

Covenant Community Missions

HIGHLIGHTING WAYS THAT OUR COVENANT
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Welcome to this next edition of our mission oriented Covenant communication. This newsletter highlights ways that our Covenant community reaches out to the larger community around us. This issue features Covenant's scholarship students in Reynosa, Mexico (with Barbara Rhinehart), Eric Brown Scholarship Fund application information, information on the Villages In Partnership Water Walk fundraiser, a Shredding Event fundraiser benefiting the People's Pantry and an update from Sneakers for Soldiers. We'd love to highlight what missions you are passionate about and how you participate in them. Please contact Milly Elrod at mtelrod@comcast.net to share your favorite mission.



Faith Ministry Scholarship Students sponsored by Covenant/CAMT

Our April minute for mission features our own Barbara Rhinehart (chair of CAMT – Covenant Adult Mission Team) who shares information about three students sponsored by CAMT and our Covenant budget. The students are vetted by the nonprofit Faith Ministry and they live in the Reynosa, Mexico area. We also support building a home yearly in Reynosa and sending a team to assist with that once a year when safe to do so. We have had two congregation members serve terms on the Faith Ministry Board of Directors.

Meet our sponsored students, Heidy Natasha Cruz 11 years old and in 6th grade, Aldo Alberto Delgadillo 13 years old in 8th grade and Jibram Emmanuel Cruz 9 years old and in 4th grade. Our support of Jibram is new as Judith, a former student we sponsored, graduated from high school in 2020. Covenant's sponsorship assists these children in attending school and covers costs such as uniforms, transportation and food, as determined by the child's parents. Encouragement is provided to the kids through letters and acknowledgement of birthdays and special holidays. Letters from Covenant have come from a variety of people including VBS and Sunday school children. When the CAMT workgroup is in Reynosa they are often able to visit with the children and offer in person encouragement and love. We receive letters from the children as well.



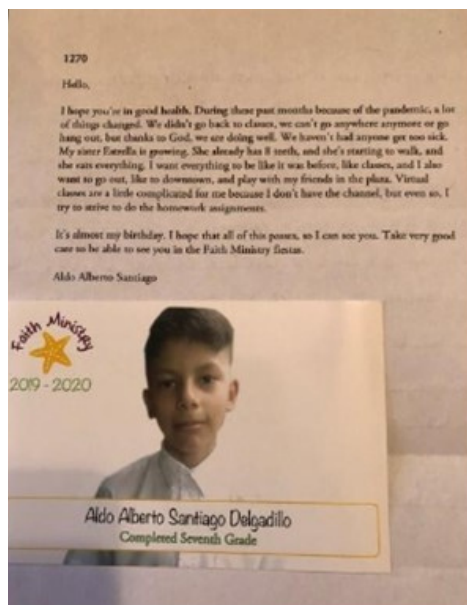
CAMT Pat with Heidy



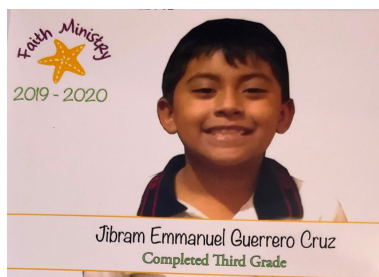
CAMT Barbara and Kay with
Aldo and his little sister



CAMT Carol, Nancy, Kay,
Monica and Barbara with
Judith holding backpack

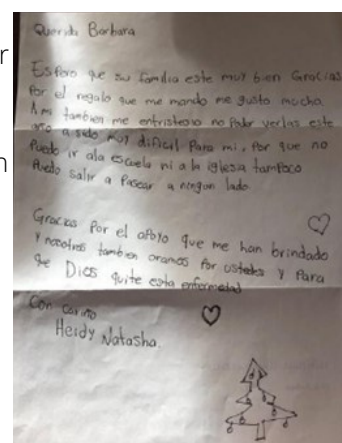


Recent letter from Aldo



More information about Faith Ministry can be found on their website FaithMinistry.org. Anyone wishing to individually sponsor a child through Faith Ministry can find information at FaithMinistry.org/get-involved/scholarship. Donations directed to CAMT for our sponsorships can be made via Covenant's website – choose CAMT as the fund.

