



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LEESBURG**  
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# Disciples Making Disciples

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**The 2020 mission focus at First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg is based on two passages from Scripture:**

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” Mathew 25: 35-36*

*“You shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” Acts 1: 8*

**The Mission Committee has a plan of action that provides a combination of evangelical mission and compassionate mission, locally, regionally and internationally. The specific programs planned for 2020 and included in our budgeted benevolences are described in detail in this brochure.**

### 2020 Local Missions

**Our local missions for 2020 will include Habitat for Humanity Lake-Sumter, Joining Hands In Food Ministry (JHIFM) and The Salvation Army.**

#### **Habitat for Humanity Lake-Sumter**

The Habitat for Humanity of Lake County was established in 1989. Habitat works together with qualified low income families, individuals and businesses to build or renovate houses. Volunteers are a valuable part of their success. In 2019, First Presbyterian sponsored a home building for the Tranor family in Coleman – one of the first “cottage” style homes built by Habitat.



#### **Joining Hands In Food Ministry (JHIFM)**

First Presbyterian Church continues its joint ministry with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, our neighbors. It is a faith based, hands-on ministry to feed the hungry of western side of Leesburg. On the second Friday of each month we distribute food to some 200-250 people, each receiving enough food for seven (7) days. We utilize members to pick up food from Second Harvest Ministry in Orlando. More hands are always needed for both distribution and food pick up. **“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven.” Mathew 5: 16**

#### **The Salvation Army**

A group of sixteen (16) members of our church have been part of the Salvation Army breakfast program, providing meals to the homeless and less fortunate people of Lake County. They have also supported the food distribution program. Any proceeds from the church’s recycling program (newspapers) is donated to the Salvation Army food pantry.



### 2020 International Missions

**The international partnerships of First Presbyterian Church for 2020 include the ministry of The Outreach Foundation. Its missionary projects are Dan and Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar and Rev. Jo Ella Holman, PC(USA) Regional Liaison for the Caribbean. Rise Against Hunger is also an international mission we sponsor.**

#### **The Outreach Foundation**

For more than thirty years, The Outreach Foundation has served God’s mission in the world by engaging Presbyterians and global partners in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Their vision is for creating dynamic relationships that both deepen mission passion and build mission capacity.

**Dan and Elizabeth Turk** were invited to serve in Madagascar through the development branch of our partner denomination, *Fiangonan 'I Jesoa Kristy edo Madagasasikara* (FJKM). The FJKM believes that Christian witness should include ministry to the physical and spiritual needs of God’s people and care for all of God’s creation. Dan and Elizabeth work as advisors to FJKM’s environment and health departments.



**Rev. Jo Ella Holman** is a regional liaison with PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission for the Caribbean, focusing on churches in Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, Curacao, Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago. She facilitates and supports mutual missions among churches between the Caribbean and North America.



### 2020 Regional Missions - Continued

#### **The Lifeboat Project**

The Lifeboat Project (LBP) is passionately invested in increasing awareness of human trafficking through training, symposiums, and computer simulations. It is passionately dedicated to restoring hope and dignity to exploited survivors by offering a safe residence and a unique, professionally designed long-term aftercare program that enable survivors to heal and transition into healthy, productive members of society. It strongly believes and incorporates community involvement in all aspects of our program where it is in the best interest of survivors. Prevention is a vital component of The Lifeboat Project. Human Trafficking isn’t a new evil that has just recently become a part of the fabric of our country, it has blossomed and grown, tragically, in the shadows of our cities, towns, and neighborhoods. The Lifeboat Project is seriously dedicated to prevention and works in partnership with local and national law enforcement and agencies in identifying at-risk youth. LBP offers on their Ecumenical Life Enrichment Campus: equine therapy, counseling, family counseling, peer accountability, job skills, life skills, community service and involvement, mentoring, sports, exercise and dance.



#### **One Great Hour of Sharing**



One Great Hour of Sharing supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People. This ministry is supported by Presbyterian Mission Agency. This offering is normally taken near Easter.

#### **Thornwell Home for Children**

Founded as a Presbyterian ministry in 1875, Thornwell Home for Children is a joyful Christian community, offering hope and wholeness to children and families. Its goals are to provide a loving home for abused, abandoned and neglected children, to offer an opportunity for healing by providing proper healthcare and mental health counseling for every Thornwell child, and to offer Thornwell’s children hope for a successful future by providing educational support and teaching self-advocacy.

#### **Two Cents a Meal Project**

The 2 Cents a Meal project is part of Presbyterians Answer To Hunger (PATH). The partner groups that receive funding from PATH include: Alliance for International Reforestation (AIR) 17%, Society of St. Andrews (SoSA) 17%, Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida 24%, Dan and Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar 15%, and a new partner (15%) to replace CODEP HAITI, which is being weaned from PATH support. Spare change from members of First Presbyterian Church is collected in an individual’s “container” each quarter. The change is then collected at church and monies forwarded onto the project.



#### **Z88.3 Radio**

Z88.3 is owned by Central Florida Educational Association, Inc., and operated by Z Ministries, Inc., both local not for profit corporations. Their mission is to make the Central Florida communities they serve a better place to live by providing families with a spiritual anchor and news, weather and emergency information needed to keep the family informed, safe and encouraged. They fund themselves by their listener’s generous donations.



