

# GIVING THANKS!

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Thank you

*Letters of  
gratitude  
from our  
mission friends*

# A Message and Sincere Appreciation to the Family of Joan Van Camp

Dear Friends,

When the Mission Committee of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown was told that a portion of the bequest honoring Joan Van Camp would be used for missions, we were overwhelmed. We could only imagine what good such a bequest would do in the ministries in which we work throughout our community and the world. What an incredible tribute to the memory of Joan Van Camp!

We began reaching out and talking to the ministries to see what long-range plans they have and how best to utilize these funds. Our initial thoughts were to select one or two ministries and assist them in expanding their work through capital projects such as building churches, schools or hospitals. This blessing was truly incredible.

In February, our director of Missions, Linda Jagiela, went to Uganda and Kenya to see firsthand what the needs were in this area. She previously had spent 2019 traveling with teams to Haiti, Mexico City, and Katerini, Greece. Two weeks after Linda arrived back to the United States from Africa, the COVID-19 crisis hit.

The appeals for humanitarian relief for assistance and specifically food began pouring in. In many of the developing countries where our missionaries are based, quarantine cut off all access to food. Fear of being beaten if they ventured out of their homes left many in dire straits. Hospitals were not equipped to handle a pandemic. Communal living did not allow for true quarantine. And lack of technology left schools unable to teach students. Access to water was limited and did not allow for the rigorous hand washing needed to curb the spread of germs.

In an emergency meeting of the Mission Committee, the team voted to change our focus and use the Van Camp bequest to save lives. Although this had not been our original plan, we believed that the Lord worked to allow us to do this incredible work by giving us the funds through this bequest. Our missionaries have sent photos and notes thanking us (really the Van Camp family) for what they were able to achieve as a result of these donations.

We cannot thank the Van Camp family enough for being able to touch these ministries in this way. We want to share with you the words of thanks and the work we have been able to achieve in photos. This is just a small portion of all the thanks we received, yet it represents the work of our Lord in enabling us to put funds together to meet real needs. What an incredible tribute to Joan Van Camp to be able to reach across the globe and touch the lives of so many.

God bless you!

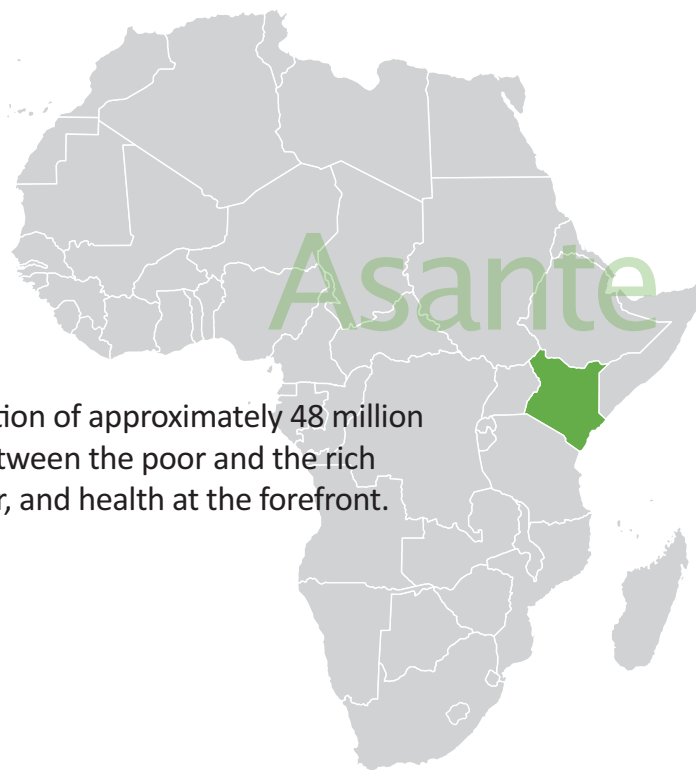
The Mission Committee



*Here is a brief capsule of what we have been able to do around the globe, along with letters of thanks we received from leaders of the organizations.*

# Africa

## Kenya



Located on the east coast of Africa, Kenya has a population of approximately 48 million people. Though Kenya is rapidly developing, the gap between the poor and the rich is deepening with issues of illiteracy, poverty, child labor, and health at the forefront.

Source: UPI

### Hekima Place

**\$2,000**



Dear Friends at First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown,

Thank you for your generous donation for COVID-19 relief. It has come at a time that it is much needed. We continue to support the needs of all of our girls, those with us at Hekima Place, those staying with extended family during this time, and those who have been reintegrated back to their families. Every month, we send funds for food, hygienic supplies, and other needs of the girls and we remain in good contact. At this time all remain healthy. Praise the Lord!

Due to COVID-19, we have not been taking girls off the compound for recreation to avoid contamination. Now that some restrictions have eased up and some social activities have resumed (ones that can be done at a distance), we will start to take the girls out for recreational activities. All activities will follow strict adherence to the regulations set by the Ministry of Health, but we are excited for a change of scenery.

