

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS

FEBRUARY 2021

Dear mission friends at Lake Grove,

As Julie and I were contemplating the snow and ice this past Sunday, St. Valentine's Day, she reminded me that one year ago we were on our way to Senegal along with Graig and LuAnn. In fact, one year ago today as I write this, we were visiting our dear friends Feluine and Malik Fall at their mission in St. Louis, Senegal. It seems so recent and yet so long ago, with all that has happened in the past year, both joyous and sad. But what a great visit it was, reconnecting with old friends, mourning the passing of one, and seeing how God is working in their lives and communities, and the joy that this brings to their faces.



This is our fervent hope and prayer, that Lake Grove Presbyterian Church will continue to be a mission church, to be a faithful mission partner, and to “run with perseverance the race marked out for us”, in the sure knowledge that we can and will make a difference in the world, one relationship at a time.

Dave Strong, Trustee

MINISTRY UPDATES

CARE AND SHARE



HELPING HUNGRY FAMILIES IN NEED
AT CHRISTMASTIME AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Their joy in seeing us, and ours in return, reminded me once again how important those personal connections are, however fleeting our encounters may be. When we become personally involved, personally invested, whether in Senegal, or collecting food for Salvation Army and Family Promise, we are oftentimes the blessed ones as well. We do so not for what we may receive, but because we are commanded to: “The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” And in so doing, we have seen firsthand how following Jesus’ command to “feed my sheep” has brought rich spiritual blessings to our church and to us individually.

Because of your generosity during our 2020 Advent Season donation drive, 24 deserving families continue to receive a WinCo food giftcard in the mail monthly. Thank you, Reese and Will Castrey for personalizing our Care and Share notecards and sending these families a little extra love in their mailboxes.



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DRIVE BY-DROP OFF-DO GOOD

LGK REACHES OUT-FEB



During the month of February, Lake Grove Kids families are collectiong individually packaged Goldfish, Pirate's Booty and chips for lunches at the Salvation Army West Women's Shelter. The shelter provides food, clothing and shelter for women and their children. Donations may be dropped off at the Sunset Drive entrance through February 28th. We're grateful for parents who model compassion with their children like this!

FAMILY PROMISE

A big **THANK YOU** to many who shopped and donated food for residents of Family Promise of Tualatin Valley (FPTV). Your efforts provided one week's worth of food for 8 families. Each family was also given a soup jar and recipe to make their own homemade soup! For information on how you can donate food items or get involved, email Laurie Washburne at lauriewashburne@gmail.com



MISSION PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

SHEPHERD'S DOOR

Our local ministry partner, Shepherd's Door, is a shelter for women and their children (up to 44 families). They offer a comprehensive, Bible-based, Christ-centered program that includes the following components: Education, Living Skills, Counseling, Work and Recovering Classes. Please watch and see how this ministry is making life-changing differences to the women and children they serve.

Click here to watch <https://youtu.be/ioE11sFtfOs>



For more information visit:

<https://portlandrescuemission.org/women-children/>

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LAKE GROVE HONORS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Our friends at MissioNexus are featuring profiles of Black missionaries every day in February during Black History Month. Here's an example:



***“DEAR FRIENDS, LET US LOVE
ONE ANOTHER FOR LOVE
COMES FROM GOD”
1 JOHN 4:7***

Betsey was the first single women missionary in the modern mission era. After she was granted freedom in 1815, Betsey attended the College of New Jersey (now Princeton) and would later establish schools in Canada and Hawaii that would serve as platform for evangelism and discipleship.

To learn more click here:

<https://missionnexus.org/black-history-month-devotional-series/>

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