

Kennewick First Presbyterian Church



Annual Mission Activities Report

2021

Mission Activities at Kennewick First Presbyterian Church

The vision statement of Kennewick First Presbyterian Church (KFPC) reminds us that each member has a ministry. We have ministry inside the church as well as ministry or mission directed activities outside our church.

Members of KFPC have many different ministries and many different missions. As a church we support a variety of mission activities around the world. This Annual Mission Activity Report is our attempt to partially capture and provide a report to the congregation about some of the spirit and energy we put into sharing the love of Christ through local, regional, national, and international mission projects.

Through interpreting God's word, coaching, and sending financial and material support and people for ministry (outreach) around the world, KFPC partners with those who are involved in God's passion to be known and praised by all the peoples of the world.

The KFPC Mission Team encourages mission by: identifying mission activities and opportunities to the church; encouraging (and equipping) personal involvement in local, regional, and global mission; helping send individuals and teams on mission projects; and supporting through prayers and finances selected mission activities locally and around the world.

Mission Team activities include:

- Informing the congregation about the nature of mission activities, opportunities, and needs, locally and around the world
- Encouraging every member to follow up with their mission interest.
- Helping plan and execute "Barnabas" projects that involve sending short-term mission teams on local, national and international mission activities
- Helping support "Barnabas" teams by providing funds from the Mission Auction
- Allocating financial support to local and international missions
- Orchestrating prayer support for mission activities
- Sharing the excitement of how in many different ways God is working through KFPC members in our community and around the world.

We are delighted to share some of the stories and experiences that demonstrate how God uses us and our resources to impact the lives of others around the world. The stories you'll find in this report below are brief. They give you an overview of the purpose and goal of the mission and how we as a congregation or individuals have supported and engaged with the mission activity and touched other peoples' lives. Each mission activity has a KFPC mission team contact from whom more information can be obtained. If you feel a calling to get involved in any of the existing mission activities or in the development of new activities, there several different ways to participate and share your mission interests:

- Become a mission area contact. We are seeking to match mission activities or missionaries with people who have a passion for that activity. These people can help maintain personal contact with missionaries or project leaders, indicate where and when these activities need specific help or prayer support.
- We are seeking to expand our Barnabas Team missions by developing additional small (2 or 3 people) teams. As envisioned, these teams might undertake a specific local project or they could assist a mission activity we support such as in Latin America. The activities are limited only by our ideas and interests. We welcome your ideas or suggestions.
- Join the Mission Team on team nights (usually the 3rd Thursday of each month).
- To keep up to date on mission activities and prayer requests please request to be added to the missionprayers@kfpc.org email by sending a message to missionprayers0p-request@kfpc.org.
- Send your ideas and suggestions to the Mission Team

Contact:

To become involved in the church's mission activities please contact any Mission Team member or send an email to servetheworld.1@kfpc.org.

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Ghormley Meadow Christian Camp

Ghormley Meadow Christian Camp was established by Dr. Charles Ghormley, associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Yakima, and other congregants from this church in 1939. The remote location, together with a dependable source of water, provided the ideal setting for a church camp for children from Central Washington.

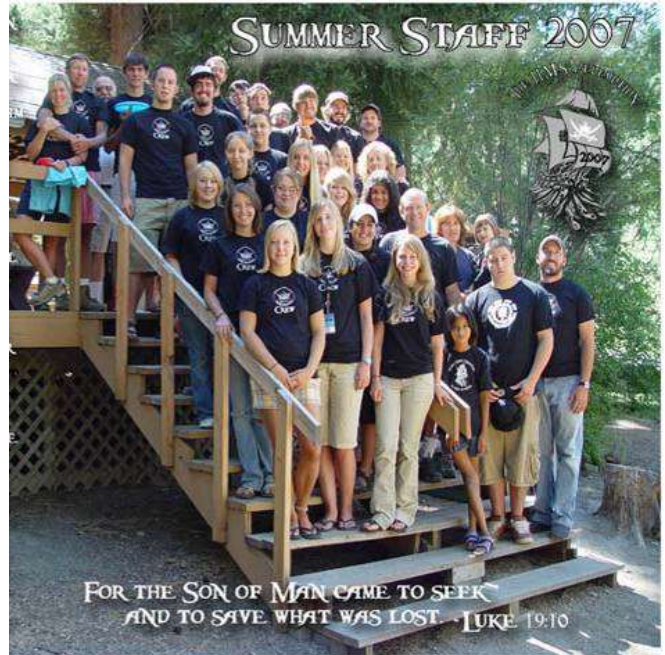
Dr. Ghormley never wanted the camp to be named after him, as he understood that many people poured themselves into the formation and operation of the camp. But upon his sudden death in 1948 (he was stricken fatally ill at the camp as he was preparing to begin a week of camp for children) members of the church moved to have the camp named after him.

