

# MISSION OUTREACH NEWS

JANUARY 2021

Dear mission friends at Lake Grove,

It seems appropriate to be writing this on the day we celebrate and remember our Christian brother, Martin Luther King. We've experienced a very challenging start for 2021, particularly with the continuing health and political issues in our country and the world. However, as followers of Jesus, we also experience hope in so many ways. I have been reminded lately of what I heard many years ago: a crisis is actually a time of opportunities. Some of the opportunities in the life of our church have included being able to contribute financially to the needs of Bangladesh's children, being able to meet needs of the homeless and hungry and being able to assist those suffering from fire and Covid in our own state. We are indeed greatly blessed to be able to respond in prayers, money and other means of support.

I received a very thoughtful gift from a friend at Christmas: a version of the book of Isaiah with beautiful photos included. I turned to the verses of Isaiah 58 to remind me of what pleases God. *"Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you, let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Share your food with the hungry and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help. Then your salvation will come like the dawn, and your wounds will quickly heal. Your godliness will lead you forward, and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind. Then when you call the Lord will answer....Remove the heavy yoke of oppression, stop pointing your finger and spreading vicious rumors. Feed the hungry and help those who are in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness and the darkness around you will be bright as noon. The Lord will guide you continually.."*

*You will be like a well-watered garden, like an overflowing spring."*

By His grace, as a congregation we will strive to do as He asks and then rejoice in the answered prayers of those for whom we care.

Blessings,  
Elder LuAnn Yocky



## MINISTRY UPDATES

### CARE AND SHARE



HELPING HUNGRY FAMILIES IN NEED  
AT CHRISTMASTIME AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

During the Advent season, you gave **\$17,600** for Care and Share in 2021. This is wonderful news for this ministry and for the hungry in our area. Thank you!

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## CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL OFFERING: BANGLADESH CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM



Our special offering raised almost \$19,000! Thank you Lake Grove for your generous support of this important ministry. Because of you, a number of other Bangladeshi children will be able to attend school instead of working to support their families.

## DRIVE BY - DROP OFF - DO GOOD

### LGK Reaches Out

Lake Grove Kids families continue to demonstrate their compassion and mission-mindedness. In January they will be collecting jar salsa, canned beans, canned fruit and cooking oil for Woodburn Ministries. Donations may be dropped off at the Sunset Drive entrance through January 31st.



## MISSION PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

The Headington Institute



As a nonprofit serving humanitarians and emergency responders, Headington's purpose is to make sure these brave women and men have the resiliency skills they need to successfully serve and bring hope around the globe. More than 200,000 humanitarian aid workers and emergency responders are impacted by their work each year. Whether through in-person consultations or online trainings for those in places they cannot yet go, the Headington Institute provides invaluable psychological support for those on the frontlines of some of the worst disasters around the world. Wherever there is a humanitarian emergency, they are usually working behind the scenes with the relief, development, and emergency organizations directly assisting victims. "We see our work as a long-term partnership of support and care, that draws on our own deep faith commitments".

The Headington Institute works with people representing all of the world's religions, and as people of faith themselves, they strive to be humble, respectful, and compassionate regardless of the worldview or faith perspective of those they serve. They provide care and mercy freely to all those served.

Click here to watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umu3F44rRro>

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## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

### Calling All Cookie Bakers!

Our mission partner Portland Rescue Mission is accepting home-made cookies for their Connect program, which assists men and women transitioning off the street through job and housing assistance. The Cookie Team is delivering cookies to the Mission once a month and the staff is absolutely delighted. Who isn't encouraged by a home-made chocolate chip cookie?! Or shortbread? Or gingersnap? Or any home-baked cookie?

We are always looking for more people to join our Cookie Team. If you would like to bake for the Portland Rescue Mission, or if you have any questions about this new opportunity, **please contact Sally LeFeber at [lefeber@comcast.net](mailto:lefeber@comcast.net)**



### Portland Rescue Mission Volunteers Needed

**Life Skills Classes** — Do you have experience facilitating small groups? With training from Portland Resue Mission, you could help change lives by guiding group conversations in the year-long, residential recovery program for men and women, in NE Portland. Topics include Job Placement and Skills Assessment, Conflict Resolution, Interviewing Skills and Budgeting. Curriculum and coaching are provided. Wednesday mornings 8-9am, weekly.

**Guest Relations Office** - Greet guests and provide toiletries, hats & gloves to people coming in from the cold at the Burnside Shelter. Your friendly welcome can be the first step toward someone getting off the street. Training provided and staff support nearby. 1-2 people together. 2-3 hour shifts weekly, based on your availability.

For more information about these opportunities at PRM, **please contact Janet Fraser at [janet.fraser@pdxmission.org](mailto:janet.fraser@pdxmission.org)**.

## FOR UP-TO-DATE NEWS

Follow us on our Lake Grove Mission Outreach Facebook page for weekly updates! Let your friends know they can join our newsletter distribution by contacting Julie Russell at [julie@lakegrovepres.org](mailto:julie@lakegrovepres.org).

*<sup>17</sup> How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.*

*1 John 3:17-18 (NRSV)*



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