Recent letter from Heidy thanking us for the support and talking about the hard year it has been without easy access to school and church.



Updates on Covenant Connected Missions



Eric Brown Music Scholarship Fund We are happy to report that we have capacity to fund one new music student. Anyone interested in more information is welcome to obtain an application by sending an email to office@covenantfrazer.org.



People's Pantry at Church Road There will be a paper shredding event run by the Great Valley Rotary Club on May 1st from 9-12 at the People's Pantry. A suggested donation of \$10 (in cash or venmo@GreatValleyRotary) will benefit the People's Pantry and two other nonprofits. There is a limit of 4 boxes per car. Let's clean out those old files and support the drive – paper shredding only. The Pantry will be open Monday, May 10 from 4 to 6 PM as well as Tuesdays, May 11 & 25 from 10 AM to Noon.

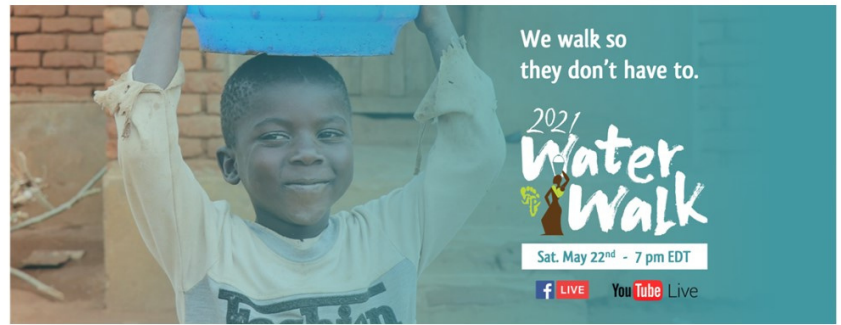
The most needed items are:

Oatmeal, Cereal, Spam, Canned Fruit, Cooking Oil, Sugar and Dry Pinto, Kidney and Black Beans.



Sneakers for Soldiers – from the Hausladens (Nov 2020 minute for mission).

We aren't jogging; we are sprinting past 5,000 pairs of sneakers sent! To date, 5453 men and women deployed to combat zones and imminent danger areas have received new sneakers. As one service member recently wrote: "I would like to thank you for the outstanding support from your organization. I've been in the Army since 2004, have deploying to war zones since 2004, and I can tell you this is the coolest, most useful thing I have received in a care package down range. What a great idea. The guys and I thank you very much." We thank the Covenant community for your support and showing our service members that you care.



Villages in Partnership – from Eileen Gradwell (June 2020 minute for mission)

Villages in Partnership's annual Water Walk is designed to raise awareness and funds for access to safe water for our brothers and sisters in Malawi, Africa. 100% of all funds raised through the Water Walk go directly to the villages for life-changing, sustainable development projects that help alleviate daily challenges of survival.

Villages in Partnership (VIP) is a development organization that works in the rural villages of Sakata, Malawi, partnering with 26 villages and impacting over 21,000 lives. Malawi is one of the poorest countries on earth, with over half the population living on less than \$2 dollars a day.

As a VIP Board member and frequent visitor to Malawi I have seen first hand both the personal struggles of the villagers as well as the important work that our development team is doing to bring access to clean water, health care, education and food security. The impact you can bring is significant. So please consider joining me in this Virtual Water Walk to learn and hear more about our brothers and sisters in Malawi.

When: The Livestream event will be on Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 7–8:30 PM (EDT). The virtual event will feature updates from Malawi, stories of individuals whose lives have been changed, inspiring music, and more!

Where: The virtual event will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube. VIP will share and publicize the link on the website at www.villagesinpartnership.org. We hope you will join the event together wherever you are!

How to help:

Consider joining my team, 'Healthy Vibes' to raise awareness and funding

<https://secure.ggiv.com/event/waterwalk2021/team/877342/>

Join the Livestream event on Saturday, May 22, 2021 7–8:30pm. The links will be available on www.villagesinpartnership.org

Donate directly to VIP at Villages in Partnership P.O. Box 52 Allentown, NJ 08501 or on the website at [Villages in Partnership Give Now](#)