



## Mission Outreach 2024



*(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.

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[www.valleypresbyterian.net](http://www.valleypresbyterian.net)  
Visit us on Facebook

# What is Mission?

## What is the Mission Committee?

The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) begins with the bold affirmation: **“The Mission of God gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God’s mission for the transformation of creatures and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God’s love, offering to all the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God’s mission.”** What we believe, faith formation, prayer, how we worship, the presence of the church in the community, all are vitally important, yet we affirm at our Foundation what the Church is really about is THE MISSION OF GOD in this time and place.

Valley Presbyterian Church’s Mission Statement emphasizes **“our making Christ known through reconciliation, communicating respect and love to all.”** Our faith is not only what we individually believe. We recognize that what has been done to God’s Creation is imperfect, individuals and peoples have been wounded, there is not equality of access throughout the world, and the Church in mission attempts to address the problems of inequality and our need for reconciliation.

Different from many non-profit organizations and churches throughout the world, our Mission Committee is composed of members of Valley Presbyterian Church who are each personally involved in the work of the Missions they represent. Every meeting of the Missions Committee begins with a Bible Study and theological discussion. In order to receive physical and spiritual support, as well as financial support from our Budget, each mission needs to have representation on this Committee. Among our current concerns is how to unite support between the churches of Green Valley, and how to create a network between our missions, rather than each struggling in isolation and competition. As hard as COVID19 was for each of us in Green Valley, Sahuarita, Amado, Arivaca, Rio Rico and Tubac, the poor in Nogales and Tucson, those in East Africa and the Middle East were especially devastated, making our mission work all the more vital.

Valley Presbyterian Church is committed to financially upholding these missions from our budget; in addition, each designated Sunday there are special donations for Food Bank, Crossroads, and Youth on Their Own. Every Tuesday morning our Prayer warriors lift up these works before God and before our community. On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, we receive an extra offering of support for these missions. Mission is not simply a program or committee, Mission is God’s work in the world through out hands and hearts.

Pastor Craig

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## **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. Andrew's 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 Campus Ministry  
YAV (Young Adult Volunteers)

### **Families**

Amado-GV Community Food Banks  
Compañeros en Misión  
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**

Operation Mobilization (Pam and Dave Lovett - Middle East)  
Rice, Bob and Kristi - South Sudan

# Mission Committee Giving and Pass Through Giving– 2023

Vendor	2023 Budget		12/31/2023
	Income	Pass Thru Giving	Total Paid Year to Date
Borderlands YAV (Young Adult Volunteers)	4,380.00	620.00	5,000.00
Casa Community Services (Posada Life)	6,785.23	1,410.26	8,195.49
Casa Vida Nueva	8,785.23	4,313.36	13,098.59
RISE		8,435.00	8,435.00
Christmas Child Operation		3,155.00	3,155.00
Community Food Banks ( Amado & Green Valley)	11,870.46	19,092.26	30,962.72
Companeros en Mission	5,785.23	340.00	7,125.23
Crossroads Mission	9,284.23	3,717.42	14,001.65
General Mission Support:			
Synod	10% 668.00		668.00
PCUSA	10% 668.00	211.67	879.67
Presbytery de Cristo	80% 5,344.00	111.67	5,455.67
Hands of a Friend	7,785.23	3,292.84	12,578.07
Presbyterian Campus Ministry	5,785.23	880.98	6,666.21
Missionary Support-Rice's, Bob and Kristy	7,785.23	3,218.42	11,003.65
Samaritan's Purse—Christmas Shoe Box		1,006.00	1,006.00
St Andrew's Children's Clinic	6,785.23	3,655.42	12,440.65
Operation Mobilization Mission Support-Pam & Dave L	6,788.23		6,788.23
PCUSA- Christmas Joy			540.00
PCUSA-Disaster Assistance:			
Ukraine		2,050.00	2,050.00
Turkey-Earthquake		7,339.50	7,339.50
Mississippi Tornado		2,640.00	2,640.00
Douglas		3,947.17	3,947.17
Maui Wildfire		2,334.42	2,334.42
PCUSA-OGHS		2,856.93	2,856.93
PicRight—violation of copyright			474.00
Mission Committee Contingency Funds	1,730.00		1,730.00
Samaritan's Purse		1,006.00	1,006.00
Special Projects—Homeless Project			807.00
Valley Assistance Services	11,285.23	2,195.00	14,480.23
Valley Assistance Services-Empty Bowls-Valley Gal- ley Cost		173.18	173.18
Valley Presbyterian Women-Mission Quilts	800.00		800.00
Youth on Their Own	7,785.24	4,725.80	13,111.04
ALS Association		453.00	453.00
	\$ 110,100.00	\$ 82,715.29	\$ 201,196.29

