



## Mission Outreach 2020 Support



*(35) "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, (36) I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (40) "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

*-Jesus (Matthew 25: 35, 36, 40 NIV)*

## VPC Mission Directory

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*To make Christ known through  
reconciliation while communicating  
respect and love to all people.*

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The Mission Outreach Committee researches, reviews and evaluates those ministries and organizations which receive, or are applying for, our financial support. The committee then allocates funds budgeted by the Session or designated by gift to these ministries.

Each committee member maintains an ongoing relationship with the missions we support. This directory is a brief digest of those programs.

### Valley Presbyterian Church Contact & Support Guide

This directory describes missionaries and ministries with whom Valley Presbyterian Church partners. You are encouraged to pray, correspond, volunteer your time and skills, and give financially in support of these mission partners. In doing so, you take part in the exciting work Christ has set before us throughout the world.

For more information,  
call VPC at 520-625-5023 or visit  
[www.valleypresbyterian.net](http://www.valleypresbyterian.net)  
Visit us on Facebook

## Mission Outreach Budget 2020

<u>Page</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
5	Café Justo	\$ 0
6	Casa Vida Nueva para Niños, A.C.	6,000
8	Community Food Bank in Amado & GV	8,000
11	Compañeros en Misión	3,000
11	Crossroads Nogales Mission	6,500
12	General Mission Support	4,000
13	Hands of a Friend	5,000
14	Mission Quilts (Women's Ministries of VPC)	1,000
15	Operation Christmas Child	0
16	Operation Mobilisation	4,000
17	Posada Life Community Services	4,000
19	Prayer Shawl Ministry	0
19	Presbyterian Campus Ministry	3,000
20	Presbyterian Theological Seminaries	2,000
21	Rice, Bob and Kristi - South Sudan	5,000
22	St. Andrew's Children's Clinic - Nogales	4,000
23	Valley Assistance Services	8,500
25	Youth on Their Own	5,000
	Emergency Fund	<u>1,500</u>
	<b>Total Mission Funding</b>	<b>\$70,500</b>

All dollar amounts are estimates.

# What is Mission?

## What is the Mission Committee?

Every church should have a mission statement. And we do: “To make Christ known through reconciliation by communicating respect and love to all people.”

The Mission Committee practices this mission statement by supporting people and organizations outside our church walls.

The committee supports local organizations, such as the food banks, Valley Assistance Services, Hands of a Friend. We support organizations in our region, such as Youth On Their Own and Presbyterian Campus Ministry in Tucson, and Crossroads and St Andrews in Nogales.

Not only do we give financially to these organizations, many of our people do hands-on work with them. Albert Schweitzer once said, “The greatest person alive in the world at this moment is some unknown individual in some obscure place who, at this hour, has gone *in love* to be with another person in need.” Our Mission Committee enables these organizations to show such love.

And yes, we support missionaries and organizations in other countries: an orphanage in Mexico (Casa Vida Nueva para Ninos), Bob and Kristi Rice in South Sudan, Pam and Dave L in the Middle East. Jesus did say, Go....to all nations.” So we do. Financially and physically.

Look through this booklet and discover ways you can help. By communicating respect and love to people through these local, regional and world-wide organizations, we share the love of God.

Serving Together,

Pastor Diane

## **Who Benefits from VPC's Missions?**

Valley Presbyterian Church supports missions that reach out to people of all ages, and to causes that exist locally, nationally, and internationally.

### **Young Children**

- Posada Life Community Services
  - Operation Christmas Child
  - St. Andrews Children's Clinic

### **Junior and High School**

- Casa Vida Nueva para Niños, A.C.
  - Youth on Their Own

### **College and Trade-Studies Students**

- Casa Vida Nueva para Niños, A.C.
- Presbyterian Theological Seminaries
  - Presbyterian Campus Ministry

### **Families**

- Amado-GV Community Food Banks
  - Café Justo
- Crossroads Nogales Mission
  - Hands of a Friend
- Valley Assistance Services

### **Women**

- Hands of a Friend
- Valley Assistance Services

### **Seniors**

- Posada Life Community Services
- Mission Quilts (Women's Ministries of VPC)
  - Prayer Shawl Ministry
  - Valley Assistance Services

### **Missionaries**

- Compañeros en Misión
- Operation Mobilisation (Pam and Dave L - Middle East)
  - Rice, Bob and Kristi - Congo

## Café Justo (Just Coffee)

620 E. 10th St.                      520-364-3532  
Douglas AZ 85607                  sales@justcoffee.org

*Adrian Gonzalez, Director of Customer Service*

### **GOAL:**

Café Justo is a coffee grower cooperative based in Salvador Urbina, Chiapas, Mexico – a ministry of the PCUSA Border Ministry Frontera de Cristo. They market a pure, organic coffee, which is grown, harvested, and marketed in the spirit of justice and providing incentives for people to remain on their family lands.