Today Ghormley operates year round and, by the grace of God, is used by churches, schools, and community groups from Central Washington and throughout the Northwest. Between 6000 and 7000 guests, and hundreds more volunteer counselors and workers, visit Ghormley each year.

Many of our members' children attend Camp Ghormley in the summer time. KFPC supports the camp financially as well.

Website: <http://www.ghormleymeadow.org/index.php>

Church contact: Michael Kintner-Meyer

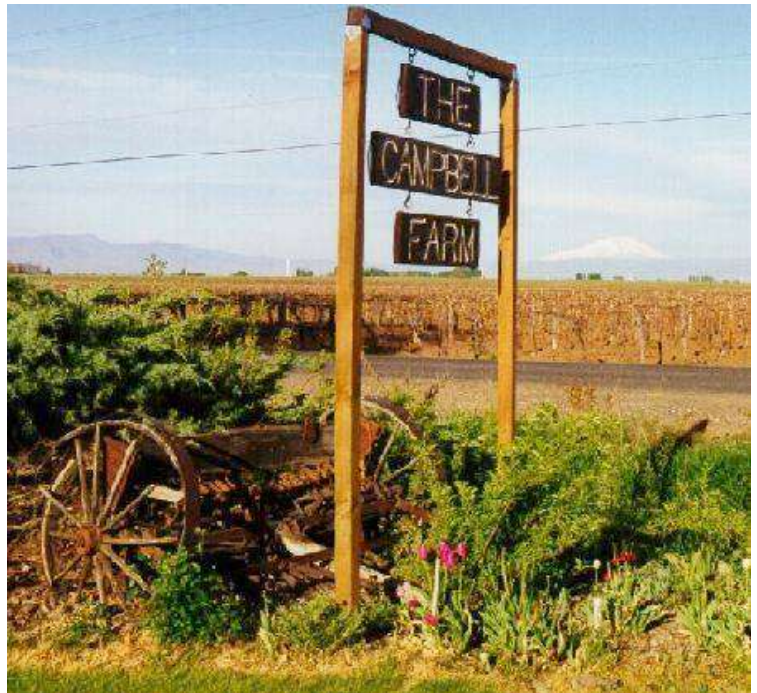


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Campbell Farm

A working farm and orchard and a retired hop kiln just outside Wapato provide the location for a unique mission which serves as a conference center and training ground for people preparing to go into the mission field. It provides an opportunity to learn methods of farming that can be applied in third world locations.

As a mission, Campbell Farm has been in operation for 35 years and is known to many here at KFPC. We and the Presbytery assist with finances as well as active support at the farm. Campbell farm always needs volunteers to help with maintenance on the farm.



Website: <http://www.nwinfo.net/~campbellfarm/>

Church contact: Joe Whalen

Grace Clinic

Grace Clinic is a non-denominational, faith-based free clinic that provides access to medical care for low-



income families with no medical insurance. The motto of Grace Clinic is “Bringing Christ’s love and healing to those in need.”

Grace Clinic has relocated to 800 West Canal Drive in Kennewick. A current summary of their services is: physical exams, parent/child education, dental care, mental health counseling, diabetes education and care, spiritual counseling, food cupboard, prayer, referral services and women’s health assessment.

The clinic needs assistance in many different ways, including financial and prayer support. Nurses, EMTs, paramedics and phlebotomists are welcome as members of the nursing team. All services are performed by volunteers: doctors, support staff, nurses, administration, and anything else that needs to be done.

Website: <http://www.gracecliniconline.org/>

Church contact: Claudia Serrano

Local Missions

Mending Wings

Mending Wings Ministries exists to empower Native American youth and families to live in wholeness within the strength and beauty of our cultures, as followers of The Jesus Way. Mending Wings is a youth program the Yakama Indian Nation. Mending Wings strives to:



- encourage and strengthen Native American families and communities to walk in dignity and honor for the glory of Creator
- build up the body of Christ among Native people by cultivating indigenous expressions of Biblical worship
- see Native youth recognize themselves, and their cultural expressions of worship, as vital parts of the body of Christ, and integral to the mission of the kingdom of God
- see Native youth and families experience Creator Jesus' healing from past wounds, and become healers in their communities.

KFPC supports Mending Wings financially.

