

# MISSION OUTREACH NEWS

MARCH 2021

## DEAR MISSION FRIENDS AT LAKE GROVE,

Spring is here, Easter is around the corner, and that makes me think about how John's vision of Jesus says, "See, I am making all things **new!**" (Rev 21:5). One of the wonderful aspects of our church's involvement outside the congregation is seeing things come to life or come back to life. Restoration of people's lives through agencies like Salvation Army and Portland Rescue Mission; the **renewal** of self-sufficiency through Lake Oswego Transitional Shelter and Family Promise; new prosperity in places like Nicaragua, Bangladesh, Senegal and Zambia.

Speaking of Senegal, the picture you see here is from a year ago, when our mission team met with an old friend, Khadim Gueye, a Muslim



leader in the federation villages of our former partnership through World Vision. Partnering with Christian farmers at Beer Sheba, Khadim is developing a community garden in his village, using "perma-culture" farming concepts to turn desert into farmland—**new life** (see adjoining article). Meanwhile, we invite your prayers for Khadim and others in the villages who are intrigued by Jesus and being discipled by our dear brother Leopold Diouf. The transition from "knowing about" Jesus to knowing Him as Savior is also **new life!**

Finally, this month is our annual "One Great Hour of Sharing" special offering, benefitting the hungry, the poor, and those impacted by disaster, through

programs of the national Presbyterian church. This offering is about a **new** start in the lives of thousands of people.

Thanks for reading our latest update. Please help spread the word about encouraging stories like these. Anybody supporting Lake Grove Church is also a part of the **renewal** represented here. May the Easter season bring you and your loved ones **newness** of life!

Blessings,

*Graig*

Pastor Graig Flach

## INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY UPDATE: THE "GARDEN OF HEAVEN" IN SENEGAL

The new garden at *Toolu Aljana*, the "Garden of Heaven" led by community leader Khadim Gueye, has produced it's first harvest...tomatoes! Please pray for the continued success of the garden and that the practices would spread throughout the region, bringing greater food security and economic prosperity.



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## DRIVE BY-DROP OFF-DO GOOD

### LGK REACHES OUT

Lake Grove Kids families continue to demonstrate their compassion and mission-mindedness. In March they are collecting new activity books (coloring books, mazes, dot to dots, madlibs), crayons, markers and colored pencils for children served through Family Promise. Donations will be collected



through March 31st and may be dropped off in the marked bin located at the Sunset Drive entrance.

### WOODBURN

Thank you LGK Families for your generous food donations for Woodburn in February. Nancy Marshall and Karen Juergens (pictured) were able to deliver a car load of much needed pantry items (salsa, canned beans, canned fruit and cooking oil) to our partners at Woodburn.



## MISSION PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



### MANNA MINISTRY

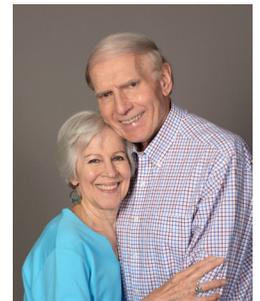
Each week our Manna Ministry volunteers collect food items that would otherwise be wasted from local retailers (Safeway, St Honore, New Seasons) and deliver them to the Tualatin Schoolhouse Food Pantry, Job Seekers and Oakridge Senior Apartments. The pandemic has made food insecurity an even bigger problem and this important ministry is continuing to fill the need for those facing food insecurity.

Click here to see what this ministry is all about!

<https://youtu.be/oZJeLT-fLrQ>

If you have questions about our Manna Ministry here at Lake Grove or would like to get involved, please contact [graig@lakegrovepres.org](mailto:graig@lakegrovepres.org) or [carolbrownrigg@comcast.net](mailto:carolbrownrigg@comcast.net) for more information.

We give our heartfelt thanks to **Jim and Jennifer Davidson** for their years of faithful and loyal service to our Manna Ministry as they step down from their leadership role.



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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 and notes of encouragement to the Mission once a month and the staff is absolutely delighted.

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 opportunity, please contact Sally LeFeber at [lefeber@comcast.net](mailto:lefeber@comcast.net)



*Emily Bamonte*

## EASTER CANDY DONATIONS

The Salvation Army Shelter “Crunch Team” has been gifted the funding to host an Easter party at the Women and Children’s Shelter! Along with snacks, frozen casseroles, pantry staples, and groceries for a fresh kitchen-made meal, they will also

deliver Easter basket goodies for the children: Easter totes, plastic eggs, small toys, crafts, and Easter sticker story books. If you would like to get involved



by donating **small, individually wrapped Easter candy** for this party, please contact Sally LeFeber at [lefeber@comcast.net](mailto:lefeber@comcast.net) for delivery instructions. **Deadline for candy donations is Sunday, March 28th!**

## COMING UP...

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

For decades, LGPC has joined thousands of other churches in the annual “One Great Hour of Sharing”, to serve the hungry, poor communities, and those devastated by disaster. This year our target date is **March 28, Palm Sunday**. You can be a part of it in 3 ways: donate online, send a check, or drop off a cash or check gift during our Palm Sunday Hosanna DriveThru!

*“Our love for others is our grateful response to the love God first demonstrated to us.”*

*John 4:19*



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