Their goal is to employ members of the community in the agriculture, production and management/administrative roles to create a sustainable, local business.

### **MISSION:**

Café Justo's mission is to deliver the highest quality, organic, environmentally conscious, fresh roasted coffee to customers at a price that is fair and just. They work to create a bond between the members of the coffee growing community in Salvador Urbina and their customers throughout the world.

### **STORY:**

Café Justo began with a discussion between the PCUSA Border Ministry, Frontera de Cristo, and the small coffee growers of Salvador Urbina, to determine how best to provide a living wage to the coffee growers. This resulted in the organization of those growers into cooperatives who would grow, harvest, roast, and market their own coffee thus shifting the profits from large, international companies to the members of the cooperative. This effort started with just one cooperative. Currently there are five co-ops supporting 115 families. Two are in Chiapas, one in Veracruz and one in Nayarit.

The financial benefits of Café Justo are significant when compared to Fair Trade coffee or local purchases. It is also easy to see the impact this business has on migration. The people involved in producing the coffee are now building concrete homes with access to electricity and water. They are no longer trying to immigrate into the U.S. to find jobs. The

value of this business to other residents of Salvador Urbina is also clear as the profits earned by the farmers are used to purchase goods and services provided by others in the community. Your coffee purchase is having a direct and dramatic effect on this community and others. The cooperative members and community are putting aside their differences to provide an excellent, chemical free, environmentally friendly product and business.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

1. Purchase your coffee after church during fellowship on the second and fourth Sundays each month. You can purchase caffeinated or decaffeinated coffee in a medium or bold roast as beans or ground coffee. 100% of the money from our sales goes to the coffee cooperatives.
2. Contact Tommy and Lee Ann Calhoun to volunteer to sell the coffee after the church service (520-203-8497, leampsky06@gmail.com or Thomas7487@cox.net).

Mission Committee Contact: Tommy Calhoun

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**Casa Vida Nueva para Niños  
(New Life Home for Children - Orphanage)**

Km 18, Camino Al Saric, La Escondida,  
Casa Vida Nueva; 631-112-4663  
Nogales, Sonora, Mexico or 631-106-3945

*Elias and Myrna Herrera, Directors*

**OVERVIEW:** Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños, A.C. (CVN) is a “Home for Children” located in a very rural, rustic area about 20 miles southwest of the boarder in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. It was envisioned in 2007 and opened in August 2012 with major financial support from New Life Church of God in Tucson, AZ.

**CVN’s PURPOSE:** To provide a safe place to call home for boys and girls (ages 1 – 18) who many have been abused and then abandoned by their parents. Left alone, they would have added to the sad statistics of abandoned youth in Sonora, Mexico. Currently they have over 52 children with 7 adults.

**CVN's GOAL:** To become a home for up to 100 children that is a national model; decrease abandonment and abuse of children; support abandoned children in a comprehensive recovery process of physical, emotional, and spiritual growth; instill in them a character of high integrity which will help them develop into adults that are free of abuse and violence; and provide them with tools to integrate into society as healthy adults. When you visit the Home for Children, you will witness the happiest, most polite group of children that you will ever meet. All are grateful for the place they now call home .

**THEIR NEED IS GREAT:** CVN is located far away from any city-supplied electrical, water or utility services. **GOOD NEWS:** As of February 2016, most of their electricity is now provided by a solar system donated by members of local Green Valley community. **GOOD NEWS:** In November, 2016, donations helped erect an antenna that enables CVN to establish a house phone and web services so important to school age children. Water had been trucked in and stored in water tanks. Sometimes, the water pressure was not enough to flush the toilets. However, **GOOD NEWS:** In June 2017 a Green Valley resident donated the cost for a 250 foot water well, and water is now flowing into the home. Food, medical, living expenses, and school supplies are mostly supplied thru donations. Their immediate financial need is to finish the upstairs "common area" so the children will have a place to go and relax, watch TV and study - think college dorm room/common area. They also need furniture, couches, chest of drawers (for bedrooms). Their secondary needs are: plastic dishware sets; microwave; LED light bulbs.