*We are blessed to have your support, especially now during these trying times.*

*Margaret, Program Manager, Hekima Place, Kenya*



Youth Promise Centre  
Kenya

Dear Frist Presbyterian Church of Moorestown,

February 2020 remains quite vivid for us as a ministry for hosting two great women (Linda Jagiela, FPC Moorestown and Sandy Newhall, UPI) on our small campus. We can't express enough in words that the visit was a blessing to carry us over the COVID-19 season that nobody had predicted. No sooner had our visitors left than we had some restrictions and cancellations of international flights. Thank God we had received our blessing and it never ended there. We have always received encouraging words in messages thousand miles from them. We are certain that it would not have happened without a team, a family, a congregation, and a community at First Pres Moorestown, NJ. You have brightened many days for us and helped us beat hunger and fear that has struck many families that we support here in Embu, Kenya.

Youth Promise Kenya has continued to be a safe haven for many youth who would have otherwise been exposed to drug abuse, prostitution, and other forms of evil. For almost three years now, love from friends like you has allowed us to continue offering digital literacy and mentoring to our teenagers. We had the privilege of visiting a number of families who were hit hard by COVID-19. One grandma offered to vote in our executive director to be the governor of the county since she has seen no government come in to help her in such a way since COVID-19 struck. It sounded like a good joke but within her it was much more than that; though she was under influence of some local brew she was eager that the support would be needed more and more for such needy communities. We are stepping in to help where we can to make our community better than we found it. We thank Linda for stepping out of her comfort zone and flying many hours to be with us and for sure we got great moments with her. She danced with our youth, taught them photography, mentored our staff and directors, shared jokes and stories, prayed with us, ate with us, played with us, witnessed invasion by locusts with us, challenged us to publish our first newsletter that is running now, and she was not done with us yet. She told you about us and that's how you have poured more love into our basket.

Because of this, we are going out now to offer more love to our beneficiaries and more hands to fight the disease. Your kind gift of \$5,000 will support Youth Promise beneficiaries during this time of crisis. We were not sure how it was going to be for the next few months. You have resuscitated our hope. We feel loved as per the scripture in Matthew 22:37. Jesus said to him, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." And Yes! We shall love more the people we are serving.

*Yours in Christ Ministry,*

*Rev James Mureithi, Executive Director Youth Promise Kenya*



# Uganda

In the midst of poverty and income inequality, children in Uganda suffer greatly, especially in educational attainment, moral development, and spiritual growth. Their vulnerability is compounded by political instability and other social concerns, therefore making children and youth the most vulnerable groups of the population.

Despite the government's intervention to enable all people to access education through Universal Primary and Secondary Education, many schools in rural and urban areas are grappling with the diminished quality of education as a result of an ever-increasing enrollment. In schools, especially primary, the student to teacher ratio is estimated at 70:1. The government's official maximum ratio is 40:1. Only 2% of females finish high school. More than 50% of the country is under the age of 15.

Source: UPI

## Yamba Uganda

\$5,000



Yamba's first response towards COVID-19 was making water at our office premises accessible to beneficiary households. While most of our programs are shut down, we continue to provide critical services to our beneficiaries. We have stayed in touch with caregivers of children to find out how children are maneuvering this situation. Today, water has become a precious resource with high demand yet is very expensive to afford. Thank you for giving us water! Water is Life! (Note: FPC Moorestown provided funding to dig the well at YAMBA.)

Our second COVID-19 response was to intervene in providing food relief to Orphans and Other Children (OVC) households affected by the storm and the apparent COVID-19 pandemic. On 8th March, 2020, the Government of Uganda declared CoronaVirus (COVID-19) pandemic an emergency and a new disease which had no medicine or vaccine.

The president of Uganda put directives in the country as measures to prevent COVID-19 spread. Directives such as self-quarantine and curfew laws have affected people's businesses and work that earned them a living causing acute famine and low household-income. On 3rd of April 2020, the Community of Bwambara Sub-county where Yamba ChildCare is located was hard hit by the aggressive storm which devastated crops and structures like homes and schools. As if COVID-19 was not enough, this has doubled the effect of acute shortage of food in the community, especially in our beneficiary households where we were hit with a tremendous hail storm that wiped out many of the crops that were not already eaten by the locust.

We have been able to support 106 families/households of orphans and other vulnerable children who have been affected by the storm destruction coupled with COVID-19. We have provided food relief support of 10kgs posho/corn flour and 5kgs of beans to assist in this hard time. Thank you for your support which has allowed us to help so many in our village and in the community around us. May God bless our friends and church family in Moorestown.



*Yours in Christ,*

*Keneth Ndyamuhaki, Founder & Executive Director, Yamba ChildCare*



## Children Alive Ministries

\$5,000



Dear Mission Committee and Church of First Presbyterian Moorestown,

We would like to thank you so very much for your most kind donation towards our food and relief fund here at Children Alive Ministries (CALM). We have been amazed by God's provision for the families we serve.

As it stands now, Uganda has registered 457 cases of COVID-19, 72 recoveries, and 0 deaths.

Over the past couple of months, we have received funds through UrbanPromise International that you supplied to buy food for the families of the children and youth that we work with.

They are immensely grateful for your generosity.

This picture shows their joy.