Website: <http://mendingwings.net/index.html>

Church contact: Michael Kintner-Meyer

Miriam's Gifts

This ministry sponsored solely by KFPC was started to provide layettes to babies born into less fortunate families in the Tri-Cities area. In the very beginning it was realized that we needed to determine what items would be included in the Layette. The list of items was made available to the congregation and friends, and donations are given accordingly. We have friends and relatives from Oregon, California, and Pennsylvania who donate also. We use dollars received to purchase items that are not donated.



This ministry is not support as part of our operating budget. It solely exists by the generosity from members (and friends) of the congregation. Most clothes purchased are from garage sales and thrift shops and ALWAYS are "as good as new". Several members furnish items knitted, crocheted, or sewn. Distribution of clothes occur through Catholic Social Services, Public Health Services, Community Action Committee, and individuals who have seen our brochure.

Church contact: Nan Benecke.

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Tall Timber Ranch

Tall Timber is one of the most beautiful places on this earth. Bordering the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area, lush meadows, massive cedars, and glacial rivers are surrounded by towering, snowcapped, peaks. For 47 years, Tall Timber has provided inspiring camping experiences for people of all ages. Camp provides a chance to get away from the demands and distractions in one's life. It provides wholesome fun and exciting activities which stretch



and challenge you. It provides solid Biblical teaching. Most of all Tall Timber provides Christian role models: camp staff, Spiritual Leaders, and Counselors who are deeply committed to follow Christ, and seek to share this with you and your kids. This combination provides a catalyst for growth and change that is simply dynamic!

In 1956, while conducting a senior high camp at Lake Wenatchee, four pastors of the North Central Washington Presbytery stopped by a dude ranch up the White River Valley. Overwhelmed by the beauty and majesty of this setting, they decided to establish a church camp. With the full support of the Presbytery, 133 acres was purchased for \$18,000, and Tall Timber Ranch was born.

The first camp in 1967 numbered 135 campers, using six old dude ranch cabins, two army tents, a chicken house and storage shed. An original log homestead cabin was expanded to provide a dining/meeting hall. Over the next few years, many improvements were made, with churches adopting projects and building new cabins.

Since 1980, camp activities and programs have grown dramatically, from a few hundred annual campers during summer and fall, to several thousand guests on a year-round basis.

Website: <http://www.talltimber.org/index.asp>

Church contact: Michael Kintner-Meyer

TrailSeekers

TrailSeekers was founded in 1990 by Greg Nebeker with programs in Yakima and Kennewick, Washington. Almost three decades later, more than 600 children with their families are currently involved in the program.

As our name implies, we incorporate nature, the environment, and things like hiking, into our program. We are blessed to live in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Many of these children have never ventured very far from their hometown. We are able to help them

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experience a world outside of what they know, such as the magnificent Cascade Mountains and beautiful Orcas Island in the Northern Puget Sound.

TrailSeekers is an outreach mission supported by First Presbyterian Church. The program provides working solutions for



the many problems facing at risk children in our community.

We stress a one-on-one approach to intervention solidly grounded in teaching Christian principles. We believe that a relationship with God, through His Son, Jesus Christ, will bring to the lives of these children the love, peace, and security they so desperately need. TrailSeekers meets each Monday during the school year. The boys who attended the Orcas Encampment, as well as their siblings, grades K-5 are welcome to attend each week. Other activities of TrailSeekers includes high school leadership, middle school leadership, annual Thanksgiving feast, family Christmas gathering, and three-day short stop camps for all TrailSeekers during the summer.

The Trailseeker Program is entering its 32nd year. Many of our Trailseekers are now adults who are giving back to the program by mentoring, serving on the board of directors, and volunteering their time and talents to help the children who are currently in the program. COVID-19 challenged us to think of creative ways to meet the needs of our children and their families. In 2020 we were restricted to porch visits and Zoom meetings, but this past summer we were able to run our full summer program with adjustments made for COVID-19 guidelines. All of our kids were able to have a camping experience, to be at one with God in His creation! In the Fall we resumed our weekly Trailseeker meetings and leadership groups. Although the pandemic placed many restrictions on the program, we were able to find creative ways to offer our programs and meet the needs of our kids and their families. In some ways, the pandemic's challenges offered a unique situation for our ministry to thrive and be more successful than ever before.

We are richly blessed by the support from First Presbyterian Church. Thank you. The volunteers, the donations, and the financial gifts make the mission 'possible'!

Website: <https://www.trailseekerswa.org/>

Church contact: Kathy Owen, or Zach Lucke

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Tri-Cities Union Gospel Mission

Union Gospel Mission located in Pasco, provides food, households goods, and clothing to homeless men and woman. In addition, the Mission offers bible study programs and other classes, which teach living skills to help return to a working live. We provide food, which we collect in the designated barrel in the Narthex.



