



A Newsletter from the Mission Committee of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown

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MISSIONS CONNECTIONS

He Cares, We Care

Proverbs 19:17 (NIV) “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.”

Teaching children about the power of giving and instilling the joy of helping happened at Vacation Bible School. Our youth learned about the work of the Grace Boutique’s ministry to help our local neighbors. They were given a behind the scenes tour to see how their gifts make a difference. The kids responded. During the weeklong VBS, our youth donated much needed items to Grace Boutique. The kids placed their artwork on take-away bags to give a touch of tender loving care. Throughout the year, the Grace Boutique is an opportunity for families to show neighbors that we care.

A mission snack is a local helping opportunity that you or your group could do in a morning or afternoon.

Here are some mission snacks—opportunities for family and friends to show we care

1. Cathedral Kitchen Camden—Opportunities for Children Under 16—Our younger volunteers can serve in important ways by helping us prepare for our daily meal service. Projects can be completed at home, in school, or with a group. Decorate placemats or centerpieces to create a festive atmosphere in our dining room. Assemble utensil packets for “to-go” meals. Make and package sandwiches for our to-go meals.
2. Urban Promise Camden: October – Volunteers are needed for the annual Harvest Carnival and Trunk or Treat events.
3. Urban Promise: November – Volunteers are needed to help with packaging Thanksgiving meal bags in Food Co-Op, serving & cooking thanksgiving dinners for families.
4. Urban Promise: December – Volunteers needed to serve in Christmas Stores at Urban Promise Camden.
5. FPC Moorestown: Operation Christmas Child arrives on October 26th to FPC. Time to pack a shoe box!
6. Create your own mission snack for something that moves your heart.

**“And let us consider how we may stimulate one another on toward love and good deeds.”
Hebrews 10:24 (NASB1995)**

Mission Trip to North Carolina



The FPC team went to New Bern, North Carolina to help with disaster recovery. The team completed work on three houses assigned to us. Kitchen put in, flooring installed, spackle, paint, junk moved, and a bathroom done.

Dave Hess was impressed by how the mission team members consistently looked for ways to serve.

Rich Wittmer got to speak with one homeowner, Etta, who said, “I am so thankful that you are here to help me and my family.” Rich is thankful that the team’s work makes her happy.

Mark Budka said, “I don’t have many building skills, but I can follow directions. When I am working on site, I think about doing a good job so when the homeowner walks into their renovated home they feel God’s hug.”

Jim Duggan said, “I think about finishing so I can help another person.”

Steve Engle, the team leader said, “I was encouraged by the positive spirit of our group and impressed about how we worked together as a team. Good work was accomplished and three homeowners moved into nicer homes.”

Miss Sandra has a shower in her home for the first time in years. Many teams moved the work forward since June of this year. The FPC team got to finish the work. We prayed and asked God’s blessing on her and her home. It is good to be God’s hands and feet. Thoughts and prayers with plans and actions make a difference.





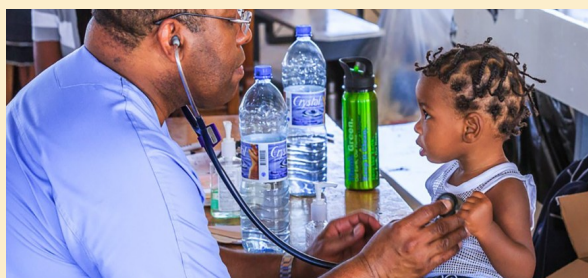
Question from Malawi: What does a home for girls, a home for boys, a clinic, a new high school starting, and 100 acre farm have in common?

Answer: FPC supported Urban Promise missionaries! God is working through the Urban Promise missionaries. They have the ability to make things happen. They give joy and hope to the children of Malawi.

In school, friends share their dreams to grow people and communities. Two Urban Promise missionaries plan to build a new Christian university in Malawi. There is a need because there is not enough spots for university students in the country. The Urban Promise Malawian High Schools are producing Christian leaders who have been transformed. They are agents of change in their community.



The Lonjezo University project is a game changer.



In Haiti, the MICECC clinic celebrated its 10th anniversary in August of this year.

The clinic continues to serve as the primary care provider for the community as other health care facilities and providers no longer provide care in the area.

- **Total medical patients seen: 6,463**
- **New medical patients: 2,026**
- **Vaccinations: 1,019 total number of vaccinations**
- **New dental patients: 1,017**

Partnership with the MASTAS program (Manman An Sante, Timoun An Sante)* is a community based program that utilizes small groups of women with an elected lead Mother who is trained in a variety of key health topics. These lead Mothers then pass these lessons on through the group to help promote healthy behaviors and prevent illness among mothers and families. As of March 2025, we have 26 lead Mothers, 26 care groups and 2,500 residents have been served. *Translation - Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies

Where in the world would you go?

Consider these possibilities for the coming year:

- A. Maybe you are inspired to go on a local disaster recovery trip.
- B. Or you like the idea of going to a different country to help out with kids. Like helping Luke and Kelly Maxted with kids in England.
- C. Or maybe you want to experience different food and work on your Spanish with kids at Urban Promise in Honduras.
- D. Or maybe you like to stay local with a building project in the Appalachian Mountains.
- E. Or maybe a week during the summer at Urban Promise Camden.

Let the missions committee know you are interested by telling us or sending us an email at: missions@fpcmoorestown.org



Changing lives with Haiti Outreach Ministries

When Patrick and Kathy McIlroy of FPC Moorestown first traveled to Haiti in 2014, they were deeply moved by the needs of the local children and felt called to make a lasting difference. That same year, they began sponsoring a three-year old boy through Haiti Outreach Ministries, a commitment that would span over a decade and impact more than one life. Reflecting on their experience, "It has been an honor and a pleasure. We heartily endorse this effort to educate the children of Haiti. Education is the best way to improve their life."

Stocking the Blessing Box

Drop any donation of a shelf-stable, non-perishable food item for the Blessing Box on the table in the Commons Lobby. ~ Thank you ~