**RISE Scholastic Achievements, Inc. (Provides educational financial support for Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños, A.C.)**

What is RISE? RISE is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation created to provide a sustainable source of revenue support to eligible students at Casa Vida Nueva Para Niños, A.C. who have been accepted for upper secondary education including high school, colleges, universities, trade schools, professional/technical studies and/or work/study programs. The financial support includes, but is not limited to, funds towards tuition, books, supplies and living stipends, and starts upon confirmed acceptance by the upper educational organization or program and continues through completion. Each participating student's progress is

monitored regularly to ensure that they are moving toward graduation or completion of the enrolled program. RISE board members do not draw a salary, and their time and travel expenses are not compensated. 100% of all donations go directly to supporting the children's educational goals.

**RISE web site:** To learn more about RISE and the support provided to the children, go to the RISE web site: [www.risesa.org](http://www.risesa.org).

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Contact Reed Olson, VPC Mission Committee Representative, ([olsonr1@cox.net](mailto:olsonr1@cox.net) or 520-576-8597) to learn how you can become involved, set up a visit, and donate to their projects.

Mission Committee Contact: Reed Olson

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**Community Food Bank in  
Amado & Green Valley**

250 East Continental Road, #101  
Green Valley, AZ 85614

520-625-5252  
[www.communityfoodbank.org](http://www.communityfoodbank.org)

**Statement of Purpose:** The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona (CFBSA) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that provides nutritious food to those suffering from hunger throughout Pima, Santa Cruz, Cochise, Graham, and Greenlee Counties in Southern Arizona. Our mission is “to change lives in the communities we serve by feeding the hungry today and building a healthy, hunger-free tomorrow.” Administrative expenses are only 4% of our budget; 96% pays for direct food and services to those in need. The Community Food Bank in Amado & Green Valley (CFB-AGV) are branches of the CFBSA.

**Description of Programs and Accomplishments:** The eight staff members of CFB-AGV are assisted by 200 volunteers who provide the equivalent of twelve full-time employees. We provide the following services:

Emergency Food Boxes - These boxes supply a 2 to 3-day supply of nutritious food once per month to anyone experiencing a food crisis. Included are federal U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities, donations from area grocery stores and food we purchase

with donated funds including bread, milk and eggs to ensure that the selection is nutritionally balanced.

- The federal Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) - A joint venture involving the USDA, Arizona Department of Health Services, and Pima County Health Department. It provides boxes of high-protein food such as cheese to seniors ages 60 and over.
- Client Choice System - One of the unique aspects of CFB-AGV is its “client choice” system, which was established early on by its advisory board to give more dignity to our clients. Instead of receiving a pre-selected box of food, clients can select the foods that meet their families’ specific needs. Volunteers guide clients through the food selection area, monitoring only the quantity of food clients receive within certain food groups. Abundant fresh produce, received daily from local grocery stores and the Nogales Community Food Bank, rounds out the selection.
- Additional Assistance - CFB-AGV provides miscellaneous food assistance such as second food boxes and holiday turkeys to local clients.
- Gleaning - Local volunteers visit participating residents and pick the citrus fruits grown in their back yards. We have collected as much as 55,000 pounds of fruit in one year in this unique program. This gleaning season is slated to begin January 1st and run through April 15th.
- DES ON THE GO - We partner with the Department of Economic Security to bring their mobile help program to the branches on the second Tuesday of every month, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., no appointment necessary. Everything from SNAP to aging services can be addressed.
- REFERRAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP) - This program is promoted to our clients as “We Can Help.” Does your family have needs other than groceries? Maybe we can help you find resources in your community. The program is available on the first and third Tuesday of every month, 12:30 - 3 p.m.

If you have any questions about this application, please contact Vicki Turner, Operations Coordinator. (520) 625-5252.

According to Feeding America’s latest hunger report, Arizona ranks 3rd in the nation for childhood food insecurity. One in four children (nearly 500,000) in southern Arizona are living in poverty and don’t know where their next meal will come from. In addition to the working poor who constitute the expected clientele of a food bank, we have served many families who have temporarily fallen on hard times due to job loss. Although the economy is slowly recovering, many people are still experiencing food insecurity in our region.

In most of our clients’ households, at least one person is working one or more jobs, but they are unable to meet their families’ basic needs due to low wages. At minimum wage, even with two parents working full-time, families can barely begin to meet their needs for food, shelter, utilities, transportation, clothing, and school supplies. Therefore, our services are so necessary.