Website: <http://www.tcugm.org/>

Church contact: Joe Whalen

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, University of Washington Tacoma

InterVarsity is a vibrant campus ministry that establishes and advances witnessing communities of students and faculty at colleges and universities across the U.S. with chapters on more than 700 campuses nationwide. For over 75 years, InterVarsity has had a vital presence on hundreds of college campuses, courageously proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Savior, engaging in discipleship around Scripture, and loving people of every ethnicity and culture. We feel called to reach every corner of every campus with the real hope of Christ, inviting students and faculty to follow Jesus with their whole lives.

The InterVarsity student group at University of Washington, Tacoma (UWT) was started entirely by students about 5 years ago with the hope to reach the campus with God's love and build community among commuter students. InterVarsity staff came alongside students to support and coach them as they led and shaped their community. Sarah Le (daughter of Jack and Betsy Beaujon) transitioned from her leadership at Intervarsity at Whitman College, Walla Walla to UWT in 2021.

After more than a year of virtual classes at UWT, this fall we've been focused on re-gathering and re-building the community now that the campus is open and students are learning and meeting in person again. Sarah has two student leaders who work with her to plan a weekly small group Bible study and a twice-a-month large group worship gathering. They are reaching out to new students who are interested in faith community, and to students who have been connected in past years but lost touch in the pandemic. To those ends we are focusing on a theme of "Flourishing Community." Our hope is to have re-established the InterVarsity community as a vibrant place to grow in faith and encounter God's love in community.

Website: <https://www.intervarsitywa.com/staff>

Church contact: Vicki Mitchell

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Stephen Ministry

KFPC is a Stephen Ministry congregation. Stephen Ministers are KFPC congregation members (laypeople) trained to provide one-to-one Christ-centered care to KFPC members and others who are facing a variety of crises or life challenges. These are people with a compassionate heart who have been equipped with the skills to listen, encourage, and offer support when someone is in need. Our Stephen Ministers provide high-quality care for people who are experiencing grief, divorce, cancer, financial difficulties, hospitalization, chronic or terminal illness, job loss or unemployment, disabilities, loneliness, spiritual crisis, or other life difficulties. A Stephen Minister typically is assigned to only one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week.



Website: <https://www.stephenministries.org>
Church contact: Don White

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is a ministry that, since 1954, seeks to encourage, equip and empower coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, middle school, and youth levels by means of sports activities to impact their world and their community for Jesus Christ. Since 2013, the Tri Cities has had a full time staff person to provide leadership and direction to the ministry. As a result, the FCA Campus Ministries have initiated student led “huddles” in all of the major high schools in the area, as well established a presence in several of the middle schools, with more huddles soon to be formed. FCA also seeks to provide opportunities for fellowship and support to our coaches who are so important in the development and nurture of our young people. The monies provided by KFPC help provide the invaluable financial support needed to support our local staff person, purchase FCA Bibles for distribution to our student-athletes, underwrite the costs of FCA sponsored Sports Camps, Coaches Breakfasts and Clinics, and myriad of other outreach activities, including Fields of Faith and Night of Champions.



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When the schools went online during COVID, maintaining the impact of FCA took creativity. The adult leadership teams pivoted to focus on pouring into the leaders and creating strong disciples, who in turn, ministered to their teammates and friends. With the opening of schools this fall, all the high school huddles are back on campus stronger than ever and the middle school huddles are quickly coming back on campus as well. The time may have looked different, but God still moved powerfully.

Website: <http://tricitieSwafca.org/>

Church contact: Bob and Mary Lynn Merriman are, currently, on the local FCA Board.

Ruan's Garden, Assisted Living Community

Members of our church choir visit several times a year the Ruan's Garden Community to sing for and with the residents. The joy of music combined with Christian fellowship makes these events memorable. Ruan's Garden residents particularly enjoy the Christmas time when KFPC's choir members sing well-known Christmas carols with them. If you enjoy singing or like to visit with folks who are not as mobile anymore and who like to hear something new and appreciate a welcoming smile, you fit right into KFPC's Ruan's Garden group.



We discontinued this Ministry this year because of COVID.

Church contact: Lee Schmolke

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Westgate Elementary School Ministry

For more than 10 years, KFPC has been providing homework support to students at Westgate as part of being a good neighbor to this unique elementary school. The majority of Westgate families are low income, with most children qualifying for free breakfasts and lunches. Many come from different cultures and climates, and often with very different expectations from those of the Kennewick School District.

It's a challenge! Approximately 25 different languages are spoken in Westgate homes – Swahili, Somalian, Kenyan, Burmese, Syrian, Russian, Moldovan, Iraqi, Spanish, Thai, Hispanic, and English. Westgate is a World Relief school: many refugees are settled nearby.



