

Covenant Community Missions

HIGHLIGHTING WAYS THAT OUR COVENANT
COMMUNITY REACHES OUT TO THE LARGER
COMMUNITY AROUND US

The Covenant Community Missions newsletter highlights ways our Covenant community reaches out to the larger community around us. This issue includes:

- Announcing our 2022 Trip to Faith Ministry, Reynosa
- Presbyterian Disaster Relief workday report
- Rise Against Hunger event pictures from October
- Preschool in the Valley donation
- Covenant Kids and Youth partner with Letter For Rose, People's Pantry and Safe Harbor
- 2021 Mission Allocations
- People's Pantry update
- Sneaker's for Soldier thank you picture
- Villages in Partnership update

CAMT Activities (Covenant Adult Mission Team)



Covenant's casa now with a roof -
November 2021

Announcing our 2022 Trip to Faith Ministry

Is this the year that God is calling you to participate in a visit to our Faith Ministry friends in Reynosa, Mexico? This is an incredible opportunity to share our love and our abundance with our Mexican friends. Minimal skills are necessary and building the casa is a small part of the impact a visit from us has. Even if lifting cement blocks isn't your strong point, you can have an impact by participating in this trip. As we partner with Faith Ministry, we recognized that mission trips are known to impact and deepen our personal spiritual journeys as well. Please join CAMT and Pastor Alex Becker **April 30 – May 7**. For more information or to sign up contact Barbara Rhinehart at brhinehart@gmail.com.

The casa that Barbara and Carol helped build during CAMT's September 2021 visit and that Covenant financed as part of our general 2021 giving now has a roof.

Pictures from the CAMT September 2021 trip can be found [here](#) and an interview with Barbara and Carol by Faith Ministry can be found [here](#).

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Covenant returned for the second time with a team to Eastwick, Philadelphia October 9th. Led by Sean Zelig they helped with the rebuilding of a home damaged during hurricane Isaias in August of 2020. Southeast PA Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster is partnering with many organizations including Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to recruit volunteers.

On November 6th three Covenant members joined forces with Central Presbyterian Church in Downingtown to help repair local homes that were damaged during Hurricane Ida. There is much work to be done and workdays in Downingtown will be continuing indefinitely on the first and third Saturdays of the month. You can sign up to work or provide lunch for the workers [here](#).



Rise Against Hunger – October 16

Thank you to everyone for a very successful event. Covenant volunteers packed 22,000 meals in two hours on Saturday, October 16th. The trailer of meals from the weekend is destined for Uganda, Africa. Enjoy these pictures from the event.



Community Outreach around Covenant

Preschool in the Valley, an outreach of Great Valley Presbyterian Church, lost supplies and their library during Hurricane IDA. Covenant was blessed to be able to share some of our supplies and books with them.

Covenant Children and Youth Outreach

Covenant Kids made pumpkins from toilet paper and donated them to the People's Pantry.

Both Covenant Kids and Covenant Youth created cards for Letters for Rose, an organization who shares cards with seniors in nursing and other residential facilities.

Covenant Youth (along with Trinity and St. John's churches) packed lunches for Safe Harbor in West Chester.



Donated books on their way to Preschool in the Valley



Letters for Rose

Covenant 2021 Mission Allocations

Covenant made donations of \$300 each to the following 22 nonprofit organizations in fall of 2021. The dollars for these donations came from our 2021 operating budget funds. Remember that this allocation is just one of many different ways Covenant provides funds or good to others.

- The ARC Chester County
- Central Presbyterian Church in Norristown
- Chester Co Food Bank
- Chester Co Migrant Ministries c/o PA Council of Churches
- Community Volunteers in Medicine
- Community Warehouse Project
- County Correction Gospel Mission
- Domestic Violence Center of Chester Co
- EduKenya
- Encuentro Church – Coatesville
- Friends of Presbyterian Education Board
- Good Works
- Habitat for Humanity of Chester Co
- Mom's House
- PA Home of the Sparrow
- Push the Rock
- Safe Harbor of Greater West Chester
- Sneakers for Soldiers
- Surrey Services
- Villages in Partnership
- Wings for Success
- Central Presbyterian Church in Downingtown – restricted to Downingtown Flood Relief Efforts

Updates on Covenant Connected Missions



The People's Pantry is collecting hams for Christmas. Pantry donations (including hams) may be dropped off at the church during office hours, Monday - Friday, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Press the call button so that someone can let you in. Donations may also be dropped off at The People's Pantry (384 Lancaster Ave.) on open pantry days.

In December, the pantry is open the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and Saturdays (Dec. 4, 15, and 18) from 8 - 11 a.m. Please do not drop off donations outside of pantry or church doors. The Pantry needs change every time clients shop. An updated list of current needs can be found on our website, www.churchroadpantry.org.

Thank you also to those who have adopted Christmas families and children. Gifts are due Monday, December 13 between 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. at the church. Drivers are needed on Saturday, December 18 at 9am to deliver gifts and food to families in Coatesville. Please let Dolly Hatton (hellodollyhatton@verizon.net) or the church office know if you are available to help with deliveries.



from the Hausladens
(Nov 2020 Minute for Mission)



villages in partnership

Villages In Partnership – Spreading Hope (from Eileen Gradwell)

Access to health care is one of the most essential ways of helping people escape extreme poverty! In Malawi there are just .03 physicians for every 1,000 people, a rate almost 100 times lower than in the United States.

Villages in Partnership (VIP) supports a variety of health care initiatives to ensure people have access to medical care:

- Conducts regular remote medical and dental clinics
- Makes visits to chronically ill patients
- Offers nutrition and maternal education courses to mothers
- Distributes preventative health materials to the community

VIP also recently held a groundbreaking ceremony ([video](#)) for a new medical, dental, and maternal health center in the most remote part of our impact area that has no access to health care at all. The health center will transform people's lives for years to come. It is providing HOPE where there was none and it is all because of the support of people like YOU! Thank you for all you do for our brothers and sisters in Malawi.

Our 2022 Medical and Dental Trips and Friendship Trips are now being planned. If you want to walk and work alongside our neighbors, please consider joining us on a trip:

2022 Trip Dates:

- Beekeeping Trip: February 18-27, 2022
- Medical Trip: March 11-20, 2022
- Friendship Trip: July 9-16, 2022
- Medical Trip: July 15-23, 2022
- Friendship Trip: July 30-Aug 6, 2022

Complete an interest form on www.villagesinpartnership.org or contact Eileen Gradwell at eileen.gradwell@gmail.com for more information.