## **2020 International Missions – Continued**

### **Rise Against Hunger**

Each year, Rise Against Hunger volunteers from around the world package thousands of meals with their corporations, churches, educational institutions and civic organizations. Rise Against Hunger meals are nutritiously sound and designed to meet World Health Organization nutritional standards. Every dehydrated rice/soy meal is fortified with 23 essential vitamins and nutrients. Research has shown that one in three people in developing countries are adversely affected by vitamin and mineral deficiencies. Addressing the problem of hunger is the single point where we can leverage relief for all humanitarian issues. Meal packaging events provide a platform to educate and engage thousands of volunteers in a tangible effort to end hunger, helping to overcome apathy while offering a fun, hands-on and rewarding experience for anyone of any age. Benefits for meal packaging participants include leadership development, boosting morale through tangible accomplishments, team-building, goal setting and achievement, creative problem solving, and relationship building. Rise Against Hunger's unique meal packaging program uses an assembly-line process and is mobile – they can go wherever volunteers are located and adapt their events to accommodate as few as 25 people or even as many as 1,000 volunteers at a time.

### **2020 Regional Missions**

**The regional partnerships of First Presbyterian Church for 2020 include The Duvall Home, International Students, Inc. (Anne Adrian), Joy Offering, The Lifeboat Project, One Great Hour of Sharing, Thornwell Home for Children, Two Cents a Meal Project, and Z88.3 Radio.**

#### **The Duvall Home**



The Duvall Home in Deland, Florida exists for the benefit of individuals with developmental disabilities who require extensive services and care. The Home seeks to provide the highest quality of life and greatest level of independence for each resident by creating an individualized plan that includes opportunities for personal growth. Providing social and vocational experiences in the community are key components in an effective program that leads to a life of dignity and independence for each resident.

#### **International Students, Inc. – Anne Adrian**

As Campus Staff in Central Florida, Anne works with international students at Florida Southern College in Lakeland and University of South Florida in Tampa. Her focus in Tampa, working alongside a sister ministry-Friends of Internationals, is teaching an English conversation class and building relationships with them and their families. In Lakeland, she is in the process of building a new ministry, enlisting a network of churches and volunteers to work alongside her in meeting the needs of these very special young people. She considers it a great privilege to get to know these students and to point them to the One who is Life! Having grown up as the child of missionaries in the Middle East, Anne has had a special sensitivity to people from that part of the world and also empathy for the experience of being a “stranger in a strange land”!



#### **Joy Offering**

For more than 70 years, Presbyterians have given generously at Christmas to support the unmet needs of families who have devoted their lives to the mission of the PC(USA). Today this Offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, which provided critical assistance to Presbyterian Church workers and their families, and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling. The Offering dates back to the 1930's when the former Presbyterian Church in the United States began an offering to supplement inadequate retirement income and provide supplemental medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers and their families. This offering is normally taken at Christmas time.

## **PAST MISSION CONFERENCE PROJECTS AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

- 1974 TOAM Project (Land Reclamation) Korea
- 1975 Land Rover for Brazil
- 1976 Hunger Project in Bangladesh
- 1977 Build Churches in Japan & Leesburg
- 1978 Project Children in Brasilia
- 1979 Communicating the Good News: Japan and Sunrise Workshop in Leesburg
- 1980 Work for Charles Alexander in Brazil; Fortaleza Field and UMARI Food Production
- 1981 Volunteers in Mission for Zaire Bible Teachers in Public Schools
- 1982 Medical Benevolence Foundation
- 1983 Young Life in Leesburg & Radio Evangelism in Japan
- 1984 Young Life in Leesburg & New Church Development in Korea
- 1985 25-Passenger Bus (Young Life)
- 1986 Broadcast of Worship Services, Staff Housing, Good Shepherd Hospital in Zaire
- 1987 Lake/Sumter Hospice & Cross-Culture Ministry in Brazil
- 1988 Korean Presbyterian Church in Orlando
- 1989 Nutrition Program, Good Shepherd Hospital, Zaire, Villa International, Atlanta
- 1990 New Church Development, Brazil and North Lake County
- 1991 New Church Development, North Lake County & Pediatric Ward in Kenya
- 1992 Training of Medical Personnel, Zaire, North Lake County Presbyterian Mission
- 1993 Habitat for Humanity, Mission 21 India
- 1994 Habitat for Humanity, China Connection, Mission 21 India, Friends of the Carpenter (New Church Development)
- 1995 Emergency Generator for Good Shepherd Hospital in Zaire & The Duvall Home (furnish a group home)
- 1996 Renovating FPCL Day Care & Street Children in Brazil
- 1997 Senior High Jamaica Trip
- 1998 Roofing Cite Church in Mozambique & Korean Presbyterian Mission of Daytona
- 1999 Homes in Jamaica & Mt. Dora Haitian Church
- 2000 Portuguese Church in Brandon, FL & Wheelchair Ramps in Lake County
- 2001 Abundant Life Soup Kitchen in Leesburg & Young Life in Nicaragua
- 2002 Van for Carver Heights Ministry in Leesburg, Hanbury Home for Children in Jamaica and Lovemore House for Street Children in Zimbabwe
- 2003 New Church Development in Leesburg and Brazil
- 2004 Witnessing Ministries of Christ in India, Carver Heights Ministry in Leesburg
- 2005 Namumu Orphanage in Zambia, Leesburg Medical Care Clinic & Summer Youth Program, Mt. Calvary
- 2006 27-Seat Bus for Transportation Ministry
- 2007 Namumu Orphanage, Zambia & Church Bus
- 2008 Mozambique Wells & Center Hill Roof
- 2009 Namumu Orphanage and First Pres Roof
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- 2011 Namumu Orphanage & Carver Heights
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- 2013 Namumu Orphanage
- 2014 The Outreach Foundation, Lifeboat Project, Salvation Army
- 2015 Various regular missions
- 2016 Habitat for Humanity & Pam, a PCUSA missionary in Turkey
- 2017 Habitat for Humanity
- 2018 Habitat for Humanity & a local community member
- 2019 INUA & The Abracadabra Foundation