Homework Helpers: Twice a week from 7:30 to 8:10 a.m., a team of dedicated KFPC volunteers spends time with students to help them with their homework, and in doing so, develops enduring relationships with the kids. Our goal is to boost the kids' academic skills while extending Christ's heart and hands to them. We help kids with their spelling words, math facts, worksheets, and reading. We play math and word games with them. We frequently give them books they can keep. And we let them know they matter! We believe we honor Christ when we work with these precious children—it truly can be Holy Ground.

KFPC has provided books, backpacks with school supplies, and cereal for the Christmas holidays.

Starting in 2018, the Lord led KFPC to increase its commitment to Kennewick School District and Westgate Elementary to align with long-term goals. A team including Pastor Ashley met with Westgate administration and the Westgate monthly planning committee (ATP) to focus on how KFPC might help meet the needs of the Westgate community using KFPC's members and resources.

These meetings focused on achieving the following outcomes:

- continue relationship building and foster interest in high academic achievement with Homework Helpers.
- provide funding for students following the Ron Clark Academy (RCA) guidelines. RCA goals include providing the learning community with an expanded



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sense of unity. They teach appreciation of individual cultures and learning to respect other cultures. KFPC will also support Westgate's Cultural Celebration, Math Night, and Family Career Fair with volunteers and participation incentives.

- provide for essential needs of the children including healthy snacks for the nutritionally challenged. We are showing Christ's love with nearly 1,200 boxes of cereal distributed before Christmas break. Snacks are provided in classrooms on an as needed basis. Warm coats are also supplied when needed. (Westgate staff previously provided these.) We are also supporting the school nurse by donating clean clothing to go home with the student after incontinence and other urgent situations.
- work on a plan to decrease absenteeism and tardiness by providing alarm clocks. Both situations erode the students' confidence when they miss essential building blocks of learning. Many students come from cultures where the concept of "being on time" is totally foreign.

KFPC's engagement with Westgate was recognized by the Kennewick School District by receiving the 2018 Outstanding Community Partner Award for its dedication and service to Westgate over the years (August 29, 2018). The district stated that "volunteers from the church have spent many hours at Westgate over the last several years, giving their time at Homework Helpers, at Math Nights, and on field trips. They have also donated more than 1,000 books to students and, for four years, were able to give every student at Westgate a backpack filled with school supplies to start the school year. In addition, they organize a cereal drive every year to ensure that Westgate students have breakfast during winter break. In 10 years, they've collected more than 10,000 boxes of cereal." (see <https://www.ksd.org/News/Kennewick-First-Presbyterian-Church-named-2018-Outstanding-Community-Partne>)

Towards the end of 2020, when students could not attend class in person as a result of COVID, it was suggested by Westgate staff that a mini library, or book exchange, be installed outside the school building. This was successfully done by a KFPC team of adults and three high school students in the Trail Seekers Leadership program. In 2021 the installation of mini libraries was extended to twelve other elementary schools in the Kennewick School District. The schools maintain the mini libraries and restock them as needed.



As schools are now meeting in person for the school year of 2021-2022, we are waiting on starting up the morning Homework Helpers.

Church contacts: Vicki Mitchell

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Taskforce: Youth Exploitation and Homelessness

KPFC addresses challenges of youth who are exploited or homeless in our Tri-Cities community. Through our Task Force, we support two local organizations that work with exploited or homeless youth: Support, Advocacy and Resources Center (SARC), which works with trafficked or exploited youth; and, My Friends Place, a residence for homeless teens. This year, due to Covid, we were limited in our ability to do in-person activities, but were able to provide support nonetheless. For SARC, we undertook an all-church collection of donations of undergarments, fleece pants and soft tops to provide to SARC clients. For My Friends Place, we hosted shopping trips for the resident teens, providing them \$75 each to spend on something special for themselves. In addition, one of KPFC's small groups hosted Thanksgiving dinner at the church for the resident teens. Word was that the meal was superb and well appreciated!



Church contact: Nancy Kintner-Meyer, Julie Epperly, Mary Pucket

Mission Against Hunger

Late in 2021 a Blessings Pantry and a mini library were installed outside the entrance to the Garden Sanctuary at the church. Through the continuing generous donations by members of the congregation, as well as funds from the Mission Against Hunger and the Deacons Fund, the Blessings Pantry continues to be stocked. With COVID-19 and the economic hardship it has brought to some families, we see the Pantry is being well used.

It's a blessing to see that bibles placed in the Pantry do not stay there for long, so the word of God is spreading.