## Pass Through Giving for Missions

Christ has given us the model of self-sacrificing love through the cross. Pass Through Giving for missions are funds which are given outside of the church's mission budget. The needs of our 15 agencies are great and for some, critical. Pass Through Giving for missions is an extra source of income for a specific mission which would be delivered through our church. These pass-through funds outside of our mission budget are available for special giving and come from many sources.

- Special Offering Envelope giving such as Food Bank, YOTO, PCUSA Special Giving (for example monies for Disaster Assistance), can be directed to each of our mission agencies.
- Direct checks given to VPC for specific Mission Agencies as noted in memo area on the check (for example monies for Casa Vida Nueva, Crossroads Nogales Mission, Valley Assistance Services , YOTO and any other mission listed on page 5). The advantage of giving to agencies through the church includes easy bookkeeping as these contributions are listed in your annual Giving Summary. Also, the pass-through monies are given to the agency as a check from VPC which reflects our church's involvement in the community. By request, you can be identified by name.
- Projects which generate income such as Mission Breakfasts, Noisy Offering, etc. Monies identified by check or in Special Offering Envelope will be noted in your Annual Giving Summary.
- Undesignated gifts to the Mission Committee are placed in the Contingency Fund and are used for emergencies as identified.

Pass Through Giving is a way to help meet VPC's mission needs. Agape love is self-sacrificing Love and is reflected in mission giving. Approximately 50% of the total Mission Committee budget is from the Patio Sale. 15% of the total church budget is given to Missions.

Pass Through Giving is way to help VPC need and is tax deductible to limits of the law.

## **SPECIAL MISSION OFFERINGS**

The world seems to go from crisis to crisis, and yet, at every opportunity our church steps up and responds with hope, prayers and a willingness to make a difference.

- ♦ The war in Ukraine has continued to inflict devastation and we responded with \$1,850 in gifts.
- ♦ There was an Earthquake in Turkey and we responded with \$7,339.50.
- ♦ There was a Tornado in Mississippi and we sent Presbyterian Disaster Assistance \$2,640.
- ♦ A man set fire to two churches in Douglas, Arizona and we gave \$3,947.17.
- ♦ There was a horrible fire on the island of Maui in Hawaii, and we raised \$2,194.42.

These Special Offerings, in addition to your directed Pass-Through Giving to Mission causes, provided \$73,935.79 on top of our Budgeted Mission Giving.

Well done good and faithful servants!

Thank you.

Pastor Craig Lindsey

# Café Justo (Just Coffee)

620 E. 10th St. Douglas, AZ. 85607 520-364-3532  
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, management and 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: Judy Aguayo 760-401-4545 jaguayovpc@yahoo.com

## **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 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 border 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) many of whom 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 50 children with 6 adults.

**CVN’s GOAL:** To become a home for up to 100 children which 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 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 groups. Then 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. 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. In 2020 they finished the upstairs “common area” so the children now have a place to go and relax, watch TV and study, think college dorm room/common area.

**RISE Scholastic Achievements, Inc.** RISE is a Green Valley, AZ based 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation created to provide a sustainable source of revenue support for the educational needs of 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. 99.7% 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, you can go to the RISE web site: [www.risesa.org](http://www.risesa.org) or scan this QR code:



**HOW CAN YOU HELP?** You may write a check to: RISE Scholastic Achievements, Inc. and mail it to: RISE Scholastic Achievements, Inc., P.O. Box 1044, Green Valley, AZ 85622. Since RISE is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, you might be able to deduct your donations from your taxes. You may also contact Reed Olson, ([reedolson5623@gmail.com](mailto:reedolson5623@gmail.com) or 520-576-8597) to learn how you can become involved, set up a visit, and donate to this mission.

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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 501(c)(3) 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.

**Emergency Food Boxes** - These boxes provide 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 for 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.

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 the minimum wage, even with two parents working fulltime, families can barely begin to meet their needs for food, shelter, utilities, transportation, clothing, and school supplies. Therefore, our services are so necessary.

