

# Disciples True to God's Mission

*Mission began with God and belongs to God. All through the Bible, God **sent people** to participate in this mission of love for the whole world. God **chose the church** as the instrument through which He wants to carry out His redeeming work.*

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## CHURCH IS AN ACTION VERB.

As the church, we are called to be His love in action to a broken, hurting world. Our actions, big and small, individually and collectively, locally and globally, help reach the lost and care for those in need.

## LEADING US FORWARD

Good Shepherd is committed to God's mission for the church! Leading us forward is the leadership team of Pastor Glen Wagner and Jeannine Allen, Director of Missions. They have partnered with our existing mission team to bring focus and structure to this church-wide priority.

## EQUIPPED FOR SERVICE

God's renewal of creation involves us! He equips us to serve as we are called. We become essential living witnesses to his love, and God's mission becomes our embraced lifestyle choice and not an event.

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*And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2*

## MISSIONS IS A LIFESTYLE, NOT AN EVENT.

### OPPORTUNITIES AROUND

To increase awareness of outreach opportunities, Missions partnered with communications to enhance our website. A dedicated outreach page was developed and updated weekly with current opportunities and easy links to get connected. We also added the ability to share inspirational stories! A new "update" link on our website allows individuals to see and learn our mission impact locally and globally. Be sure and check out these incredible stories!

### PIVOTING DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

Regardless of our inability to gather at 1310, the suspension of serving trips due to travel restrictions, our mission work continued! Our team pivoted to find creative ways to effectively reach and help people despite a global pandemic! We have highlighted examples of ways individually, and collectively Good Shepherd continued to be God's love in action to so many during these uncertain times.

- Created a face-mask mission team to respond to the urgent need for PPE, distributing over 5,000 face-mask to first responders, food pantries, homeless shelters, senior facilities, Pine Ridge Indian Reservations, and Orphanages and schools in Africa and Honduras thus far.
- Distributed 500 care bags to First Responders and Fusion families providing encouragement and support during Covid-19
- As food pantry needs soared, we partnered with Loaves & Fishes to provide and distribute personal care items to seniors and families in need
- Found creative ways to connect with isolated seniors in care facilities through emails, handmade cards, on-line worship and devotions, virtual coffee hours, providing music in the courtyard, puzzles drives and other activities
- 1310 Prayercast connected our international missionaries in France and Honduras as they joined us virtually to lead prayer and broaden our understanding of global missions
- Teaming up with Hesus House to care for our most vulnerable through on-going remote preparation of meals for quarantined guests and providing quilts, grab-n-go food items, and PPE for those still out on the street
- Sent thousands of dollars in needed lumber and personal care items to the people of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation who were quarantined

- Partnered with El Ayudante in Honduras and Hearts in Motion in Guatemala to have mission work continue despite the presence of our serve teams
- Provided emergency relief funding to organizations like Feed My Starving Children, World Relief and other organizations feeding those devastated by this pandemic
- Good Shepherd gave \$290,783 to missions and benevolence in 2019/20, which allowed a lot of great work to be done locally and around the world in the name of Jesus!

### ADVANCING MISSIONS

Our broken world is aching for God's message of love, hope and redemption. The need has never been greater, and so should be our response! For God's Glory and the good of His creation, Good Shepherd remains committed to advancing mission involvement across all age groups and ministries. With your involvement and strategic local and global partnerships, together we can advance the gospel and the ministry of caring for God's people everywhere. ■