In 2016 the CFB-AGV distributed 1,982,690 pounds of food to almost 20,000 individuals in need. Of these, 31% were children and 17% were seniors.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Volunteers are always needed to help in all the programs. If you would like to know more about how you can participate, or would just like to read more about all that is going on at the CFB, go to: [www.communityfoodbank.org](http://www.communityfoodbank.org). You can also visit CFB on Facebook.

The phone number for the Green Valley Food Bank is: (520) 625-5252. Also, remember the first Sunday of every month is Food Bank Sunday. The cart to bring your donations to is in the Fellowship Hall.

Mission Committee Contact: Betty Kiesle-Yoder

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## Compañeros en Misión

249 N. Rodriguez Street 520-287-3060  
P.O. Box 1966 mission@theriver.com  
Nogales, AZ 85628-1966 www.pcusa.org/border/Companeros

*Dr. Jorge Pazos Aragon, Mexican Coordinator*

As part of the Presbyterian Border Ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Compañeros en Misión focuses on church development and mission outreach working in support of three small Presbyterian churches located in the cities of Caborca, Nogales, and Hermosillo, all in the state of Sonora, Mexico. All three congregations have demonstrated a membership growth during the last year.

The program seeks to build faith, understanding and relationships among Presbyterians on both sides of the border. As a joint mission project of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the National Church of Mexico, Compañeros is helping the Mexican Presbytery to enable the churches to become self-sufficient, self-governing, and self-propagating.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Please help by making a contribution to Compañeros en Misión.

Mission Committee Contact: Charlie Ashton

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## Crossroads Nogales Mission

338 Morley Avenue 520-287-5828  
P.O. Box 2246 crossroadsmission@qwestoffice.net  
Nogales, AZ 85628 www.crossroadnewlifecenter.org

*Bert Wenke, CEO/Director*

In 2019, Crossroads Mission in Nogales, Arizona, has served 49,350 men, women and children. They have seen the number rise considerable since 2016 due to the economy in Nogales, Arizona, and the surrounding area. Each one who comes to Crossroads Mission for help is treated with compassion and love. In 2019 they opened Java Soul Coffee Shop which is open Thursday and Friday nights for youth to gather with their friends in a safe environment.

They continue to provide a 6-month substance-abuse recovery program and a 6-month in-house probation program, as well as providing a shelter for abused women and children. They serve free lunches six days a week for the needy. They also provide free dinners for families of the community on Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- Pray for Crossroads Mission because the decline of donations this summer has hit them hard.
- Pray that a new Crossroads Mission CEO/Director can be found to replace Ben Wenke, due to his health problems. Bert is now the CEO/Director until someone is hired.
- Help supply food and clothing. Needed are canned fruits, canned vegetables, pasta, powdered milk, sugar, rice, peanut butter, jelly, tomato sauce and spices. Clean and gently-used clothes are also needed. Place your donations in the Crossroads Mission box located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> shelf of the Food Bank cart in Fellowship Hall.
- Become a volunteer to prepare a hot lunch at Crossroads Mission. Valley Presbyterian has designated the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month of the year to travel to Nogales, Arizona, to make lunch for 50-70 people in need of a meal. Pick a Wednesday and contact Joan Bolin, 520-625-3654, to get on the schedule.

Mission Committee Contact: Joan Bolin

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**General Mission Support**

For more than 200 years, Presbyterians have remained unwavering in this one conviction: Jesus is Lord (1 Cor. 12:3). All power, truth, and salvation rest with God alone. Today, millions of people worldwide worship in Presbyterian churches; they gather as a grateful and loved people, eager to hear Scripture and celebrate the sacraments. They

gather because God has called them into community to share with one another and the world a greater love, a brighter witness, a truer faithfulness, than they could achieve alone.

Presbyterians have always chiefly been a “sent” people. Today, the PCUSA shares the gospel through the ministry of 200 mission coworkers in 75 countries working on matters of evangelism, reconciliation, and the alleviation of poverty. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance witnesses to the healing love of Christ by caring for communities in the midst of crisis. And heeding the call of the Holy Spirit, Presbyterians across the country are building up 1,001 new worshiping communities and empowering congregations to seek out new beginnings and engage their diverse communities.

Recognizing the need to support Presbyterian Church (USA), a portion of the mission budget directly supports Presbytery de Cristo and Presbyterian Mission Agency. While the funds to the mission agency are undirected, the monies to the Presbytery de Cristo support Youth and Young Adult Ministry, New Church Development, Church Revitalization, Community services, and Border Ministries. Specific needs can be addressed through the web sites of PCUSA and/or Presbytery de Cristo. Prayer support for Christ’s church is critical.

