionaries all over the world who are serious about making disciples of oral learners are now engaging in storytelling.

For the majority of unreached peoples in the world, storytelling needs to be oral (spoken), and it must be in their 'mother tongue,' which is the language they learned as a child while growing up. The mother tongue is the heart language where people's deepest understanding takes place. So fresh efforts need to be made to reach these various nations in their own languages through oral strategies. The key components of reaching these peoples will be:

- Learning to communicate God's word through narrative (storytelling);
- Developing Oral Bible Schools to equip oral learners theologically for the work of the ministry; and
- The need for making of oral Bibles.

May we recognize the wisdom of God's guidance as we work together with Him to complete the Great Commission.

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BEVAN & LAURA STEIN

On a mission: The Father's Heart Ministry uses horses, smiles to help disadvantaged children in Slovakia

The Father's Heart Ministry offers a successful horse therapy outreach program for disadvantaged children in Slovakia.

The sight of the children at the state-run home brought tears to Bevan Stein's eyes.

On crutches and in wheelchairs, they came to participate in an outreach program of The Father's Heart Ministry, founded in Slovakia by Bevan Stein and his wife, Laura, back in 1996.

"I remember thinking that one day they will not need their crutches or chairs - when they go to the kingdom of Heaven, they will be able to run and play," said Stein, the son of Bob and Ann Stein of rural Marion. "But that day came sooner than I thought for some of them."

The children were among the first to join the ministry's horse therapy program, one of several outreach programs offered by the Steins' ministry in the European country that, before the fall of communism, was once part of Czechoslovakia.

After the children were placed on horses, Stein said he saw smiles on their faces and tears of joy in their eyes. "They had healthy legs underneath them and they no longer needed their crutches or wheelchairs. They were just like all the other children," he said.

Moments like that are precisely the reason the Steins went to Slovakia, a country with more than 7,000 abandoned or orphaned children living in state-run institutions.

The mission of the ministry is twofold. First, he said, help is needed in organizing local churches to expand their own ministries and operate outside the walls of their buildings.

"These churches survived communism by withdrawing," Stein said. "So getting them to come out is new to them. We want to help them regain a vision for missions and help make them successful. We want to help them see - and seize - the opportunities of this day."

The Father's Heart also aims to help the many abandoned, orphaned or otherwise socially disadvantaged children who have fallen through the cracks of normal church outreach, he said.

"Unfortunately, the churches there put a low priority on reaching these children, either because of the extent of the needs or the methods needed to reach the children," he said. "We are focusing on the at-risk children."

While Slovakia may be poor in economic health, it is rich in children with great needs. "In the communist teachings, children belonged to the state. Parents were seen as surrogates who could care for the children as long as they didn't teach them contrary to official doctrines. If the parent

held different views, they could be put in prison and the children taken from the home so they could be reindoctrinated into the party," he said. "Other children, such as those with handicaps, were hidden because they were considered an embarrassment."

Following the end of communism in the country, he said, economic considerations put a great many children into the state-run homes. "When the country went from fixed prices to a free market, costs soared. Housing increases of 100 percent a year were not uncommon," he said. "The children's homes became a butterfly net for abandoned children. Only 7 percent are in the homes because they are actual orphans, the rest are there for a variety of other reasons. The majority of the children now living in homes were abused or have some ethnic Gypsy roots."

In Eastern Europe, Stein said, there is still a strong anti-Gypsy stigma and "They are virtually unemployable because of that stigma. They have few educational opportunities beyond elementary school. There is a high Gypsy population and virtually every child in that community is in need."