Church contact: Julie Epperly

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Orcas Encampment

Forty-two little boys headed for Orcas Island in June of 2018 to spend one week experiencing God's love, His goodness, and His creation. Each boy had his very own mentor who was specially trained to show his or her child agape love. The camp was richly blessed by an incredible adult support staff that gave their all to see that everything ran smoothly.

The boys were able to experience so many 'firsts'...swimming in a lake, hiking, boating, finding pirate 'bootie', playing in a waterfall, riding a ferry, riding a charter bus, seeing the Space Needle, going to the zoo, exploring at the Seattle Science Center, and so much more! Most importantly, the boys learned about God through their relationship with their mentor and the adult staff, and by the lessons their pod leaders taught them each day.



At the end of the week, they had to say goodbye to their mentors, but they had become TrailSeekers (see TrailSeekers above) and they knew they would see everyone again sometime.

In September, all the TrailSeekers, old and new, started weekly, Monday after school meetings. This program is the follow up to the Orcas experience and for boys and girls Kindergarten through Fifth Grade who went to camp or had a sibling that went to camp.

It's a wonderful thing to watch these boys grow in Christ. TrailSeekers is a safe place for the boys and girls to come and experience God's love for them.



In 2021, we continued the Orca Encampment with modifications because of COVID.

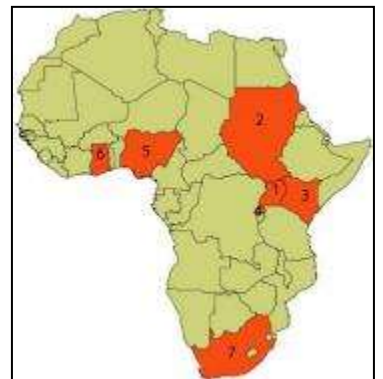
Church contact: Kathy Owen, or Zach Lucke.

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African Children's Choir and Music for Life.



Through their voice and their music, the children of the Choir are taking Africa to the rest of the world. They are the victims of a terrible pandemic, but they are also the promise and future of Africa. For over 21 years, the African Children's Choir™ has been performing throughout North America, the United Kingdom and throughout the world. The choirs, made up of children ages 7 to 12, have included children from Uganda (1), Kenya (3), Rwanda (4), South Africa (7), Nigeria (5), and Ghana (6).



KFPC has been supporting the work of the African Children's Choir (ACC) for more than a decade. It has been a joy for the congregation to see the Lord's influence in the lives of these energetic, lively, and talented young people. They have experienced more tragedy in their young lives than most of us will ever know in a lifetime. Yet, each child has a dream - a hope for tomorrow. They want to be teachers, doctors, musicians and pilots. The African Children's Choir™ is committed to making these dreams a reality.

In 2019, when Music for Life (the parent company of ACC) asked the church if we could commit resources to help the outreach and development centers that are threatened to be closed because of lack of resources. The development centers are in the slums that support the poorest of the poor children. KFPC stepped up and decided to commit the financial resources to keep a development center in the slums of Kampala, the capital of Uganda, open. We felt called by the Lord to go-out and help financially as well as personally.

In February 2020, we sent a delegation to Uganda, led by Pastor Ashley. The delegation included team members Dan & Heidi Fisk, Bert Kae-Je, and Bob & Mary Lynn Merriman.



The team spent several days at the outreach center at Grace



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Fellowship in Kampala, which is the center Kennewick First Pres has financially supported these past two years. Our team shared Bible stories and led activities with the children, while gaining firsthand knowledge of the outreach center's positive impact on and important ministry with the children who attend the center, all of whom live in the surrounding slum neighborhoods. The team also did several home visits, visited Empower International Academy, the ACC's brand-new boarding school for secondary students, and visited the ACC's boarding school for their primary school students - and several of our team members experienced the joy of visiting with children they sponsor and have hosted in their homes while on tour in America! A very, very special experience!



One of the unexpected joys and profoundly impactful aspects of our team's time in Uganda was our experience getting to know and discipling the Ubuntu students who were staying at the ACC's guest house facility while we were there. The Ubuntu students are some of the ACC's post-secondary students who, at the time, were preparing to go on a three-month tour in Australia, which sadly had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Through

our interactions with the Ubuntu students, we gained a deeper understanding of the long-term impact of the African Children's Choir - through the educational opportunities, discipleship, and extended family and support system the ACC gives all of their African Children's Choir students, the ACC truly does raise up the next generation of Christ-centered leaders in Uganda - and we can tell you the work they do is truly impressive!



The Ubuntu students teaching us how to play the drums

In 2021, the outreach centers in Kampala, Uganda were closed because of COVID-19. We decided to continue our support, by supporting the Music for Life – Kenya Student Scholarships program.