Mission Committee Contact: Tom Spurlock

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**Hands of a Friend  
(Genesis House)**

P.O. Box 2097                      520-648-3589  
Dr. Madelaine Paschel  
Green Valley, AZ 85622    maddypaschal@gmail.com

The local Genesis House shelter is run by Hands of a Friend, and is partially funded with proceeds from DaZee’s consignment shops. Serving as a “safe haven” for female victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, Genesis House has provided over 80,000 bed units since its opening in January 2007. The shelter currently has 35 beds, at an expense of approximately \$45 each day. Victims range in age from newborns to 87 years old, and may stay in shelters for up to 24 months.

This includes a new Senior Shelter.

Additional services provided by Hands of a Friend include: Poverty and Payroll program (an aid to employment development), parenting classes and child development aid, nutrition and health counseling, a GED program, computer classes, and medical and dental emergency work.

Hands of a Friend Foundation and Genesis House Shelter are run entirely with volunteers. Because Hands of a Friend is a faith-based agency, they accept no County, State or Federal funding.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

First, donate clothing and small household items to the DaZee's consignment shops or volunteer your time at the shops, located at 231 Duval Road, just off of La Cañada near W. Duval Mine Road. Second, contribute financially through the church (or if your contribution is made directly to Hands of a Friend, up to \$400/person or \$800/couple may be used annually as an Arizona Tax Credit).

Patty O'Berry, Founder, passed away October 16, 2019. She is greatly loved and missed.

Mission Committee Contact: Pat Nau

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## **Mission Quilts – Women's Ministries**

*Mission Quilts Chair: Patti Bright*

VPC Mission Quilts started many years ago as ABC Quilts, which was a nationwide effort to make and give baby quilts to mothers who had little or nothing in the way of clothes for babies. Now our mission's aim is to gift any child, baby, or person in need of the warmth of Jesus' love wrapped around them. Some of the places we deliver quilts to are Continental Medical Center, Holy Cross Hospital and St. Andrews Children's Clinic in Nogales, AZ, Banner University Medical Center, Diamond Children's Medical Center, , and Aviva Children's Services.

Much love goes into the making of each quilt as it is passed from one set of hands to another. Many hands have handled the quilt by the time it

reaches completion. The monies received from the Mission Committee are used to supply needed items, such as, material, thread, sewing machine repairs, and batting.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

VPC Mission Quilters meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Monday, from October through April, starting at 9:00 am with the last person leaving by 2:00 pm. Coffee and snacks are furnished by participants.

Twice during the quilting season, we stop work and share in a pot-luck salad lunch.

We welcome anyone, who wants to experience the joy of creating and giving to those in need, to be a part of our quilting family. Our faithful quilters consist of full-time resident members, snowbird members, nonmember attendees, and friends of our church. Our goal, besides making quilts, is to always enjoy each other.

Patti Bright

Mission Committee Contact: Patti Bright

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**Operation Christmas Child**

Samaritan's Purse	828-262-1980
PO Box 3000	<a href="http://www.samaritanspurse.org">www.samaritanspurse.org</a>
Boone, NC 28607	

The Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational, evangelical, Christian organization that is sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through the Operation Christmas Child Program.

They begin by inviting churches worldwide to fill a shoebox with toys, clothing, school supplies, and personal hygiene products to be distributed to needy children in more than 100 countries. One girl remarked that the pair of socks she received was the first brand-new piece of clothing she had ever had.

An invitation for the child to attend a 12-week Bible Study, The Greatest Journey, is also added to the shoebox. This study, telling the message of Jesus, will be taught by a person from their community who speaks their language.

These children share His Message with their friends and family. They are bringing their parents and grandparents to Christ. Lives are changed.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Keep praying for this program and the children it touches.  
In the fall, pick up one or more shoe boxes from the church and fill them with gifts for a child.

Mission Committee Contact: Joan Bolin/Kay Brouwer

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**Operation Mobilisation**

Operation Mobilisation  
PO BOX 444  
Tyrone, GA 30290

Pam and Dave are regional directors for three Muslim nations with 40 years of mission work with Operation Mobilisation (OM). They travel regularly to dangerous lands to direct and serve forgotten souls in need of Jesus Christ. In addition, Pam and Dave L have a growing ministry traveling internationally, speaking and teaching at churches and conferences. OM's role in the body of Christ is to motivate, develop and equip people for world evangelization, and to strengthen and help plant churches, especially among the unreached in the Middle East, South and Central Asia and Europe. OM currently has more than 6,100 people working in more than 110 countries around the world, seeking to "demonstrate and proclaim the love of God." In every situation OM teams attempt to adapt to the local culture and situation, endeavoring to find the best ways to share the gospel using literature, the creative arts, friendship, bible studies, video and cassette tapes, correspondence courses, relief and development work as well as other methods such as the ship, LOGOS HOPE. OM for over 50 years is a faith mission, dependent upon God to raise support for their ministries from individuals and churches. For specific information of Pam and Dave L, and their newsletter, contact Douglas Clark.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Prayer requests