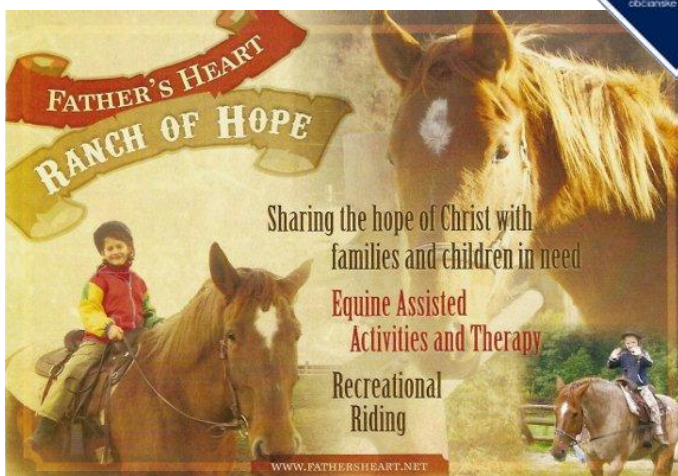
The needs of the children tugged so hard on the Steins' heart strings that they ended up adopting six children from the country. "Shortly after arriving, we began the process for adoption as we came in contact with many children longing to have a family," he said. "It is very natural to take them into our home and very difficult to decide when to stop. We have much bigger hearts than home."

The Steins have also targeted with their help those children who need their aid after leaving the homes. "We do for them the kind of things parents might normally do - lend a helping hand as they try and go out on their own," Stein said.

Money given to The Father's Heart goes a long way in Slovakia using a small army of volunteers. Bevan said, "Through the ministry, the money goes directly to fill the needs of the children. Very little goes to overhead."

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MABEL BAHLER – INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS

In the late 1970's, Mabel Bahler and others at Covenant Baptist Church had a vision to reach the thousands of internationals studying at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. It soon became evident that the opportunity to reach the world at their doorstep was much more than one church could adequately respond to. Recognizing the need for the entire Christian community to have a part, they saw the value of having a non-denominational missions agency established. So, they joined another like-minded team, led by Navigators staff, to form International Friendships, Inc.!

International Friendships, Inc. is a registered Ohio State University student organization and Christian community group seeking to promote friendship and hospitality for international students. The participating students are from a variety of countries. Staff members work closely with volunteers from local churches to provide various services that address the social, cultural, and spiritual interests of international students. Our activities are open to students from all cultural and religious backgrounds.

International Friendships, Inc. began in 1979 and is based in Columbus, Ohio. It is a non-denominational organization dedicated to befriending, serving, sharing about Jesus, and discipling international students. A growing staff and volunteer network from many local churches in the area are reaching out to a variety of ethnic groups. Each staff member is a faith missionary, depending on the Lord to provide financial and prayer support through churches and individuals.

There are now several groups for international mothers, an international children's outreach, and a group of international believers meeting for discipleship, as well as English as a Second Language programs.

It has been thrilling to see international students returning home to serve the Lord. They are serving in a variety of ways including planting churches, leading Bible studies, conducting seminars to strengthen families, funding Christian outreaches, and making Christ known in education, business, the arts, and politics.

People from over 100 different nations live in the Columbus area. Over 700,000 of the world's finest students from other countries are studying in the United States today. Over 6,000 of these are living and studying in the Columbus, Ohio area. These are the world's future leaders. What happens to them during their stay in the USA can greatly affect nations of the world. While these students are in the US, away from home, they greatly desire American friends to help end their loneliness and help in cultural adjustment.

"When a foreigner lives with you in your land, don't take advantage of him. Treat the foreigner the same as a native. Love him like one of your own." - Leviticus 19:33-34

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PHIL AND RUTH SAKSA – THE NAVIGATORS

The Navigators® is an international, interdenominational Christian ministry established in 1933. Navigators are people who love Jesus Christ and desire to help others know and grow in Him as they "navigate" through life.

We are a community of hundreds of thousands of everyday people who impact others for God's glory in our normal pathways of life—where we study, live, work, and play.

Navigators are characterized by an eagerness to introduce Jesus to those who don't know Him, a passion to see those who do know Jesus deepen their relationship with Him, and a commitment to training Jesus followers to continue this nurturing process among the people they know.

Today, the Navigator staff family—4,600 strong—includes 70 nationalities, 130 languages, and numerous heritages and life experiences. The Navigator family also includes those who work alongside and support our staff, whose hearts beat with the passion of our motto, "to Know Christ and to Make Him Known."

Navigators walk alongside Christ's followers on their spiritual journey, supporting them as they search the Word of God to chart the course of their lives. The hallmarks of our ministry are small-group studies and one-to-one relationships focused on discipleship.