*What a blessing!*

*Leez Matsiko, Development & Fundraising Manager,  
Children Alive Ministries (CALM)*



## Joyful Hearts

\$5,000



Dear Moorestown Presbyterian Church,

We cannot thank you enough for the gift you sent to us as the brunt of the pandemic weighed down on us in Uganda. We had been "banned" by the government to hand out food relief to our families. The government had wanted us to give them all the money so any assistance would come through them. We saw how no assistance came to the villages and the poor were forgotten. We lost one of our dear children during this time.

Due to your gift, during the time where transport was prohibited, we were able to walk and deliver food to several families. It was encouraging to see that many families had set up hand-washing stations as they were trained at our parents meeting. Thank you for being a huge blessing during this difficult time.

*Love,*

*Milly Nakato, Executive Director on behalf of The Joyful Hearts staff*



# Democratic Republic of the Congo

Ni itumezi

About the Democratic Republic of the Congo: The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is the second largest country in Africa. It has more than 200 ethnic groups, with nearly 250 languages and dialects spoken. The DRC is among the most resource-rich countries on the planet, with an abundance of gold, tantalum, tungsten, and tin – all minerals used in electronics such as cell phones and laptops – yet it continues to have an extremely poor population.

Source: dosomething.org

## Medical Benevolence Foundation – Good Shepherd Hospital Congo \$5,000

# MBF

Medical Benevolence Foundation

Dear Friends at FPC Moorestown,

We bring you greetings from the staff of Good Shepherd Hospital (GSH) and gratitude for your generous donation for COVID-19 relief. Good Shepherd Hospital was started in 1974, to provide a clinical setting in order to carry out its teaching responsibilities. GSH seeks to witness the love of Jesus Christ through its medical services and also through the chaplaincy department and the varied activities within the communities it serves. We have had to change the way we are operating. Your donation has assisted us greatly in purchasing supplies to treat those who are ill safely and with the masks and medications needed. Thank you for this assistance and your continued prayers.

*The Staff of Good Shepherd Hospital Congo  
Andy Mayo, President and CEO,  
Medical Benevolence Foundation*



# Malawi

Located in southeast Africa, Malawi ranks among the world's most densely populated and least developed countries. Some of the most pressing challenges that Malawi faces are poverty, poor education, a 10.6% HIV/AIDS rate, and a massive rate of unemployment. Ninety percent of the population lives on less than \$2 a day.

Thank you!

## Embangweni Hospital Malawi – Medical Benevolence Foundation \$5,000



Embangweni Hospital serves a population of 100,000 people from more than 250 villages in a 35-mile radius in Northern Malawi. Malawi, with a population of 10 million people, is one of the world's poorest countries. Traveling to Embangweni can be difficult, especially during the rainy months from November to April. Most of Embangweni's patients are subsistence farmers, living in small villages with extended, very poor families. During the pandemic, MBF secured a 40-foot ocean container of pharmaceutical products including antibiotics and antifungals valued at more than \$70,000 to use in Malawi. Additionally, we air-freighted material for masks and purchased hepafabric to be used in the construction of the masks. This will be made into more than 2,500 masks. We would not have been able to equip our hospital without the support of donors such as FPC Moorestown. Your long-time support and prayers are very much appreciated by our staff and those we serve in Malawi.

*Sincerely,  
Pat Coughlin, Vice President of Partner Engagement,  
Medical Benevolence Foundation*





## Seeds of Promise Ministry in Malawi

\$5,000



Dear Brethren of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ our savior. I hope this email finds you well. I am fine.

I am the managing director of Seeds of Promise and leading Threads of Promise missional entrepreneurship programs. On behalf of our ministry, we would like to thank you for your prayers and financial support you have sent to us through UPI. This is a timely gift which is going to provide a great relief to our kids, youth, and staff in the ministry by serving them with food and other basic needs as we fight against COVID-19. Thank you for creating a smile in our kids, youth and staff in this difficult season.

Apart from food and other basic needs that our people are lacking, we are also having political instability which is causing a lot of violence as people are campaigning to elect a president after the results of the May 2019 election were nullified. We hope to hold a fresh presidential election in July. Political instability is also another challenge disturbing the fight against COVID-19 in Malawi. Please pray for peace, justice and love in our country.

Thank you for partnering with us in God's work.

*Stay blessed,*

*Luwani (Sweet Lu) Ghambi, Program Manager*



## Rise Malawi

\$5,000



Dear Friends at FPC Moorestown,

I'm so encouraged by your support for our work and your ongoing consideration for the needs of children and youth in Malawi. It will come as no surprise that COVID-19 has affected how we do our work. We know that it has had an impact on all of you and pray that you are staying safe and well. I wanted to let you know what things look like for us right now.

From the beginning, we knew how vulnerable our children and their families would be to this pandemic. In the village setting where many homes are close together, where daily livelihood depends on community, and where



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many families live off of the wages made on any given day, physical distancing is difficult, if not impossible. Being on lockdown without food is a life-threatening situation for many of our children, which may sound dramatic, but it is our reality. The children and youth who are already at risk are even more vulnerable during this COVID-19 pandemic.