Music for Life – Kenya Student Scholarships

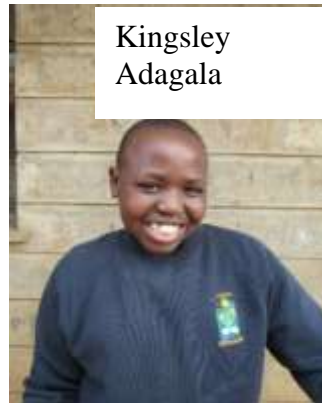
Kennewick First Presbyterian Church is sponsoring 6 middle school students from Kenya from our Mission Auction Funds. KFPC has been supporting the African Children's Choir for many years. More recently we established relationships with the parent

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organization in Africa, Music for Life. This year the Serve-the-World team decided to fund a 1-year scholarship to 6 students (see below).



Keris
Iihavi



Kingsley
Adagala



Keziah
Andere



Gibran Mwaisaka



Joel
Simion



Mariam
Omina

These students live in Kenya and are between 12-13 years old. They have advanced to their last grade in elementary school, the P7 level and start middle school this fall.

Music for Life is starting a new, pilot program to help children with strong academic potential continue their education at better schools. The children started in Music for Life's Kindergarten program and have advanced now to the P7 level. It is at this level when they take a national exam ranking them among all other P7 students in the country. It is on the basis of scores on this national exam that they qualify for various tiers of secondary education. So, they started their education with Music for Life at the very beginning and have shown exceptional potential for secondary school. Our sponsorship will provide them with funds for uniforms, books, and tuitions to attend better secondary schools. It is hoped that these students will be utilizing their God-given and exceptional talent to feed back to the society in general and to Music for Life in particular.

Website: <http://www.africanchildrenschoir.com/>

Church contact: Mary Lynn Merriman, Marc Miller

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Living Water World Missions

Living Water World Missions is a non-profit organization located in Visalia, California existing to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in the context of providing clean water in communities that need it. Its primary ministry focus is in the Central American country of Guatemala. They assist and train nationals in the building of clean water systems which use filters and ozone to remove germs and bacteria from city water sources, making it safe to consume. In addition, we train parents, children, and interested others in germ theory, hygiene, and the appropriate uses of clean water.

Teams of between 8-14 people of all ages that travel on installation trips include members of various church congregations from across the country. Team members share a common love for God and His people around the world and pay their own travel and living expenses in service to others. Generally, trips last approximately 7-8 days including travel to and from the installation site(s).

In 2020 as well as in 2021, KFPC has paid for the cost of installing a water purification system. In the past, KFPC teams have gone to Guatemala to install and train and educate leaders in the community on uses of clean water and hygiene. However, due to COVID-19, no KFPC teams have gone in the last 2 years. It is hoped that we are sending a KFPC team in the summer of 2022.

Website:

<https://www.livingwaterworldmissions.org/>

Church Contact: Julie and Vic Epperly



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Embracing Orphans, Jamaica

In November of 2019 the Kennewick First Presbyterian Church family joined Embracing Orphans for a Team Service Trip to Jamaica. The focus was building a home for the Johnson family who would be welcoming back their daughter from state-care.

KFPC fielded a team of 12 members to build relationships to the Johnson family and the community while building a home for them.

Since that time KFPC has supported programs in Jamaica led by Embracing Orphans including raising funds for Rebuild and Young Adult Sponsorship. KFPC continues to pray for Embracing Orphans and their love for rebuilding families as a strategy to care for neglected, abused, and orphaned children.

In 2021, KFPC did not send a team to Jamaica because of COVID-19, but continue the support toward building family homes.



<http://www.embracingorphans.org/>

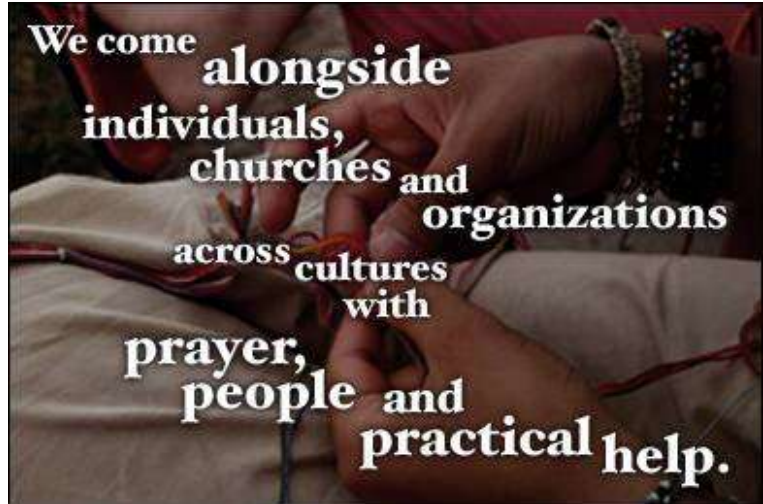
Church Contact: Pastor Hanna Shearer

International Missions

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Alongside Ministries International –Funka Families