The U.S. Navigators' ministry touches lives in varied settings, including college campuses, military bases, downtown offices, urban neighborhoods, prisons, and youth camps. Navigators help their community of friends to follow Christ passionately and equip them to:

- ♦ apply the Bible to their daily lives,
- ♦ pass on what they learn to others, and
- ♦ train these new believers, in turn, to reach others.

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DRS. LEROY & MARY LOU PETERS, MDIV DMIN
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They were both saved at age thirty-four and currently serve as the Mid-West regional representatives for New Tribes Mission. Both are actively participating in ministry in Dayton, Ohio, focusing on establishing and deepening local churches' foreign missions ministries. Having served with New Tribes Mission in Colombia for six years, they established three local churches, a Bible Institute, and radio ministries. The Peters returned to the United States and presently minister with New Tribes Mission as mission mobilizers representing New Tribes Mission to churches, Bible institutes, seminaries, camps, home groups, Awana, and various other opportunities. Leroy also travels extensively to Latin countries teaching seminars on family, Bible, missions, and many other themes, as well as challenging Latins to get involved in reaching the indigenous of their own countries. Leroy also leads mission teams abroad to Latin countries. The Peters began formal training with New Tribes Mission in 1979. Their training with New Tribes Mission started with the NTM School of Intercultural Studies in Rochester, Pennsylvania for a one-year in-depth course in missions. From there they enrolled in studies at the New Tribes Language and Linguistics Institute in Camdenton, Missouri for additional training. Later, Leroy and Mary Lou obtained their Bachelors in Bible, Masters in Divinity degree, and Doctorate in Ministries from Antioch Bible College and Seminary.

Before joining New Tribes, the Peters were involved in evangelism locally with an itinerant fair ministry for a number of years. Leroy and Mary Lou have been married for more than fifty years and have three children. They have eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

The Peters bring a fresh focus on missions and share challenging insights from the Bible. They use field experiences from their service in Colombia, South America, as well as visual media to stimulate a greater interest in missions. They have a passion to see the Lord raise up those who will give their lives to go to the ends of the earth in planting tribal churches among the nations.

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Leroy July 6

Mary Lou March 25

Anniversary : April 14

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL

*Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness;
Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so*

World Vision is a Christian relief, development, and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

Inspired by our Christian values, we are dedicated to working with the world's most vulnerable people. We serve all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

Our Mission: World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.

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World Vision United States telephone numbers:

1-888-511-6592	<i>To sponsor a child offline</i>
1-888-511-6548	<i>General information, resource requests, or other</i>
1-888-511-6593	<i>One-time giving/Emergency relief</i>
1-888-511-6594	<i>World Vision Gift Catalog</i>

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THE SALVATION ARMY – NEWARK DIVISION

Dedicated to serving others in Newark, Ohio. The Salvation Army is people called to serve. It is a religious and social service organization, a branch of the Christian church dedicated to the never-ending battle against the twin enemies of sin and despair. It is a holistic ministry to body, mind and soul. The Salvation Army seeks to improve the physical environment, provide for material needs and lead people to a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The Salvation Army is global. And, the Salvation Army is local. As a faith-based organization, the Salvation Army's message is based on the Bible and our mission is to meet human needs without discrimination. As a local organization, the Salvation Army works every day within Ohio communities to provide tangible assistance through programs with a dedicated staff and committed volunteers. Our programs are not generic in that one size fits all but are flexible to provide the right fit.

The Salvation Army in Newark, Ohio, is dedicated to caring for the poor, restoring broken families, feeding the hungry and educating our youth. We respond to emergencies, shelter the homeless, hurting children, and renew health to addicts. Holistic service is the goal - to meet physical, social, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs of families and individuals. We provide innovative, affirmed, and successful programs and services to bring hope, strength and success to people throughout northeast Ohio. Our programs exist to serve one another as commanded by the Word of God. We believe in holistic ministry (body, mind and soul) and we believe in the transformation of lives.