There is one set of brothers on my mind often, Innocent, 18 years, and his younger brother Madalitso, 16 years. Their father passed away 10 years ago. Their mother was frequently ill and without a means of income. She moved back to her home village two years ago, some 160 miles from our campus. Both brothers are now in 11th grade. The high school sponsorship support from Rise Malawi helps them to stay at our boarding school. They are managing under this lockdown in a rented home, taking care of each other ... thanks to the food and housing support RiseMalawi is providing for them.

In efforts to do our best to protect our children, we made the decision in mid-March to close our schools and programs. The government officially declared 21 days of lockdown starting April 25th, but our commitment to the communities we serve is not on lockdown. Instead, our dedication has grown and shifted. We have adopted the role of civic educators to our community and beyond. And we are providing necessary goods to children and families in according to the measure God has entrusted us.

We are committed to serving our beneficiaries and reaching further into the village during this COVID-19 crisis, but we cannot do this alone.

God is in control ... we are passing the same message to our sorrowful community.

Thank you for your support and prayers.

... and stay safe

*Za Chijere, Executive Director*



## What we are doing:

- We are continuing to house and care for five girls on our campus
- Training youth on the protective measures
- Training kids from the community to sew their reusable face masks
- Training our support staff and their families on COVID-19 protective measures
- Donated 60 homemade face masks, hand washing soap, and washing utensils at our local hospital
- Exploring e-Learning for our high school students. Using WhatsApp, we can be sending out lessons every day and to be accessed on their phones. However most families have no smartphones.
- Donating 300 notebooks and laundry soap to elementary children to continue doing school from home during this period
- We are planning to supply food to the poor of the poorest families around Madisi area.

# Haiti



Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and it is also the third-largest country in the Caribbean.

Unfair labor practices are prevalent in the country, and the majority of people are jobless. Poor road conditions have had disastrous effects on farmers who face serious problems in taking their goods to markets and towns. In Haiti, only 60.7% of its population can read and write. Sanitation and water supply are two major challenges for Haitians. Pollution from human and other waste is prevalent in most of the Haitian rivers. Diseases including typhoid and hookworm are common in the region. One in 50 people in Haiti is affected with HIV/AIDS. Haitian children are prone to deaths, as more than 10% of them die before reaching the age of five. Half of its children are unvaccinated. Only 40% of its population has access to basic health care. It is also the most densely populated country in the Western Hemisphere, with 747 people per square mile. The average per capita income in Haiti is very low. It is \$480 a year with 80% of nationals living below the poverty line.

Source: thefactfile.org

## Hope Alive Clinic

**\$10,000**

*In Haiti, Hope Alive Clinic works with malnourished babies. We have been working with them for the past three years. They sent the following:*



Wow. Thank you! Jolene called me this morning to share how First Pres. blessed HAC with a special offering of \$10,000 for COVID relief! This is such a huge blessing. Obviously, Haiti is very fragile. This virus could be devastating for their country already in such despair. We are so grateful you have enabled us to provide the help for the Haitian people that they need and deserve during this pandemic. God bless you.

*Rev. Frank Jacobson, Founder*







Dear First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown,

I write this letter sending greetings from Pastor Leon and the team in Haiti. Although the pandemic was slower to reach Haiti, political unrest crippled the country. We are so encouraged by the photos showing food and clean water distribution taking place at our churches. It is through your generous donation that we have been able to make this happen.

We ask for prayers that this support of our church and community members can continue through these challenging times. Pastor Leon and Pastor Jean Charles were able to coordinate this food pick-up for church members at Repatriote. We ask for continued prayers and support for our ministries, our staff, and the neighborhoods we serve during these uncertain times.

Nadege writes, "We're so quick to forget that prayer is one of the most powerful forms of healing. As we've learned from the pandemic so far, our lives are never as stable as we believe them to be. The lesson here is it's best to be as prepared for anything as we can be and from there, just roll with the punches. Life can change in an instant. Last month, the girls and I prepared bags with rice along with beans and oil and distributed them to all the parents with students at the elementary school level. We hope to do this again in May. Life was already hard enough in Haiti especially for the people who live in the community that we serve and with COVID-19, things have made it even harder now. But I trust with the help of Jesus Christ our Lord, we can overcome anything. Let's keep each other in prayers for peace of mind, protection from the virus and insecurity, and for food for those in desperate need. May God be with us ALL."

Thank you for being a faithful partner to HOM.

Sincerely,

Gary Fulton, Executive Director, Haiti Outreach Ministries



## FPC Moorestown

### *Our Vision*

We aspire to be beacons of God's love and truth, growing together in faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.



## The Medical Benevolence Foundation Haiti Hospital in St. Croix

\$10,000

*Hôpital Sainte Croix (HSC) is located in Léogâne, 20 miles west of Port-au-Prince. Started as a small outpatient clinic in 1968, the hospital grew to be the regional medical center serving the peninsula of Haiti.*



Dear Mission Committee of FPC Moorestown,

Thank you so much for your generosity on behalf of the medical professionals, patients and families at Hospital St. Croix. This has been a particularly difficult year in Haiti. Your faithfulness and love are a great blessing to those who need it most.