Alongside is an international fellowship of Christians working together to strengthen the Church and advance the Gospel worldwide. The purpose is to encourage and empower Christian leaders and churches through an international network of prayer, partnership, and practical help. Alongside forms partnerships with those who invite us to ‘come over and help’, seeking to serve with creativity and humility. We pray and work with our partners to see churches established, growing and making disciples of Jesus Christ everywhere, bringing transformation to our broken world.



Serving with international partners to strengthen the church and advance the Gospel worldwide. For over twenty years, Alongside has worked with churches and leaders who have sought our help in several countries in Europe and North America. These include Albania, Austria, the Czech Republic, England, Estonia, France, Germany, Scotland and Canada and the U.S. Alongside develops ministries wherever we have the resources and competencies to serve responsibly as God calls us, and where the needs of Christian witness are not adequately served.

We support Andrew and Amy Funka, who are working in Czeck Republic. Their work includes developing leadership, helping with children and youth activities, participating in the teaching and music teams, leading a community group, and encouraging the minister and his family.

Website: <http://www.alongside.org>

Church contact: Michael Kintner-Meyer

International Missions

Misión Cristiana Evangélica Sea La Luz - David and Sharman Injerd



Mission Sea La Luz in Quito, Ecuador – David and Sharman in Quito, Ecuador have developed the School, House of Prayer, Our Kids, and The New DVD’s ministry as servants to their community and as a means of reaching the kids and adults in their community. The school is high in the Andes Mountain of Ecuador. David and Sharman serve unmet needs of the small mountain villages and create an oasis of hope and joy by educating children and through them reach the families.



They praise God for the progress on the House and School, that the children are content and advancing rapidly in their studies, and that there is good health and safety for everyone involved in the ministry. They also request that they will bless all those whom God puts in their lives. They need to be very sensitive to how they respond to hard situations around them. A house of prayer was urgently needed. We recently heard that it had been built. – Praise God -. Prayers are also needed for the grown children, Erland and Kjersti, for their continued health and safety for all.

In 2018, the Injerd's visited KFPC and shared their work and the great things that the Lord is doing through them in the Ecuador.

Website: <http://www.sealaluz.org/>

Church contact: Claudia Serrano

International Missions

Presbyterian World Mission: Rochelle and Tyler Holm, Malawi

West Side Church in Richland, Washington, sent Rochelle and Tyler to partner with St. Andrews Church, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in Mzuzu, Malawi to drill a water well. This mission trip in 2007 turned the original call into a long-term commitment matching both Rochelle's and Tyler's gifts and hearts desires. Rochelle, Tyler and daughter Mphato live in Mzuzu, located in northern Malawi.

Tyler is a lecturer in systematic theology, Church history and Greek at the University of Livingstonia, a private university which is part of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP). Within the CCAP there is one ordained minister per 6,000 church members, most of our students will be ordained as teaching elders and all will be future leaders of the church and Malawian society.

Rochelle is the Manager of the Centre of Excellence in Water and Sanitation at Mzuzu University, a government university located in Mzuzu. The Centre of Excellence in Water and Sanitation is established within the Faculty of Environmental Sciences, which is Rochelle's team working together on water, sanitation and hygiene concerns for Malawi. The Centre participates in research, training, and community outreach programs, and works together on a common mission with government, church and non-govermental organization partners. Although Rochelle doesn't find herself teaching in a traditional classroom, she does support MSc and PhD student supervision as they conduct local research projects. On Christmas Eve 2013 a beautiful and quickly growing baby girl joined our family. She is a very well loved little girl, and especially wrapped around our fingers and hearts.



Tyler is a Mission Co-Worker with PC (USA) serving in partnership with Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Synod of Livingstonia in Malawi, Africa. In addition to currently teaching at the growing University of Livingstonia Faculty of Theology, he mentors students who will become teaching elders and church leaders. He has finished his first year of studies for a Doctorate in Intercultural Studies at Biola University in California.

With the onset of the pandemic, Presbyterian World Mission recalled missionaries working abroad back to the US. The Holms family has been living now in Pasco, WA until they receive their 'all clear' sign from Presbyterian World Mission to return to Malawi.

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