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: Kylene Joplin 520-648-1523

# Compañeros en Misión

246 N. Rodriguez Street, Nogales, AZ 85621

and Iglesia Presbiteriana Sol de Justicia

Nevado de Colima 257, Héroes, 84030 Nogales, Sonora, Mexico

Immanuel Presbyterian Church

C/O Gary Wolf

9252 E 22nd St. Tucson AZ. 85710

Compañeros en Misión is a binational ministry of Presbyterian Borderlands Ministries.

This 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.

Under new leadership our immediate fundraising goal is to provide a small classroom building with a kitchen from which Compañeros en Misión can continue its current ministries—preparing lunches for migrants at the border, coaching and tutoring youth in their school work, and providing health checkups and related services to families in the community. To this end, Compañeros en Misión hopes to build a small classroom with a kitchen and a bathroom that will help to facilitate their ministry activities. The building will be located on the property with Sol de Justicia Presbyterian Church. The Pazos family and interested church members are working with a local architect to design a space-efficient two-story building that will likely be placed between the manse and the church building. The first floor will have a kitchen, dining room, and bathroom, and the second floor will have two classrooms, and two separate bathrooms. Bricks can be purchased for \$10.00, to help complete the project.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ♦ **Pray:** Pray for the organizations in support of this mission for guidance forward. Pray for the Pazos family and friends, and all those who have been and need to be served by this mission.
- ♦ **Donate.** You may send your donations to Valley Presbyterian Church by mail or on-line with Compañeros en Misión <https://donorbox.org/mission-partners-in-the-borderlands>
- ♦ in the memo line, or put a cash donation in a envelope with Compañeros en Misión on the envelope.

Mission Committee Contact: Judy Aguayo

760-401-4545 jaguayovpc@yahoo.com <https://www.facebook.com/CompanerosEnMision/>

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## Crossroads Mission, Nogales, Arizona

338 N. Morley Avenue  
P.O. Box 2246  
Nogales, AZ 85628

520-287-5828  
www.crossroadsmissionaz@gmail.com

Alejandra Martinez is the newly appointed Director of crossroads Mission Nogales.

### **Hope, Help, Healing for the Homeless and Hurting.**

Crossroads Nogales Mission is a Christ-centered, non-profit shelter community providing help, hope, compassionate care and recovery to disadvantaged men, women and families who are homeless, addicted and/or involved in domestic violence. The shelter provides housing, food, resources and recovery programs to those in need.

Crossroads Mission is the only homeless shelter, recovery center in Nogales/Santa Cruz County. Crossroads was founded in 1995 by Directors Ben and Bert Wenke (now retired) to help the hungry and poor, shelter the homeless, and give people a beginning of new life.

The mission is transforming lives from homeless and addicted to living a meaningful, productive life.

The Mission provides shelter for abused women and children at their three transitional houses.

The Mission feeds the poor for free three meals daily six days a week. Over 40,000 meals are served annually to the hungry. Each meal cost approximately \$3.07 per person.

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

- ♦ -Consider by being missionaries by helping with lunch the second and third Wednesday each month.
- ♦ -Pray for Crossroads Mission during the transition with new directors.
- ♦ -Help supply food and clothing. Needed are canned fruits, canned vegetables, pasta, powdered milk, sugar, rice, peanut butter, jam, tomato sauce and spices. Clean and gently-used clothes are also needed. Place your donations in the Crossroads Mission box located on the table in second Sunday Fellowship Hall.
- ♦ -Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas meals are in part supplied by Valley Presbyterian Church.

Website address: <https://crossroadsmissionnogales.org/>

Mission Committee Contact:

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## **General Missions 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 worshipping 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 websites of PCUSA and/or Presbytery de Cristo. Prayer support for Christ's church is critical.

Mission Committee Contact: Ed Storey 719-494-5476 [ecs7fg@gmail.com](mailto:ecs7fg@gmail.com)

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

P.O. Box 2097

Green Valley, AZ 85622

520-648-3589

The local Genesis House shelter is run by Hands of a Friend and is funded with proceeds from DaZee's Resale Boutique, grant funding, as well as private and corporate donations. DaZee's is run entirely with dedicated volunteers. As a faith-based agency, Hands of a Friend accepts no County, State or Federal funding.