A few of the things the Salvation Army is doing in Newark:

- Providing shelter to parents and their children;
- Responding to disasters by supplying food, shelter and medical care;
- Supplying food pantries and providing weekly meals to the needy;
- Taking children and seniors shopping for new winter coats; and
- Hosting after-school programs like music lessons and tutoring.

The congregation of our First Presbyterian Church collects a special Lenten offering for the Salvation Army during One Great Hour of Sharing, as well as, having a “Red-Kettle Sunday.” Volunteers from our church volunteer to man the red kettle and ring the bell for the local Salvation Army each December.

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FOOD PANTRY NETWORK of LICKING COUNTY

The Food Pantry Network of Licking County is a cooperative that was established in 1981 to coordinate the acquisition and distribution of emergency food supplies by working through its member food agencies. The largest support comes from the local community in the form of cash contributions and food drives. The Network receives funds from the Federal Emergency Management Association and C.R.O.P Walk, and it is also associated with the Mid-Ohio Food Bank in Columbus.

There are 32 member pantries and social service agencies that distribute food or provide on-site feeding programs for the needy. The vast majority who work to distribute food are volunteers. The Food Pantry Network was started in 1981 by a group of downtown churches and pantries responding to the hunger need. In 1987, the Food Pantry Network of Licking County was chartered as a 501-3 organization with the determination to ensure that no one in Licking County would have cause to suffer from hunger. Twenty-seven years later, the Food Pantry Network continues to hold true to its purpose that no one in our area goes hungry.

Working toward this goal, the network strives daily to accomplish the mission of acquiring, storing, and distributing nutritious food to the financially deprived and otherwise needy in Licking County. The work of the Food Pantry Network is accomplished on a daily basis through the operation of food pantries, soup kitchens, emergency shelters, youth camps and after-school programs. The affiliated pantries utilize over 300 volunteers in fighting the war against hunger.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SAMARITAN’S PURSE
(How to Be a Blessing Each Christmas Season)



Take an ordinary shoebox. Fill it with toys and other small presents (school supplies, hygiene items, hard candy) for a boy or girl. Choose the age category appropriate for your gift: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Mark the top of your box with boy/girl and age category of your choosing. Labels and stickers can be found in the brochures on the tables in the back of the sanctuary. You may wrap the box and lid separately, but wrapping is not required. If you wish, you may include a donation to help with shipping costs (\$7.00 is suggested), but this is not mandatory as others have the opportunity to adopt or sponsor your box. Place the lid on the box and use a rubber band to hold it in place. Pray for the child who will receive your box. You may include your name, address, and/or family photo in the box if you wish. Each child who receives a box will have the opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ. Many have never received a Christmas gift! More urgently, many have never heard about a Savior who loves them! Through the power of this simple gift, you can bless a child’s life—and make a world of difference. (I guarantee you will be blessed, as well!)

If you would like to donate empty shoeboxes, please place in the church kitchen or Fellowship Hall. (Or, plastic shoeboxes can be purchased for \$1.00 at Big Lots.) Gift suggestions and other information can be found on the tables in the back of the sanctuary. We will deliver all the boxes collected at First Presbyterian to the drop-off area to begin their journey.

If you’d like to sponsor a box or boxes, donations can be given in cash or check form. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church or Samaritan’s Purse. Please put any cash donations in a pew envelope with “Operation Christmas Child” written on the envelope. Credit card donations may be made online at Samaritan’s Purse website.

Each year, First Presbyterian has increased the number of boxes assembled, collected, and sent.

Please Join Our **Operation Christmas Child** Shoebox Ministry!

“Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me.” Mark 9:37a, NKJV

Please contact any member of the Evangelism and Outreach Committee for further information about this ministry.

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LICKING COUNTY COALITION OF CARE

Praise be to the God...of all comfort... who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3a, 4

OUR MISSION: The Licking County Coalition of Care is a faith-based organization that empowers people in crisis by connecting them with resources to meet their basic spiritual and physical needs and move them toward stability.

OUR VISION: The vision of the Coalition of Care is to improve the lives of those living in poverty in Licking County. It is our goal to have a positive impact on the wellbeing of individuals who have few resources or options by reflecting God's love for them, connecting them to programs and services in the community, and offering financial assistance when other resources are not available.