Amid the political tension and the havoc, protestors are adding to the rising numbers of COVID cases in Haiti. Hôpital Ste. Croix is proactively taking preventative measures against the virus. Having formed a COVID Committee, they established essential protocols that will be used across the board with COVID patients. This includes everything from reporting and notation, to designating specific rooms for outpatients who show signs of the virus. The committee also determined it would be difficult to test any infected staff member before they returned to work due to a lack of test kits in the country and thus limited testing availability. Instead they have set the standard that any staff would need to be free of all COVID symptoms for 14 days before returning to work. There is still much to do but the committee is making notable progress.

We shipped a container of pharmaceuticals and supplies in an ocean container. These included antibiotics, anti-inflammatory medication and asthma medication valued at \$675,000. Additionally, we were able to purchase 150 boxes of gloves, 200 boxes of gauze, and 118 sterile hospital gowns. This was delivered at the end of April.

We are truly blessed to have you as a partner and thank you for donation to assist in these efforts. FPC Moorestown is truly a blessing to those we serve in Haiti.

*Andy Mayo, President and CEO, Medical Benevolence Foundation*



### FPC Moorestown

*Our Mission is to:*

Worship God faithfully

Connect Spiritually

Serve Christ locally and globally

# Honduras

Honduras is a land of wild beauty. It's rich with abundant wildlife and spectacular scenery. It also faces extreme poverty. In fact, 63% of Hondurans live in poverty, threatened by violence and made ill by contaminated water. Honduras' poverty and inequality lead to high rates of crime and violence. Many child development centers are located in neighborhoods marred by organized crime and gangs.

Source: Compassion International

Gracias

## Urban Promise Honduras

\$5,000



I spoke with our director of UrbanPromise Honduras, Londin Velasquez, and with tears in his eyes he updated me on the situation in Copán Ruinas. While the direct COVID-19 health impact in Copán has been almost non-existent, the economic and emotional toll of a strict four-month quarantine is devastating.

Our staff estimates that around 80 percent of families we serve have lost their jobs. They cover expenses on a month-to-month basis, which means they depend on their current salary to cover immediate expenses. Families have been without work now for four months and projections are not improving.

Our staff carries food distributions to houses, and families welcome the gift with open arms. The excitement and energy from the first deliveries has evolved into a tender exchange of gratitude as a certain heaviness hangs in the air. Our staff has stepped into a role that at times feels more pastoral as they not only minister to children but now also connect with parents stressed and scared about the unknown.

We just did another distribution this week and made the local news. Food, school supplies and ... baby chickens. A little something extra to teach responsibility with the kids and eventually provide eggs for the family. Our staff is 5 star!! Such a privilege to serve with them. Our team continues to roll out a creative package of support that has included everything from food distribution, to virtual camps, TV programs, and entrepreneurial seed capital.

Your donation has gone a long way to make these relief efforts possible and we are blessed to have you as a partner.

*Blair Quinius, Founder and CEO*



# Mexico

# Gracias

Mexico, officially the United Mexican States, is a country in the southern portion of North America. It is bordered to the north by the United States; to the south and west by the Pacific Ocean; to the southeast by Guatemala, Belize, and the Caribbean Sea; and to the east by the Gulf of Mexico. The country covers 761,610 sq. mi. and has approximately 128,649,565 inhabitants, making it the world's 13th-largest country by area, 10th-most populous country, and most populous Spanish-speaking nation. It is a federation comprising 31 states and Mexico City, its capital city and largest metropolis.

Source: Wikipedia

## Urban Mosaic

\$25,000



On behalf of the whole UM team, thank you so much for your generous support that has allowed us to continue ministering in this difficult time. It's crazy to think about how all our programs have pivoted to respond to COVID in the last few months, but the impact has been more than we expected. Please keep us in your prayers – Mexico is now #3 in the world in deaths related to COVID so the situation is still very dire, but we're not without hope.

*Sending much gratitude and warm greetings from MX!*  
*Emily Tamanaha, Executive Director, Urban Mosaic U.S.*

- A** Transforming fragile cities into communities of SHALOM is a holistic process. During the crisis caused by COVID-19, seeking SHALOM includes food security projects like home vegetable gardens and rabbits.
- B** As a part of our Food Security project, the team is training families on how to raise and breed rabbits. The Food Security project will last at least six months, providing time and space for neighbors to get to know each other, strengthening social cohesion building trust and SHALOM while also helping provide food security.
- C** So far we have installed 101 hand-washing stations in the communities where we work. While these stations meet the very tangible need of providing access to hand-washing water, their impact extends far beyond that. Many of the hand-washing stations have become urban reference points; for example: "Turn left at the butcher shop and meet me by the field." And now the hand-washing stations have been incorporated, too; for example: "Go up the hill and turn right on the street where you see the hand-washing station on the corner."

Knowing how to explain where things are is an important part of strengthening the social fabric of a community, and we are excited to see the hand-washing stations strengthening civil society in more ways than one.





## Antioch Partners Donald and Martha Weymeyer

\$2,000

It is wonderful you are able to support us with the COVID funds. We have a meals program at our local church to help folks who are out of work because of the COVID shutdown. The program is on Saturdays to help kids who do not get their school lunch but with COVID it was expanded. We usually help 20 to 25 families a week with a week's supply of staples. Your support is a blessing and is greatly appreciated.