Genesis House serves as a "safe haven" for female victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children. Genesis House has provided over 87,000 bed units since its opening in January 2007. The shelter currently has 25 beds, with an overhead cost of approximately \$45 each day per person. Victims range in age from newborns to 87 years old. Each resident has a different journey and has individual needs for resources and instruction. They are allowed to stay in the shelter for up to 24 months. This allows them to get their best start toward a new secure life.

Genesis House aids residents so they can acquire food stamps and medical insurance, assistance with legal aid services, and aid with obtaining grants. In addition, internet access is on-site so residents can seek resources such as counseling, finishing school, and/or job search. Genesis House also offers transportation to the grocery store once a week, a pantry stocked with non-perishable foods, and emergency hotel stays for up to 2 nights.

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

First, DeZee's Resale Boutique accepts donations of woman's and men's clothing, shoes, handbags, and jewelry from 10:00 to 2:00 Monday-Saturday. The store address is 231 Duval Road, just off La Cañada near W. Duval Mine Road. Applications for volunteers at the store are gladly accepted.

Second, contribute financially through our church. If your contribution is made directly to Hands of a Friend, through pass through giving up to \$400/person or \$800/couple may be used annually as a tax credit.

Mission Committee: Jan Farrington [janfarrington9@gmail.com](mailto:janfarrington9@gmail.com)

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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 Holy Cross Hospital, Nogales, AZ, St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic in Nogales, AZ, More Than A Bed, and Aviva.

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, fabric, thread, sewing machine repairs, cutting blades, 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 9:30 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 hurting or 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.

If you want to see some of the many quilts that aren’t hung in fellowship hall, go to our personal website that Eileen Owen created and has maintained, since covid kept us from being together.

<https://vpcmq.weebly.com/quilts.html>

Mission Committee Contact: Patti Bright [patti.bright1@gmail.com](mailto:patti.bright1@gmail.com)

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## Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan’s Purse (SP)  
PO Box 3000  
Boone, NC 28607

828-262-1980  
[www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org)

Samaritan’s Purse is a nondenominational, evangelical, Christian organization that shares the good news of Jesus Christ through the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox program. This is one of many of their projects, and one Valley Presbyterian has been participating in for many years. Samaritan’s Purse invites churches worldwide to fill Christmas shoeboxes with toys, clothing, school supplies and other various small objects for daily living.

After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said, “Go and do likewise.” That is the mission of Samaritan’s Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the gospel. For over 25 years, SP has been distributing the Shoeboxes gifts to millions of children in over 100 countries into very remote areas. The ultimate aim is to make known the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ as the shoeboxes offer a gift of love and hope and leads to hearing the Gospel by the local

trained leaders.

Valley Presbyterian's role in this worldwide project is to facilitate the dissemination of the empty shoeboxes, provide information on the correct filling of the box, collect and store the filled boxes once they have been returned, then deliver the boxes to the appropriate processing center (for us in Tucson), to be shipped out on the designated date to the various countries. Prayers are asked to be said for the receipt of the box and the child and the child's family. Information is provided as to which country our boxes from Valley Pres were shipped.

This year 2023, 96 boxes were filled and delivered to the Sahuarita Calvary Church for processing. In addition every single box this year was returned with the shipping costs included of \$10 per box. Monies were leftover from the shipping due to further general donations to the project the Mission Committee voted to be given to Samaritan's Purse for cost of the "The Greatest Journey" Bible Study series which accompanies the boxes to the local destination.

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Keep praying all year for the child that received your box and for the Operation Children's Shoebox mission...to hear and spread the word of God throughout their lands.

The Valley Presbyterian Mission Committee also needs volunteers for this project to assist with assembling of boxes, the work on Sunday mornings of distribution and receipt of the boxes, publicizing the project, and delivery of the boxes to the Processing Centers.

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## **Operation Mobilization**

Operation Mobilization  
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Tyrone, GA 30290

Pam and Dave are executive regional directors for Bangladesh, Iran, and Pakistan serving with Operation Mobilization (OM) for 45 years. They travel regularly to dangerous lands to direct and serve unreached souls in need of Jesus Christ. In Addition, Pam and Dave have a major leadership role in planning programs, writing, speaking at international meetings, and handson evangelism. We have been blessed and inspired by their multiple visits to Valley Presbyterian Church the last being in January 2022. 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 all situations OM teams attempt to adapt to the local culture and situation, endeavoring to find the best ways to share the gospel using literature, creative arts, friendship, bible studies, video and cassette tapes, correspondence courses, relief, and development work. Suppling food, personal supplies, and clothing have been especially important with the Covid-19 crisis, Ukrainian War, and the natural disaster of floodings in Pakistan. The ship, LOGOS HOPE, has for 50 years serves as a floating library for service, Christian study, and evangelism. OM is a faith mission, dependent on God to raise support for their ministries from individual and churches. For specific information of Pam and Dave Lovett and their newsletter, contact Douglas Clark.

