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Church has left the Building is coming October 24th

We will be leaving the building again this year! We are excited to have a “HIGH FIVE for Local Heroes” with our local first responders. Our sign ups and projects are now ready for Church Has Left the Building. Log on to <https://www.fpcmoorestown.org/ministries/missions/the-church-has-left-the-building/> and follow the links to sign up. Read more about some exciting additions in this issue of Missions Connections.



We helped buy a house!

How \$1500 stopped a liquor store from going next to Love Driven Ministries Malawi

“Can you help us buy a house?” the message from Love Driven Ministries founder, Ishmael Adam, read. “The owner of the house next to our ministry is going to sell it to someone who wants to open a liquor store. We can’t let this happen. We have raised \$300.”

Ishmael explained that the house would cost \$1,800 American dollars to purchase. In Malawi, anyone can buy liquor from the liquor stores. There is no minimal age for purchase. This means that children can become addicted at a young age. Ishmael explained that the house is adjacent to the building they had purchased the previous week. “This would allow us to expand our work space and have meeting space with a community library,” he explained. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire team of LoveDriven Ministries, I would like to thank you and the entire congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown for the continuous support toward the work we do in Malawi.

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“Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated. In a special way, I would like to thank the church leadership, the Mission Committee and the entire members of the congregation for donating \$1,500 that we used to purchase the building next to our property that was intended to be used as a liquor store. I have no words to describe how excited I am to see that building being turned

into a safe space for the kids and youth in the community.” Love Driven Ministries exists to empower and provide opportunities to the children living in Juma village, one of the most isolated and poverty-stricken villages in Salima, Malawi. Their mission can be achieved by investing in children, inspiring them to be active leaders in the community, and preparing them to give back to the community. (See photo at top of page)

Medical Benevolence Foundation Medical Team on the ground in Haiti

Haitians are slowly putting their lives back together in the aftermath of the August 14th earthquake. Many people in rural communities still have not had their injuries properly cared for, so doctors,



nurses, and nursing students from MBF partner, Hôpital Ste Croix (HSC), continue to provide mobile clinics to reach them.

To get to some areas, the HSC team must travel treacherous roads. In some cases, there are no roads at all.

Praises to God that the team members have supplies to continue the needed work of serving the communities. Haitians taking care of Haitians is evidence of the sustainable model of medical ministry that MBF partners

have been building for years. The team will continue mobile clinics few several more weeks. Pray with us that the roads would be passable, the team will be protected, and that God will be glorified through their response.



FPCM's contribution of \$2000 will help replenish the medical supplies needed to continue this important work, purchase fuel for transporting patients and to provide free medical care for anyone injured during the earthquake or its aftermath. "Thank you so much for your commitment to HSC for the earthquake response. We are so thankful for your continued faithfulness!" sends V.P. of Partner Engagement, Patrick Coughlin.



Welcome baby!

Love Driven Ministries has a new member. Please welcome Kayden Bruce Adam. Big sister, Kimberly (now three years old), is proud to show you her new baby brother. Ishmael, Thoko and Kimberly returned to Malawi in June of 2020 after Ishmael received his Master's degree in organizational development from Eastern University through the Urban Promise International Felllows program.

Uganda update >>>

Pandemic Lock Downs create Food Insecurity

On June 19th, Uganda reimposed a 42-day lockdown due to the Coronavirus infections surge. In remote villages where there are many day workers who earn only enough each day to put food on their tables, this has created many starving families.

With the assistance of FPCM, Urban Promise International ministry, YAMBA Care, provided food packages to their community. Founder Keneth Ndyamuhaki writes, "The first group of caregivers of Highly Vulnerable Children (HVC) received relief food supplies to help with the situation after 42 days of lockdown in Uganda. Thank you, thank you, thank you for blessing our ministry when the need has been so great!"



Church has Left the Building: **NEW** High Five for Heros

Moorestown police, fire fighters and EMT's will join us on Sunday, October 24th for Church has Left the Building. They will be in the FPCM parking lot from 1-3 pm.



The Moorestown police will have a shredding truck on site for free document shredding for all community members. They will also be checking car seats for anyone who wants to ensure that the seats are put in safely. Please spread the word.

We will celebrate our home town heros at the Church has Left the Building event with a High-Five for Heroes.

While dropping off your completed projects at the parade, bring along a poster, card or anything to celebrate the great work being done by our local heroes. Park your car and go give them a high-five, fist bump or hug! Let them know how much they are appreciated.