*Donald and Martha Weymeyer,  
Missionaries*



## India

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India (Hindi: Bhārat), officially the Republic of India (Hindi: Bhārat Gaṇarājya), is a country in South Asia. It is the second-most populous country, the seventh-largest country by land area, and the most populous democracy in the world. Bounded by the Indian Ocean on the south, the Arabian Sea on the southwest, and the Bay of Bengal on the southeast, it shares land borders with Pakistan to the west; China, Nepal, and Bhutan to the north; and Bangladesh and Myanmar to the east.

Source: Wikipedia



## Society for Nutrition, Education & Health Action (SNEHA)

\$5,000



We are now in the eye of the pandemic. As a country, India has not seen this kind of trauma since the painful cross-migration during partition in 1947. We see families being thrown out by landlords because they cannot pay rent, employers firing their workers, and domestic workers being treated as untouchables by the same people who previously depended on them for housework and childcare. Teachers in private schools have lost their jobs and contract teachers in government schools are afraid of being thrown out. Many have not been paid for several months.

Children of all social groups and classes are bombarded with messages about the danger of the Coronavirus and how they should remain indoors even as they witnessed thousands of families walking home in the hot summer sun, crowded trains and buses, and the most heart wrenching of all – Hunger and Hopelessness. Children are traumatized and confused and not able to



understand what is happening around them. Online teaching without apps like Zoom, Google-Meet, etc. are a massive challenge for teachers who can only resort to teaching through whatsapp.

Never before has this community been so severely affected as it has been during this pandemic. Despite government orders to not remove people from jobs, most of the domestic maids have been removed from their jobs and have little help from the men in the family. It's almost as if life has come to a standstill for them. They now look to survive another day. During the course of the month, Society for Nutrition, Education & Health Action (SNEHA) continued to provide food and handmade masks to families in the community. Our online education for students from Lower Kindergarten to 12th Grade continued successfully through the month.

Despite the evident challenges, more than 75% of students were able to take part in the online classes. It has once again been a difficult monsoon season at SNEHA. Two years ago we had a calamity in the premises which was so disheartening and discouraging. It was through your constant prayers, emails and support that we got through that difficult period and were able to rebuild and reconstruct the boundary wall, making it stronger, higher and sturdier than ever. It protected SNEHA from overflowing canal running adjacent to the school. Unfortunately, in mid-August, the overflowing water in the canal broke through a wall supporting the gates leading into SNEHA and caused some damage again.

A difficult 2020 only got harder but maybe there's a lesson in this for us and we need to rebuild the other walls similar in structure and depth as the one we built two years ago. We also know that the damage could have been far worse but the Lord has definitely protected us from a greater calamity. We are hoping that we will have adequate resources post the monsoon season to reconstruct our walls. Even if the walls around us crumble, we must remain steadfast in faith. We thank you for your support as it has made all of these things possible.

We ask that you pray for us and India during these challenging times as we do for you. We thank you so much for your support during this period of uncertainty. Your support has allowed us to continue operating, educating our children, and feeding the people.

*God's blessings to all in Moorestown.  
Reeta Rao, Founder*

## Glad Tidings India

**\$5,000**



India now has the third highest number of COVID cases in the world with more than 769,000 confirmed cases, although the number of active cases is 271,348. Deaths in India attributed to COVID number 21,144.

Some states in India are affected worse than others. Our partner is headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Chennai has repeatedly reported more than 2,000 cases a day and Tamil Nadu will be restricting mobility through the end of October. Through local ministry partners, our partner has been providing aid to impoverished families in villages in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh where literacy classes have previously been held. COVID Relief Kits including rice, cooking oil, dahl, and sanitation supplies provide three weeks of food for a family of four. You have helped share the love of God in a practical way by providing kits to many families. Your support was really needed in order to keep our staff employed and abating hunger in our communities.

Thank you for your partnership and support of the people in India.

*Blessings to you,  
Rev. Bill Taite, President*



# Greece

Greece is the major gateway of undocumented migrants and asylum seekers from Africa and Asia. In 2017, an estimated 100,000 to 200,000 unauthorized immigrants lived in Greece. That number has increased fivefold to date. More than 25,000 asylum seekers live in camps on the five Aegean islands that were originally built to handle just 6,095 people.

Source: The Guardian



PCUSA-Katerini

\$3,000



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
**Presbyterian Mission**

We are extremely grateful to you and First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown for your donation for COVID relief in Katerini. Our immigrant population living in the camps near us has been hit hard by the pandemic. Quarantine has made working to support families impossible and illness has spread throughout the camps. I work as a translator in the hospital for Arab speaking immigrants. Most do not have funds to pay for treatment or medication and are often turned away. Your donation has allowed us to expand our food donations and assist the sick. It truly has been a blessing at a time when it was needed. May God continue to work in your hearts and know that we pray for you daily.