1. For protection, safety, and open doors for Pam and Dave L. and their teams in these three countries in southern Asia.
2. For more people to join them in helping to reach those who have never heard the Gospel among these unreached Muslim peoples.
3. For wisdom for the right decisions and plans for the future of their ministry.
4. For blessing and direction for Pam and Dave L. and their family.

Mission Committee Contact: Doug Clark

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## Posada Life Community Services

780 South Park Centre Avenue 520-625-2273  
Green Valley, AZ 85614 [www.PosadaLife.org](http://www.PosadaLife.org)

*William McCreery, Director, Community Programs*

Posada Life Community Services, (formerly Casa Community Services) offers programs open to the public with a mission to connect people to a better life through social interaction, education, and caring support. With roots in community support, including Valley Presbyterian Church and other generous community organizations and individuals, Posada Life Community Services is able to maintain a breadth of programs on behalf of the greater Green Valley community.

Posada Life Community Services reaches across the community by helping:

- Working families with children ages 12 months to age 5 in our year-round program and through age 8 in our summer program. Our specialized pre-kindergarten program is dedicated to preparing children to be “ready to leave” and succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

On behalf of the greater Green Valley community, Los Niños del Valle offers a program that in its entirety is unduplicated:

- Four-star rating in the Arizona First Things First - Quality First

program that provides intensive coaching, program assessment and resources.

- Intergenerational programs offering rich, regular programming between children and older adults attending programs at the Community Center, Casa's Adult Day Services, and La Posada's various senior living settings. Quality time spent between a child and an older adult enhances natural development, builds self-esteem, and improves the quality of life.
- Fee assistance to help low-income working families cover the cost of child care or for families who need short-term help while waiting for paychecks from newly found employment to catch up with expenses.
- Qualified teachers with early childhood education focused on developmentally appropriate materials and learning environments.
- Department of Economic Security certification allowing families who have qualified for, and received approval for, these extremely limited state child care funds to enroll their child.
- Endorsed by Eco-Healthy Child Care, meeting national standards for providing a "green" and healthy environment for children.
- Older adults also enjoy a range of programs. Social opportunities and Senior Lunch are available at the Community Center. This is Green Valley's setting for life-long learning, meetings, events and a nutritious lunch five-days-a-week.
- Older adults and their caregivers are served by Adult Day Services. This person-centered program serves individuals with Alzheimer's, stroke, Parkinson's and other health concerns, offering activities, nursing care and social opportunities. The many advantages of intergenerational activities benefit the older adults and children from Los Niños del Valle. Caregiver respite and support are integral to this program.
- Individuals and families can benefit from Behavioral Health Services. BHS offers counseling both in our offices and in the clients' homes. Depression, grief, anxiety and many other mental health concerns are addressed with the help of licensed, experienced therapists. Medicare coverage is accepted; fee assistance is available for those unable to

pay.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Volunteers help us make the most of our resources and, in turn, find greater purpose in their own lives. A special program, Victory Volunteers, is a casual approach, attracting people desiring short-term, project-based volunteering. They complete projects for other community nonprofit organizations.

Mission Committee Contact: Sally Ruschmeier

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**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The mission of this group of ladies is to knit Prayer Shawls for our Stephen Ministers to take to their Care Receivers who need the warmth and comfort of a shawl wrapped around them in a time of need. Also, any Parish member is welcome to have one of the shawls when needed.

All of the prayer shawls are blessed during a Sunday service.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

The " Stitch and Chatter" ladies meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. in classroom one. There is a large supply of yarn and needles for anyone who needs these supplies. If you love to knit, crochet or do needle work please come and join our group.

Mission Committee Contact: Chris Erickson

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**Presbyterian Campus Ministry**

715 North Park Avenue 520-623-7575  
Tucson, Arizona 85719 [www.pcmarizona.org](http://www.pcmarizona.org)

Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM) is a mission of the Presbytery de Cristo, located at the Campus Christian Center at the University of Arizona. It seeks to be a community of students searching together for what it means to be embraced by God, follow the Way of Jesus Christ, and trust the power of the Holy Spirit. Its mission is to be a rich community that enables its members to grow in (towards, around) our faith, to become committed disciples of Jesus Christ, and to learn to be leaders in their communities and the world.