OVERVIEW: The Coalition endeavors to be the "last piece" of the emergency-funding puzzle faced by Licking County citizens. We work with the client to identify underlying causes of crisis for those seeking services and to develop long-term solutions to alleviate and avoid crisis in the future. All client assistance is provided through donations from individuals, businesses, foundations and local churches.

As a faith-based organization, we recognize the importance of spiritual development for those seeking services. To this end, the organization seeks to connect clients with a local congregation that can nurture and support them.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: Anyone seeking services is required to call 740-670-9700 for an intake interview to determine eligibility. At that time, an assessment interview appointment will be scheduled.

PERSONNEL: Our volunteer board, staff and dedicated team of volunteers are the heart of this ministry. It is led by a Board of Directors who is committed to operating in a fiscally responsible manner while "helping the most people – in the best way possible".

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“GOD’S HELPING HANDS”
ANNUAL SHOE DRIVE

Started in 2008, the Evangelism and Outreach Committee holds an annual drive for monetary donations to purchase new shoes for local Newark children. The committee works with several schools and others in the community to identify families in need of a “helping hand” to provide new shoes for their school-age children for the coming school year.

Parents of participating students are given a \$50 voucher to use on specified dates, at Shoe Sensations (Indian Mound Mall) for their children to choose one or two pairs of shoes. Shoe Sensations labels the shoes to identify the child and sets the shoes aside for the committee. Members of the Evangelism and Outreach Committee then purchase the shoes and take them to the church. Then, on the following Saturday, the children and families are invited to come to the church, pick up their shoes, have lunch, and play some games. We feel this is a good opportunity for us, as a church, to reach out to families in our community to have these families visit our church in a very non-threatening way. Along with shoes, the children are given socks, school supplies, and a homework minder for their parents. Also, a variety of gifts, book bags, gift cards, etc. are drawn for and given away. The number of children and families served has grown each year, and hopefully will continue to do so.

Of course, we continue to need prayers for this project. We want this to be something we, as a congregation, get behind and show the love of Christ to families here in Newark.

Please contact Jennifer Weekly or any member of the Evangelism and Outreach Committee for further information about this ministry.

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THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

The Gideons International is an interdenominational association of Christian business and professional men who are members of Protestant/evangelical churches. Our members are dedicated to saving the lost through personal witnessing and the distribution of God's Word in more than 190 countries around the world.

The mission of The Gideons International is to win the lost for Christ, and our unique method is the distribution of Bibles and New Testaments in selected streams of life. Gideons have placed or distributed more than 1.7 billion complete Bibles and New Testaments in more than 190 countries around the world . . . so far. Having God's Word can lead people to faith in Christ, and we invite you to explore this ministry to learn more about the Gideons and how you can help us provide God's Word.

The majority of Gideons live and serve in their local communities, making us very effective and efficient because . . .

- They know the local language and customs.
- They know where the hotels, schools, prisons, hospitals and other locations where Bibles and New Testaments need to be distributed are located.
- Sometimes, we're able to establish local groups of Gideons in countries where traditional missionaries aren't allowed to go.

Jesus said: ***“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”***

From the inception of The Gideons International, the truth of Matthew 4:19 has been at the very heart of the mission of our Association, namely, ***to share the hope of Jesus Christ with the lost.***

We are blessed to have Gideons in our congregation: Steve and Linda Smith and Greg and Tina Angeletti.

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FRIENDS AND FAMILY MISSIONS

HEALING ART MISSIONS

Healing Art Missions (HAM) exists to support those in need around the world. Beginning in 1998, we have been supporting the people of Haiti in the areas of health, nutrition, education, housing, and social justice. Our work is committed to fostering the dignity of the individual, respecting the ways of the community, and reflecting the strength of a loving God.

We are a group of people from all walks of life committed to sharing our talents, resources and good fortune with those less fortunate.