*Yours in the Lord,*  
*Nadia Ayoub, PCUSA Missionary to Greece*

## FPC Moorestown

### *This is Why*

We follow the Great Commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and all your mind ... [and] you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

*Matthew 22:37,39 NRSV*

# Local Mission Outreach

## Thank you

\$6,000



Friends at FPC Moorestown,

We were humbled to receive your gift for COVID-19 relief efforts. It allowed us to expand our efforts in the city of Philadelphia to feed the homeless. The need is greater than ever and many of the resources available to the homeless were shut down during this time. We went from one day a week to three handing out lunches in Logan Circle. By expanding our feeding efforts, we received national attention from an organization called World Kitchen that contacted us and now donates 300 hot meals a week to us from a local restaurant. Without your donations, we may not have received this attention which has allowed us to continue to serve the homeless three days a week. God Bless you all for the wonderful work you do!

*Jim Mather, Founder*

## Christian Caring Center

\$27,000



Christian Caring Center

Dear Mission Committee of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown,

Thank you for your generous support of the Christian Caring Center. We so appreciate your helping us get a new roof and giving us funds for our COVID-19 relief efforts. We have been operating our food pantry in our parking lot two days a week. We have been receiving food from the SJ Food Bank as well as purchasing supplemental food. Each Client is now receiving a full week's worth of food. Our staff continues to work but our volunteer staff has not been able to work. We are seeing four times as many people than we did prior to the pandemic. The heat of this summer has left the homeless extremely vulnerable. Day shelters, libraries, and lunch programs are all closed to the homeless who regularly use these places of refuge to find relief from the weather. We continue to bring lunches to the woods and to the hotels three days a week. Our requests for housing assistance are five times as high as they previously were. We continue to support our clients with case management without stopping. We have re-equipped our offices utilizing the COVID-19 guidelines in order to create a safe environment for our clients and staff.

We know that God is working in us each and every day. With your support, we have been able to carry on our program and share the love of Jesus Christ to the most vulnerable people in our community.

*May God Bless you,*

*Madelyn Sutton, President, Christian Caring Center*



## Food Bank of South Jersey

\$8,000



We cannot thank you enough! Because of your support, the Food Bank of South Jersey distributed record high volumes of food throughout Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Salem Counties. With a focus on low-to-no contact food distributions, including emergency food box drive-up food distributions at approximately 60 regional locations, we fed more than 90,000 people.

In the first 90 days of our response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Food Bank of South Jersey remained in operation continuously, expanding and strengthening our capacity to feeding food-insecure South Jersey residents impacted by COVID-19 by:

- distributing more than five million pounds of food
- distributing more than 22,000 emergency food boxes
- feeding approximately 90,000 people

During this time of continued COVID-19 response, the Food Bank of South Jersey recognizes every donation made to strengthening its capacity to serve. With every donation, a child is fed. With each dollar contributed, those in our community struggling to fight hunger are realizing they are not alone – they belong to a community that will support them during times of trouble. This community is the community of South Jersey – a community of boundless kindness and limitless hope. A community the Food Bank of South Jersey is grateful to serve, and proud to call home.

Thank you for your support. *Our work continues...*

*Fred C. Wasiak, President & CEO, Food Bank of South Jersey*



## Moorestown Ministerium Food Pantry

\$5,000



The ministerium represents churches working together to support our community. A food pantry is operated twice a month at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Funds provided allowed the pantry to expand and operate once a week during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Options for Women

\$5,000



Options for Women is a Christian non-profit ministry that serves pregnant women and their families at no cost. Options is committed to promoting the dignity of human life through the delivery of free medical and counseling services, and education for women and men to make fully informed reproductive health decisions. Funds from FPC Moorestown allowed Options to assist clients with grocery store cards to purchase food and prescriptions.





Thank you for your donation to our COVID-19 relief fund. With your donation we were able to support a family who was homeless, assisting them with rent and groceries. Our wrap-around services have allowed us to provide social service assistance in order to get them back on their feet.

*God bless you all!*

## Urban Promise Camden Forward Schools

\$5,000



To Our Friends at FPC Moorestown,

Your gift for COVID relief has supported UrbanPromise so we are #HeretoStay for the children, youth, families, and community members of Camden.

- In June we graduated our senior class and our 8th grade class. Many of our graduates are headed off to college or vocational programming. The 8th grade students are attending their new high schools that include UrbanPromise Academy, Camden Catholic, Technical Schools, Camden's Medical Arts School, and others.
- Throughout COVID our Food Co-op has been a vital relief for our families, staff, and the East Camden community.
- The StreetLeader program engaged Camden area teens this summer in small safe groups. They provided the content for our Summer Virtual Camp. In addition, they were poured into by our camp directors. Each group rotated through service projects like donating to the homeless, having experiential learning experiences, and participating in enrichment activities like cooking class with Chef Aaron McCargo. Our StreetLeaders usually spend an exhausting summer as our camp counselors and role models followed by an afternoon of enrichment classes. This year, they spent a summer filled with experiences focused on them! The growth that comes from positive interaction with caring adults and the deep relationships that form leads to transformation. The teens spent time in small groups allowing for deep discussions and interaction to take place. They were kept safe and focused on the good in life. Our teens were the hands and feet of Christ in service. And they continued their camp counseling and being a role model through their creation of virtual camp content.