Leading up to Church has left the building, we will be collecting \$5 Wawa gift cards to give to our heroes. Please drop them off at the church office, in the collection box on Sunday or mail them to the church. If you don't wish to purchase them, you can also donate by writing "High-Five for Heroes" in the note section of your check.

PRAY WITH US

Join us in a 12-hour prayer vigil on October 16th where we will be praying for Consecration Sunday on October 17th and Church Has Left the Building on October 24th. Please sign up for a 30-minute time of prayer between 6 am and 6 pm. A prayer guide will be mailed to you once you sign up. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b45a5ad2ea2fa7-24hour>.

Church has Left the Building >>>

Q: How can I help with supplies?

A: Amazon registry for Church Has Left the Building.

We have set up a Custom Gift List on Amazon. Go to the registry and select Custom Gift List and enter **FPCM 2021 Church has Left the Building** to see all of the items we need to make the kits for this event. They will ship directly to the church. Time is of the essence as we need to get everything by mid October. Please consider purchasing some of the items needed!



Options for Women's new mobile unit is coming to FPCM

On October 31st after both services, the Options for Women mobile unit, HOPE, will be available in the parking lot to tour. This mobile pregnancy clinic will go directly to those in need. Save the date!

Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes are now available

Get your shoe box now and return it on October 24th with your projects for Church has Left the Building. Our goal is 100 boxes returned this year. We will continue collecting shoe boxes through November 15th for those who cannot return them sooner.

Interior Courtyard Redo

We will be renovating the interior courtyard of FPCM by the offices. Our goal is to make this space useful for staff lunches, small meetings or just a place to sit outdoors for staff and congregants alike. Please consider joining this team for Church Has Left the Building.

final thoughts...

The Mission Committee of FPCM is blessed to have dedicated members who lead our missions efforts. The committee welcomes new members and invites anyone with a heart for missions to join our committee.

Events part of CHLTB

Seeds of Hope Run for Life October 23rd Camden Waterfront

RUN FOR A LIFE

Hope for Those Affected by Addiction will be a 5K run or a 1 mile walk which begins and ends at Wiggins Park looping along the Delaware River past the Aquarium, near the BB&T, etc.

CALLING INDIVIDUALS, TEAMS, FAMILIES, PASTORAL TEAMS, SMALL GROUPS

More than just a run or walk, there will be opportunities to pray and be prayed for...our prayer/hope station will be there, resources for addiction help for loved ones, Grief Share and more. For more details & to sign up, please visit:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Camden/RunforaLife5K>

Urban Promise Harvest Carnival October 20th

Harvest Carnival –aka- Trunk or Treat will be held Wednesday, October 20th. Volunteer your car (come early, decorate your car and provide the candy for your vehicle).

You can also donate costumes, candy, juice boxes, snacks and trick or treat bags. You also can volunteer help set up, clean up, and run games. Contact missions@fpcmoorestown.org if you would like to participate.



Christian Caring Center Fall Food Drive and Stockings

FPCM will be collecting food through October 24th for the Christian Caring Center. Please consider donating non-perishable food to this drive by dropping them off on or under the food table in the Miller Commons Lobby. Christian Caring Center staff and clients will be on hand for Church has Left the Building to pick up sandwiches, hold over bags and the food.

NEW We will be making stockings for senior citizen clients of the center that include stuff from the Dollar store: reading glasses, word find books, lotions, candy and other things that would brighten the holidays!



THANK YOU FPCM!

The Christian Caring Center now has a New roof, siding and food storage unit as a result of FPCM's donation last year. This sign is on their front lawn.



Young Life welcomes new area director, John Roberts

John Roberts was born in Moorestown. He is one of six children. He spent his childhood in Alabama, middle school years in Japan, and high school in Singapore. He graduated from Grove City College in 2017 with a degree in Accounting and Finance. He is a CPA. Through his volunteer work with Young Life, he fell in love with the ministry! Join us in welcoming him to the community.

InterVarsity Welcomes Nadeem Kamel

Nadeem Kamel has joined the Intersarsity staff serving as the Campus Missionary for Rutgers Camden, which is a new plant for the ministry. She plans to add Camden County College as a second plant this year. She has four active small groups and a bible study currently at Rutgers and continues to expand her reach.

"The Lord has always tugged at my heart for missions," explains Nadeem. "Growing up in a Christian household, I had a deep admiration for missionaries and leaders who made Jesus known wherever they went. I'm so grateful to serve in a ministry spreading the Gospel to college students."