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Prayer requests

1. For protection, safety, and open doors for Pam and Dave Lovett and their teams in these 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.

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## **Posada Life Community Services**

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*Claudia Ortega 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 an independent 501(c)(3), separate from La Posada retirement Center reaches across the community by helping:

On behalf of the greater Green Valley community, Los Niños del Valle ( a preschool service) 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.

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## Shawl Ministry/ Prayer Bear

The mission to Knit, crochet and pray over each shawl as they are hand crafted .  
All of the prayer shawls are blessed during a Sunday service when they are completed.  
Prayer Bears are a symbol of God’s Love given to needy persons.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Stayed tuned for an update on prayer shawls and how you can help.

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## Presbyterian Campus Ministry

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Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM) is a mission of the Presbytery de Cristo. We collaborate with the Lutheran Campus Ministry and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Bible study and dinner are Wednesday’s at 6:00 p.m. at our Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Tucson. 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.

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!
- Participate in fundraisers and events.
- Donate to PCM directly by sending a Check to PCM via Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1200 N. Campbell Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719 or online <https://pcmarizona.org>

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## Bob and Kristi Rice - South Sudan

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Bob and Kristi Rice are Presbyterian Missionaries whom we have supported when they began their missionary journey. Bob and Kristi have visited and inspired our church many times, last in September 2023. When that ministry in the Congo became unsafe, 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 to now graduating their second class. Many of these students live in Internally Displaced Person (IDP) camps and a majority of the students have been displaced from all over the country. Due to the compromised security situation and challenges with education in South Sudan, wives and children of the leadership of the NTC live in surrounding countries such as Egypt, Sudan and Uganda.

Please pray and support Bob and Kristi Rice as they answer God’s call in Juba, South Sudan. Please follow them on their weekly blog, [bobandkristi.blogspot.com](http://bobandkristi.blogspot.com), to experience a dynamic diary of this mission.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?** To donate money for their mission, designate support for the Rice's mission on checks written to VPC. Most important is prayer support for safety, good health, and God’s direction.

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## St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic

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*Laura Romero, Executive Director*

**OVERVIEW:** For over 50 years, St. Andrew’s Children’s Clinic (The Clinic) has provided free, specialized medical care to children living in Mexico who cannot get or afford the care they need in their home country. The Clinic is now housed in a building at 2021 N. Grand in Nogales, Arizona. Formerly, it had occupied space at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Nogales, AZ. As far as they know, it is the only non-profit free medical clinic of its kind along the U.S./Mexico Border. The Clinic is a non-denominational Christian, non-profit 501(C)(3) tax-exempt organization.

In the past, the volunteer professional health care staff saw approximately 225-250 patients on the first Thursday of each month except July. With the move to a new facility, space is limited until it is remodeled. At present they are seeing as many as possible which numbers from 80 to 100. When the new rooms are added they hope to get back to the 225—250 patients.

**THEIR NEED:** The children suffer from a wide variety of serious medical problems and disabling conditions, and their parents bring them to The Clinic for a miracle. Children are seen from age 1 month to 18 years old. The Clinic operation in the U.S. has worked closely with Immigration Services to ensure proper legal documentation of all the patients and families. In turn, Immigration Services personnel have volunteered their own time to come in early on Clinic Days to ensure that the patients have the documents they need for a timely border crossing. The love of the volunteers is obvious as they faithfully return each month to help

patients.

Additionally, every fall, 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 also, Shriners are very involved and provide many extra services.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Your prayers for the volunteers, staff, children and their families are needed. Cash donations are always welcome. 98% of all donations go directly to patient care.

As of now the Clinic is not open to any new volunteers, no welcome table, and no tours, all having been available in past years. With the limited space, new departments will be opening and the Clinic hopes to accommodate more children in that process. Ahead will be a rebuilding year; much will be added. However, support and love are uppermost and the joy of helping disabled children from Mexico will build the new Clinic to be even better than it was in the past.