*We sincerely thank you!*

*Jennifer Giordano, Director of Advancement*



- A** StreetLeaders from Camp Joy made care packages for people who are currently homeless. They headed to downtown Camden and gave out 50 backpacks filled with essential hygienic items to help keep people stay safe from COVID.
- B** Camp Freedom StreetLeaders went on the water for their experiential learning activity.
- C** We love our community! We get to do life with some amazing people! Our RiverGuides made tacos using fresh ingredients from our garden. Thank you Chef Aaron McCargo for putting this together for our students. Hope said her meatless tacos were fire! Our students loved cooking and mixing flavors with the master himself. Show him some love and go get some of his special sauce at [aaronmccargo.com](http://aaronmccargo.com)!
- D** Our Wellness Director, Sio Wedderburn, put on a mask and gloves to set up the food co-op for our families.

## Seeds of Hope

\$5,000



Dear Friends,

We thank you for the gift from First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown designated for COVID relief. We were able to use the funds for our weekly outreaches to those on the street here in Camden through our Saturday travelling breakfasts, our Sunday Street Outreaches, and our ministry/outreach to the ladies on Broadway.

Because of your generosity, we have been able to serve between 400 and 500 people each week. Thank you for partnering with us in being the hands and feet of Jesus and advancing the glorious, unstoppable Gospel here in the city.

*Thank you!*

*Bill Antinore, Executive Director*



## The Philadelphia Project

\$7,000



The Philadelphia Project works with vulnerable communities in Philadelphia providing a Christian school, after school programs, food pantry, and a home repair service. During the pandemic we have expanded our food pantry, making home deliveries to our clients. We are still doing home repairs for those who are unable to afford them. Our switching focus to virtual meetings and schools has come at a great expense to us and our ministry.

We appreciate your help with COVID relief. Without partners such as you, we would not be able to support these programs. We are truly blessed by you.

*Ray Garcia, Pastor*

## Catholic Charities of Burlington County

\$5,000



Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton, provides essential services to more than 100,000 New Jersey residents every year. For over 100 years, Catholic Charities has been the trusted resource for services including meeting basic needs with food, clothing and shelter, as well as specialized treatments for addiction and mental illness, and domestic violence programs to help end violence in homes. We offer programs in Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties so that help is convenient and available to those who need it most. Our programs are designed to help people and families achieve self-sufficiency and end the cycle of dependence. We strive to improve individuals' lives and to strengthen communities.

# A Message from Our Trustees

Joan Van Camp was a devoted and loving member of our Church for many years. She was active in many activities in the life of the Church and her impact on FPC Moorestown will extend far beyond her time with us. Upon her passing she bequeathed to her beloved Church a gift that goes far beyond generosity. Joan's extraordinary gift to FPC Moorestown came with no stipulations, not even requesting a form of remembrance. The crucial impact of her gift leading up to a very tumultuous time in the life of our Church and communities, the COVID-19 pandemic, has ultimately become a lifeline for FPC Moorestown and the missions we support.

A portion of her gift was used by our Mission Committee to help not only local people and charitable organizations in desperate need during these difficult times, but also to support missionaries and fellow Christians around the world.

Part of her bequest was used by our Church for greatly needed and long deferred building upgrades. We were able to upgrade and improve the safety of our parking lot, install much needed plumbing and electrical improvements, repair our leaking steeple and roofing system, and complete many small projects that over the course of time had been neglected due to other demanding priorities. Among the many blessings her gift has brought, her contributions have helped us make necessary structural and safety improvements to our Church in light of the risks of COVID-19 to help enable us to open our doors again for in-person, indoor services after 8 long months since inception of the pandemic.

In remembrance of Joan, and to memorialize her gift, we turned a long-underused porch into a beautiful outdoor meeting space. This porch project came at a very opportune time, during the pandemic when outside meetings are so important. The Church has designed and will install an appropriate plaque recognizing her gift and legacy. We will forever name this space, the **Joan Van Camp Gathering Porch**, a small but lasting tribute to the long-lasting impact the Van Camp family has had on FPC Moorestown.

As a congregation we are unable to sufficiently express our gratitude to the Van Camp family. We hope and pray that in recognizing Joan in this fashion generations to come will recognize the importance of Joan to our Church family, both for the person she was while with us and for her generosity enabling our Church family and ministry to carry on.

*For the Board of Trustees,  
Jeff Legath, President*

# A Message from Director of Outreach

Dear Friends,

I am honored to work with you here at FPC Moorestown. We are a mission-driven church and provide much-needed services and funds to people locally and around the world. How is this possible? Because of you and your thoughtful generosity and commitment.

We adhere to this focus:

## **Mission Focus**

1. **10/40 Window of the World** (10 degrees north to 40 degrees north of the equator in the Eastern Hemisphere. Home of the least evangelized people of in the world)
2. **Education/Literacy** historical Presbyterian thrust
3. **Children at Risk** Denomination focus
4. **Health and Medical** with a focus on HIV/Aids and the impact on societies throughout the world

FPC Moorestown has an active Mission Committee that works to provide opportunities for members and friends of all ages to learn, care, serve, and provide resources as you are able throughout the year. We welcome your participation. We continually open our arms and hearts, and invite you to get involved and join us.

Please contact me at 267.275.7582 to learn how your interests, skill sets, and gifts will be graciously welcomed.

*Sincerely,  
Linda Jagiela, Director of Outreach*





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