Year-End Report 2012 saw a number of increases in services at the Centre de Santé (our healthcare clinic), as well as HAM's greater involvement and responsibility for the health and safety of the region. In January, the Noel Dusan Eye Clinic opened and now provides regular monthly eye exams and treatment for the community. In 2013 we plan to expand further by contracting with a Haitian eye surgeon to begin cataract surgeries. In April, Dumay faced the largest outbreak of cholera in Haiti, and because of the partnerships we created with the Haitian government and international humanitarian organizations, we were able to effectively respond. We also began a plan to address cholera and other water borne diseases by drilling a new water well on our property in Dumay and installing a solar powered pump. Now we no longer have to truck in water from a mile away. We restarted an in-home water filtration program called Gift of Water, which had previously served the community until its demise in 2009. Additionally, through new partnerships with two churches, we are building a new 300-gallon batch water filtration system to be completed in February. This program will provide clean water for our primary care and cholera clinics, as well as allow us to sell five gallon bottles of clean water to the community at prices below commercial market. Through a partnership with the Haitian Ministry of Health and the World Food Program this fall, we began a community feeding and nutrition program. Centre de Santé has also been named by the Ministry of Health and the mayor of the district of Croix des Bouquet as the area's emergency response center and as such will be the hub for the government to mount disaster relief services and distribute supplies. A flood early warning system is to be installed on our property and our staff will receive further training in disaster response.

Keith and Priscilla Hare, of our congregation, are quite involved in this mission. Keith and his children have made several trips to assist in Haiti.

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MATT AND LESLIE SFURA - CRU

ISU Cru is a student-led movement of Christians at Illinois State. We believe that Jesus is the most significant person in history, and we want to give every student on our campus an accurate picture of who He is and a chance to respond to the good news of new life that He offers. We believe that we need real community with other believers in order to grow in our relationship with God, and we structure our time and activities around that idea. We are a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, International:

Purpose

Helping to fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to win and build others; and helping the Body of Christ do evangelism and discipleship

Our Mission

Win, build, and send Christ-centered multiplying disciples who launch spiritual movements

Our Vision

Movements everywhere so that everyone knows someone who truly follows Jesus

Our Values

Faith, Growth, and Fruitfulness

International Presence

Ministry presence in 191 countries

International Headquarters

Orlando, Florida USA

Matt and Leslie have served with Campus Crusade in Chicago, Illinois, Berlin, Germany, and now in Central Illinois. They have four children: Maddie, David, Joshua, and Samuel. Samuel, the newest addition to the family, was recently adopted by the Sfuras in Ethiopia.

Leslie enjoys reading biographies and homeschooling. Matt enjoys watching movies and has recently discovered he likes coffee! They are friends to a number of members of our First Pres congregation.

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CHRISTIAN MEN'S RAMP MINISTRY

The Christian Men's Ramp Ministry builds wheelchair ramps for those who are in need of such assistance in our local area. The group provides consultations, design, tools and labor to build the ramps according to the specifications required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The group has been active for 15 years and has built 55 ramps or steps. Each ramp is designed and built to fit the needs of the recipient and to fit the site dimensions. Every ramp is self-supporting and has handrails for the safety and support of the recipient and the caregiver.

Members of the group come mainly from local churches, namely, First Presbyterian of Newark, First United Methodist, Heath United Methodist, and Neal Avenue United Methodist. The ministry, also, has joined Lowe's and Park National Bank on their community work day programs.

All volunteers, men and women, are welcome to join this ministry--to become the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to provide some independence for many beautiful people. The ministry can be reached by calling John Denison at home or through the office of the First Presbyterian Church of Newark.

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BOBI AND GABI JAKIMOVSKI: CRU

Reaching Macedonian Students for Christ

Macedonia is a small country directly north of Greece. The Macedonian Orthodox Church claims to be shepherd to the majority of the population, but the churches remain largely empty. The Orthodox Church often actively opposes evangelical or evangelistic ministry.

For the people of Macedonia, religion is considered as much a part of their identity as their fingerprints or DNA. It separates Macedonian from Albanian. It defines Christian and Muslim. It prescribes a complex system of rituals, saints and religious holidays.

It has very little to do, however, with life-changing faith. Beneath the spiritual veneer is often superstition, occultism, and even atheism. Macedonians know about Jesus, his death and resurrection, but don't know its significance. The traditional church has left out the gospel entirely.