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## Valley Assistance Services

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**Who We Are:** Combining social services and community health, Valley Assistance Services (VAS) guides seniors, individuals and families to live healthy, resilient and vibrant lives, while remaining safe and independent. For over 50 years, our professional staff and cutting-edge programs have addressed life's challenges by embracing prevention and education, and by enriching the lives of over 7,000 individuals, youth, and seniors throughout our 2,700 square-mile service area, along the I-19 corridor. Our programs and services are now expanding from Sahuarita into Rio Rico.

**Community Need:** This past year has been one of increased needs in our own communities due to inflation, health, and job and financial instability. Valley Assistance Services has expanded our volunteer base and hours, operating hours, and staff. VAS reconstructed and modified its current Green Valley facility, to provide more usable and confidential office space to serve clients and provide a workforce training computer lab. The growth continues to be exponential. The (Map-a-Plan) MAP Program alone expanded more than 1200% a year ago and remains at 900% above the previous year, serving up to 16 households a week with rental and utility assistance. The Neighbors Helping Neighbors volunteer transportation program has grown over 300%, with a minimum of four applications per week for this program. Three support groups have been started within the last few months, for socialization, and another support group for caregivers.

Affordable housing continues to be a difficult situation in our service area. Rents have increased 30–50% in the last year. There have been an increased number of evictions, there has been an increase in rental properties being sold by landlords when the tenants could no longer pay their rent. There has been an increase in the number of clients who are multiple months behind on their rent or mortgage. Many people are 3 to 5 months behind on their utility bills when they come in for assistance. Housing costs remain high, while many clients', and certainly most seniors', incomes remain stagnant. More are homeless or on edge of

becoming homeless who have been seeking assistance at VAS. Keeping households stable, together and meeting their basic needs remains a struggle with costs of living. It costs \$4,000-\$6,000 to stabilize a household.

Each senior that remains in their home saves society approximately \$2,000.00 per year.

Valley Assistance Services identifies, advocates, and supports the changing needs of older people, individuals, families and youth. The VAS staff serves over 7,000 people annually with these essential programs:

**Going Home with Care:** Care transitions from hospital to home, a post-hospital discharge program with specific diagnoses to help ensure recovery and discharge follow through; our VAS Register Nurse, RN provides home visits to assess each client's health for care needs, makes sure clients have needed medications and knowledge of medication use, to reduce readmissions.

**A Touch That Cares** :RN Medical Advocacy for seniors facing chronic illness including in-home health education and medical support; health advocacy between patients and physicians, pharmacists, and other care providers, and assistance to help clients improve their quality of life through coordination of a personalized care plan, medication education and management, exercise education and assessments, and family/caregiver education.

**SHiM : (Safety and Health in Motion),** a partnership with the Green Valley Fire District is an evidenced based fall prevention program designed to identify medical fall risks, reduce fear of falling through an in-home assessment of fall risks: home, medication, lifestyle, and health. The program provides in home safety assessments followed by installation of needed safety equipment including night lights, reach sticks and smoke alarms.

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors in Green Valley/Sahuarita and Santa Cruz County transportation program:** Volunteer Transportation and socialization program area provide by trained volunteers to provide transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other essential trips, as well as performing errands for homebound, isolated seniors. (In partnership with Pima Council on Aging Neighbors Care Alliance and SEAGO).

**MAP (Map-a-Plan program):** Emergency monetary assistance for rent, utilities, to prevent evictions and homelessness, including required attendance in 6 hours of financial education classes. Savings and benefits information and resources including on-line SNAP (food stamps) application assistance and Arizona Self-Help program are available to all clients.

**Youth and Family Program:** This program assists those families with basic needs including nutrition and resources. The **Backpack Program** distributes backpacks, school supplies and breakfast foods to those in Santa Cruz County.

**Workforce Training/Career Path Building and Computer Lab:** This program will including resume writing, mock interviewing, and job search with a workforce coach and one-to-one support. VAS now has a workforce computer lab.

**Neighbors AIM (Awareness in Memory Loss):** This ongoing support classes and peer-support groups support loved ones, family, friends, and neighbors of dementia sufferers, and those with early-stage dementia through creative events, simulation experiences, and education. This program creates a community/neighbors sense of caring for those with memory loss and their loved ones. Dementia and memory loss are challenging illnesses. These affect all of us in some way. A Virtual Dementia Tour® is offered once a month. This allows caregivers and loved ones to walk in the shoes of someone with dementia.