PCM meets on Tuesday nights at 6pm for worship, discussion, dinner, and fellowship. Setup and cleanup are communal, and meals are family style and often provided by congregations throughout the Presbytery. In between Tuesdays, Bailey, the director, works with other Christian ministries and student groups on campus to strengthen connections between the Center and the broader University campus.

College is a critical time in the lives of young adults, as they grow into themselves and work out their true values, beliefs, and sources of strength. We invite your prayers for PCM as it strives to support college students, minister to them, and develop them as future leaders for the Church.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- Pray for PCM, especially its students and director, Bailey!
- Cook a Tuesday night meal for 5-8 people. Join in worship at 6pm, or bring dinner at 7pm!
- Participate in fundraisers and event!
- Donate to PCM directly by sending a check to PCM via the Campus Christian Center (715 N. Park Ave., Tucson, AZ 85719) or online at [pcmarizona.org](http://pcmarizona.org).
- Give your time and talents: Join the Board! PCM is seeking new board members.

Thank you!

Mission Committee Contact: Baily

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**Presbyterian Theological Education Fund**

80% of current PC (USA) pastors will likely retire in the next decade

VPC monthly supports the Theological Education Fund which supports future pastors

We have 10 Presbyterian seminaries nationwide, plus two which are closely affiliated

Annual enrollment is 3,100 students- average age of 41, one to one

male /female ratio, all races, and all socio-economic backgrounds

Master of Divinity is a prerequisite to becoming an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian church

Our seminaries report that 85% of graduates go into parish ministry

It cost our Presbyterian seminaries an average of \$78,600 to educate a Master of Divinity student for 3 years

Most of funding comes from endowment, grants, and annual contributions from the Theological Education Fund

Average graduate borrows more than \$35,000

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## **Bob and Kristi Rice - South Sudan**

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Bob and Kristi Rice blessed us in November, 2019, by sharing their time, inspirational stories, and presence with a visit to Valley Presbyterian Church. In May 2017, Bob and Kristi Rice began a new role and call in South Sudan. Bob serves as an instructor at Nile Theological College (NTC) and teaches a broad range of courses in theology and biblical studies. Kristi serves as an economic and development advisor for the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church. She works to strengthen the identification, development, and management of church development projects that support the financial goals of the church and improve the health and wellbeing of the communities. They live in Juba, the capital city of South Sudan.

South Sudan became an independent nation in 2011 and a second Nile Theological College (NTC) campus was established in Malakal, South Sudan. Civil war broke out in December of 2013, affecting the entire nation of South Sudan, leaving no one unaffected. Malakal, being strategically located on the Nile River, was a contested city, much of it being destroyed including the young college, which was then moved from Malakal to Juba in 2014. NTC has grown from five students



proper documentation of all the patients and families. In turn, Immigration Services personnel have volunteered their own time to come in early on Clinic Day to ensure that the patients have the documents they need for a timely crossing. The love of the volunteers is everywhere as they faithfully return each month to help patients.

Additionally, every October, in cooperation with Children’s Surgery International of Minneapolis and CIMA Hospital, approximately 50-60 children have cleft palate/cleft lip surgery in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. This special mission involves volunteers on both sides of the US/Mexico Border who work with the medical team to give patients smiles and a much better life.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Getting involved is easy: Call St Andrew’s Children’s Clinic main office (520-648-3242) and tell them you would like to help. They will recommend you first sign up to visit their Clinic on the next Clinic day (first Thursday of each month except July) to take a tour and watch their video. Next, they will ask you to visit their visitor center and review the list of volunteer possibilities. If you would like to donate, ask them what kind of items are in high demand. Cash donations are always welcome. The Clinic welcomes tours, volunteers (medical and nonmedical), in-kind donations, and year-round friends and supporters. 98% of all donations go directly to patient care.

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**Valley Assistance Services**

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Combining social services and community health, Valley Assistance Services (VAS) guides seniors, individuals and families to live healthy, resilient and vibrant lives, staying safe and independent. VAS is dedicated to finding solutions for people in this area, many who are

desperate for help. We listen to the community, with innovative programs that have historically assisted over 5,000 people annually. Our service area is Sahuarita, Green Valley, Amado, Tubac, Tumacacori, Carmen, and Arivaca.