The emptiness of religion has left Macedonians spiritually hungry. Combine that hunger with their love of blunt conversation and it equals incredible opportunities to lovingly share the gospel. And God is at work.

Bobi and Gabi are Campus Crusade missionaries (CRU) whose ministry is aimed at reaching students for Christ in Macedonia. Bobi reports that their group is encouraged by the zeal for the gospel among student believers. He relates that the students are actively involved in daily sharing their faith and loyally support various CRU seminars, coffee discussions and several forums.

The fact that the Jakimovskis are Macedonian and ministering in Macedonia means a great deal. Short term missions by American CRU to Macedonia have been effective in launching new Christian organizations and fostering its growth; but, there are drawbacks to such teams. According to several missionaries, it is very difficult for students to establish lasting relationships with people who are in Macedonia for a year or two. The CRU missionaries believe it is important for a [Macedonian] missionary to be involved in peoples' lives for a long time. Relationships are woven into the very fabric of the Macedonian culture.

Bobi and Gabi live in Skopje, Macedonia with their two children. When in the US, they have shared with our congregation during VBS and other church services.

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MARK HARE AND JENNY BENT

Mouvman Peyizan Papay (MPP) is a grassroots movement whose goal is to help small farmers improve their living conditions. It began in 1973 in the small community of Papaye and now has members throughout Haiti. Mark Hare works with the members, advising them on ways to increase food production. His work helps farmers provide adequate nutrition for their families and generate income by selling excess crops.

The Evangelical Dominican Church operates a community health program in bateys, company towns where sugarcane workers live. Many of these workers are from Haiti and work long days for low wages and live in conditions that often lack clean water and sanitation services. Jenny Bent, Mark's wife, helps the Evangelical Dominican Church with their health clinics and with the development of its program to train health care leaders.

Mark Hare and Jenny Bent's ministry with Haitian people transcends international borders. Since 2004, Mark has worked with MPP, helping Haitians learn to grow a lot of food on a small amount of land. Jenny began working with the organization as a volunteer after their marriage in 2008, but in 2012 their ministry base moved just across the border to Barahona, Dominican Republic. Mark continues his work in Haiti, but Jenny came under mission appointment and began a new ministry with Haitians in the Dominican Republic. She helps the Evangelical Dominican Church with its health ministries in the bateys.

Mark's work in Haiti demands resourcefulness. One of the most popular agricultural techniques he teaches involves making miniature garden plots inside discarded auto tires. "In the dry season, there is no rain for five to seven months and people run out of food," Mark says. "So the tires are a way that they can produce something even during the time when they normally couldn't." This and other productive practices developed by MPP helped rural Haitians feed family members and friends who fled to the countryside after the 2010 earthquake devastated Port au Prince.

Communities in the Dominican Republic are also trying to cope with the large number of Haitians who fled the earthquake's devastation. Violence between Haitians and Dominicans is not uncommon. In addition to her health care ministry, Jenny also wants to be a witness for reconciliation. "My vision is that our Dominican neighbors, friends, and colleagues will recognize the inherent dignity of Haitians, and that our Haitian friends and colleagues will recognize the inherent dignity of Dominicans."

About Mark and Jenny

Mark, the son of a Presbyterian pastor, spent his childhood in Ohio. He started international service as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic. Working in an isolated place, Mark found himself reading the Bible and praying more. "That led me into returning, or maybe coming for the first time, to a real dependence on faith," he says.

Jenny is Nicaraguan and grew up in Nicaragua, where her father served as a minister in the

Moravian Church. “This was a time of military and political turbulence in Nicaragua, but in spite of violence the church of God was present at all times during the process of bringing peace to Nicaragua,” she says.

The church, Jenny says, also helped her develop a global awareness and nurtured her call to work on behalf of poor people.

Jenny brings to her duties a degree in medical technology from the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua. Mark holds an undergraduate degree from Warren Wilson College in North Carolina and a master’s in forestry from Michigan State University. They are the parents of two daughters, Keila and Annika. Mark is the brother of Keith Hare, of our First Presbyterian family.