**Socialization Programs:**

**connectwithU:** a volunteer team provides over 1,400 friendly phone calls to older persons per month.

**SASS (Socialization and Support for Seniors) :** A facilitated, peer-led support groups that meet at VAS’ office once a month for socialization.

New staff members were recently added to cover the amount of needs and referrals to VAS. More than half of the staff at VAS is bilingual. A volunteer coordinator position was also added to ensure support and coordination. Many of our programs and services include volunteers, and the number of opportunities for volunteers have grown. Volunteers assist VAS both in Pima County as well as Santa Cruz County. VAS’ main office is in Green Valley, with a satellite office in Tubac, and another satellite office in the Sahuarita Food Bank– Community Resource Center.

Valley Assistance Services became an affiliate of the Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona last year, and now serves more than 125 families with these products. SNAP (formerly known as food stamp applications) has grown to four times what it was in the past. Our Holiday program distributes over 150 gifts and food baskets each December to those in the area who are alone, or who need assistance with basic needs. These programs are meeting the needs expressed by those in this community.

If you would like to donate or volunteer or tour our facility, please call 520-625-5966.

Thank you for your support.

Mission Committee Contact: Steve Larson, (520) 207-4864

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## **Borderlands Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Support in 2024**

Presbytery De Christo is sponsoring 5 YAVs in our area, There are 22 such YAV programs nationwide. Young adults (approx. 18 to 26) take a year of their lives, starting in September in service to God. This gap year may be before they start college, during college, or before pursuing other activities. The goal is to contemplate what God would best like them to do with their lives. They receive a \$10k stipend for the year and we are providing the stipend for one of the five YAV workers for this year.

YAVs are assigned to a variety of areas that might change throughout the year. In Tucson, two YAV workers, one of which we sponsor, is currently working to help older, low-income folks with home repairs. Last year, they served at a place where day laborers and local contractors joined up for work.

In addition, there are three YAV workers in Agua Prieta, just across the border from Douglas, AZ. When people are seeking legal asylum in the US, they must make an appointment on their phone and wait in Mexico for an appointment. They are often from some other country, with children, and targets for cartels who see them as sources of funds. The YAVs work at a shelter where they can stay, in relative safety, until their appointment for application is granted. Although there might be employment available, the Mexicans would prefer not hiring non-Mexicans with the language and cultural differences, so they are in great need.

**For more information on ways you can help you can contact Ed Story,**

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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:

## 86% Graduation Rate

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.

1. Financial assistance– up to \$160 per month based in good attendance and good grades.
2. Basic human needs– including food, toiletries, school supplies and more.
3. Guidance– encouragement, college and career assistance, workforce readiness preparation, and connections to other services in the community. 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, 2022-June 30, 2023

### 1504—Youth Served:

101—Cell Phones Issued      \$1,458,645—Direct Financial Assistance      \$1,458,645—Direct Financial Assistance

**JOIN US** on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 PM in Classroom 5 at church to make cards of inspiration for YOTO students. Currently students are receiving their monthly stipend monies through Reloadable Master Cards (replacing Stipend Checks). Students have asked that continue to receive the Cards of Inspiration, and they will get these cards with their Mini-Mall shopping for needed supplies.





# YOUTH ON THEIR OWN® MINI MALL NEEDS

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Backpacks
- Binders
- Lined paper
- USB flash drives
- Crayons

## FOOD

- White rice
- Canned mixed veggies
- Canned chicken
- Shelf stable milk & chocolate milk
- Ramen (cups & pouches)

- Cereal
- Black beans
- Dry beans
- Juice (individual serving)
- Canned corn

## HYGIENE & HOUSEHOLD

- Face wash
- Mouth wash
- Sunscreen
- Shaving cream

- Body wash
- Tissues
- Nail clippers

- Blankets
- Toilet cleaner
- Cleaning brush

- All-purpose cleaner
- Disinfectant spray

**CONTRIBUTE to YOTO's Mini-Mall.** The 3rd Sunday of each month is the official COLLECTION SUNDAY for Youth on Their Own Mini-Mall Needs. Below is a current list of the needs. A tub marked YOTO is in Charter Hall just outside The Spiritual Life Center to receive all donations. The collected supplies are taken to YOTO once each month.

To learn more about Youth On Their Own (2023) , go to the [yoto.org](http://yoto.org).  
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