The number of people needing our services in 2019 has tripled over last year. An increasing number of older people are overwhelmed with the skyrocketing cost of medicines and higher out-of-pocket costs for healthcare. Many can't drive anymore or have outlived their savings. Some are trapped by loneliness, memory loss, or a chronic health issue. Others are single moms and young families, folks out of work or having difficulties on low wages. The needs seen at VAS are exploding with providing emergency financial assistance, health advocacy, transportation and visits to this increasing number of young and old alike who are just trying to hang on to the basics, stay safe and stay independent.

**VAS has three goals with its services:**

◆ Helping Seniors Stay Healthy and Safe:

Shim Fall Prevention, A Touch that cares, care management  
Going Home with Care Community, Centered Approach to Care  
Neighbors Aim (Memory Loss), Virtual Dementia Tour  
Health education classes are offered on Memory Loss, Parkinson's,  
End of Life, Advanced Directive Planning and Bereavement Support.

◆ Helping Seniors Stay Vibrant and Active:

Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Transportation, Friendly Visits  
Shopping, Errands, Volunteers, Support and Socialization Programs

◆ Helping Families Stay Financially Independent:

Map-A-Plan Program, Resume Writing/Career Building, Emergency  
Rental Assistance, Financial Youth Literacy, Budgeting Classes &  
Benefits, Workforce Training/Job Search

VAS has volunteers who help with transportation, grocery shopping, errand running, making phone calls, friendly home visits, and limited repairs by a handyman. Volunteers with financial experience help in our MAP (Map-A-Plan) program, teaching/educating clients to stretch the use of their dollars by learning to use discount programs and planning to more effectively use their limited resources. The

beginning steps of building a savings plan and credit reports are taught. VAS also has limited housing/rental assistance available. Workforce Training one to one coaching on resume writing, job search and interviewing. Strengthens and provides confidence to women 55 and over who have been out of the workforce.

SHIM (Safety and Health in Motion), is a nationally acclaimed program developed by VAS and the Green Valley Fire Department. It provides free home safety and health risk assessments by a team of RN's and Fire Corps volunteers. Each client's home is evaluated for fire safety hazards and a plan is developed for a fire evacuation. A Registered Nurse (RN) evaluates health concerns and a handy person may install lock boxes, smoke alarms, night lights and bath treads. During the first year of this program the number of falls in Green Valley decreased by 95%.

VAS always needs more volunteers in all areas, but especially drivers and office help. Any contribution can make a big difference for one of your own neighbors. Valley Assistance Services does not charge for services, but relies on donations and grants. Thank you for supporting Valley Assistance Services programs.

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## Youth on Their Own

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*Elizabeth Slater, Chief Executive Officer*

Youth on Their Own (YOTO), a Tucson based non-profit agency is dedicated to support the high school graduation and continued success of homeless youth by providing

- 1) Financial assistance,
- 2) Basic human needs, and
- 3) Guidance.

These motivated young people cannot depend on their parents due to

parental substance abuse, death, incarceration, abuse, or extreme poverty. Today, high school graduation is a vital step toward self-sufficiency and creates the well-being and opportunities in adulthood that break the cycle of poverty and reliance on social services.

**YOTO Statistics for July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

**Homeless Students Served: 2,054 in 71 area schools**

**\$681,576 - Stipends issued for Good Grades and Attendance**

**275 High School Seniors Graduated , 3,948 - Mini-Mall visits**

**1,016 Bus Passes issued**

The YOTO facility offers students a study area with computers to complete homework, and a Mini-Mall to get needed food supplies and personal hygiene items.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

**JOIN US** on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 PM in Classroom 1 at church to make cards of inspiration for YOTO students. They need many notes each month to include with stipend checks.

**YOTO's newly established Mini-Mall** at 1642 N. Alvernon Way has an ongoing need for the following items:

Macaroni & cheese, Soups & chili, Canned Pasta, Spaghetti sauce & pasta, Ramen Cup of noodles, Cereal, Rice, Canned meats (tuna & chicken), Peanut Butter & jelly, Canned fruits, Potato Side dishes.

New Regular Size Personal Care Products, Deodorant, Razors, Shaving Cream, Soap, Shampoo & Conditioner, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste & toothbrushes.

\$25 Gift Cards (Used for Emergency Student Needs)

Walmart, Target, Fry's

Undergarments (Sized to Fit 13-21 Year Olds)

Women's underwear                      Boxers (no briefs, please)

Socks (short/ankle to wear with athletic shoes)

Men's crew socks

For additional opportunities to volunteer, check out their informative web site: [yoto.org](http://yoto.org).

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