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Pray For Open Doors

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains” (Colossians 4:2-3, NIV).

Open doors can't be taken for granted. Many missionaries work in countries that are difficult to access or in areas that are resistant to the gospel. But “open doors” include more than just access to nations and people groups. Individuals' hearts also need to be open and receptive to God's truth.

- Pray that God will open doors of ministry, blessing partnerships and friendships.
- Pray that those who serve will be led by the Holy Spirit and recognize open door opportunities.
- Pray that God will lead His people past barriers to hearts ready to receive His Word.

Pray For Boldness In Witness

“Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given to me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel” (Ephesians 6:19, NIV).

Missionaries are regular people who fear pain and rejection as much as anyone else. When faced with opposition, they need God's strength to help them stand firm.

- Pray that missionaries will have boldness to overcome the fear of embarrassment or failure.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will provide them with words that communicate effectively in other cultures and languages.
- Pray against evil forces that would seek to hinder the spread of the gospel.

Pray That God's Word Will Spread

“Finally, dear brothers and sisters, I ask you to pray for us. Pray first that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes” (2 Thessalonians 3:1, NLT)

Obstacles must be removed to allow God's Word to spread rapidly and freely. Removing obstacles implies resolute resistance in spiritual warfare. Just as Aaron and Hur supported Moses' arms in the battle against the Amalekites (Exodus 17:12), you can strengthen the arms of missionaries through your prayers.

- Pray for strength and stamina as missionaries encounter antagonistic spiritual forces. (Ephesians 6:10-18)
- Pray that people will resist Satan's plans to obstruct the spread of the gospel. (James 4:7)

Pray For Protection

"Pray, too, that we will be saved from wicked and evil people, for not everyone believes in the Lord" (2Thessalonians 3:2, NLT).

In some countries, open doors may expose missionaries to the possibility of danger and personal harm. Opposition to the gospel may include hatred and violence.

- Pray that God will keep Christian workers safe from those who seek to hurt them.
- Pray that God will change the hearts of those who are resistant to His Word.

Pray For Their Ministry

"Pray first that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes. . . ." (2 Thessalonians 3:1, NLT)

- Pray that the missionary's ministry and attitude will be worthy of acceptance.
- Pray that colleagues and fellow believers will be supportive.

Pray For God's Guidance

"So we have continued praying for you ever since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you a complete understanding of what He wants to do in your lives, and we ask Him to make you wise with spiritual wisdom" (Colossians 1:9, NLT).

Many missionaries travel frequently, both nationally and internationally. Their mode of transportation varies from country to country and often involves stressful situations.

- Pray for clear guidance from God regarding travel decisions.
- Pray for necessary permissions to travel.
- Pray for protection and provision during their travels.

Pray For Refreshment

"We also pray that you will be strengthened with His glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need. May you be filled with joy" (Colossians 1:11, NLT).

Missionaries deal with many of the same stresses you face in life such as overwhelming workloads, relational conflicts, and financial uncertainties. Often, however, missionaries struggle with these issues alone, without the fellowship and support of other Christians. Living and working cross-culturally adds an additional element that can challenge their emotional, spiritual, and physical vitality.

- Pray that God will provide opportunities for missionaries in lonely areas to spend time with other believers.
- Pray that God will provide times of peace and relaxation to refresh His workers.
- Pray that God will encourage missionaries with the knowledge that people back home care about their emotional well-being.

Partners In Prayer

The apostle Paul was a missionary and a man of prayer. He prayed for those without Christ, for the believers, and for the new churches established under his ministry. He also asked the believers to pray for him:

“Dear brothers and sisters, I urge you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. Do this because of your love for me, given to you by the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:30, NLT).

Paul knew prayer would bring results:

“He will rescue us because you are helping by praying for us. As a result, many will give thanks to God because so many people’s prayers for our safety have been answered” (2 Corinthians 1:11, NLT).

In his letters, Paul gave specific prayer requests for which believers should pray. As a prayer partner with those who are called to go, you, too, will have an impact that can reach around the world. Paul’s prayer requests can serve as a tool for praying with effectiveness and understanding.