

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS

MAY 2021

DEAR MISSION FRIENDS AT LAKE GROVE,

My husband and I have been part of a book group that started as a result of the tragedy of 9/11/2001. Our group members were of the same troubled mind – wondering how best to live our faith and hope following the shocking crisis in our country. We decided we needed to go back to the basics of our confidence and trust in God, and the books we chose to study and discuss really did help us feel better grounded in faith once again. Our discussions were lively!



Although our group has changed in members, the purpose remains constant. We want to learn from some of Christianity's great teachers and examples of faithful living. So, currently we're reading Timothy Keller's most recent book, "Hope in Times of Fear". I recently started reading the book and have been pondering the introductory words about what hope really is. Keller states that the biblical word for hope is much stronger in meaning than what we usually understand hope to be. The better translation is "profound certainty". And this certainty is based on the "explosive event" of Jesus' death and resurrection. Keller reminds us that the disciples of Jesus were eye witnesses who could never deny the fact of the resurrection and therefore changed their lives forever. Suddenly, almost overnight, they recognized that life is not limited to earthly years, and thus the remainder of their earthly lives was totally altered.

This led me to remember how so many Christians I have been privileged to meet over the years, especially those living in challenging environments

that sometimes seem "hopeless", were not without hope. They were living in the profound certainty of eternal life with their Savior and God. Our mission partners, both local and international, reflect this hope in how they live and work today. We are privileged as a church and as individuals to support them through our giving, prayers and volunteer work. As scripture teaches, how very beautiful are their feet – and their lives and vision!

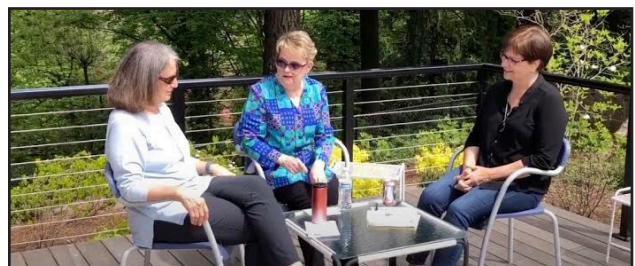
How gracious of God to give us opportunities to support them, and to also choose to live our lives serving others with profound certainty of eternity and joy!

LuAnn Yocky
Elder

INTERNATIONAL MISSION PARTNER UPDATE



Recently, Pastor Graig sat down with three members of the January 2020 [Agros](#) Go Team, Andrea Anderson, Linda Brugh and Jan Pearce, to discuss how this past year has affected those living in Nicaragua. Covid and a devastating hurricane brought many challenges to the people that Agros serves.



Click [HERE](#) to listen to their update

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PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING MAY 23, 2021

Our mission partner, [Youth Dynamics "YD" Adventures](#) is the recipient of our Pentecost Special Offering on **Sunday, May 23**. YD Adventures encourages teens and young adults to discover and experience the love of Christ, using adventure and creativity in the beauty of the outdoors. Your contribution will help "light the flame" of Christ's love in the hearts of the youth they serve.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about what YD Adventures is all about.

**Pentecost
Special Offering**



BENEFITTING



YOUTH DYNAMICS



HELP LIGHT A FLAME
IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE BY
SUPPORTING OUR PARTNER
YOUTH DYNAMICS ADVENTURES!
"YD" USES ADVENTURE IN GOD'S
CREATION TO SHARE NEW LIFE AND
TRANSFORMATION IN CHRIST.

To support the Pentecost Offering click [Here](#)

EVENT UPDATE WALK4WATER

THANK YOU, Lake Grove for your unwavering support and participation in [WaterAfrica's](#) Walk4Water on May 8th! Because of YOU roughly 750 women, men and children will now receive

the precious gift of clean water for their life and generations to follow. That means 500 women and children won't be walking miles everyday to get dirty water and 200+ girls will now be regularly going to school – life changing!



And a big shoutout to **Stephanie Ward** who has been participating in Walk4Water for the past 9 years. This year, she collected over 87 bottle and can bags and presented a check for \$1,000 to Walk4Water at the event! We are thankful for you and your servant heart, Stephanie!



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COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

ARE YOU A COOKIE BAKER?

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 delivers cookies and notes of encouragement to the Mission once a month.



We are always looking for more people to join our Cookie Team. If you would like to bake for the Portland Rescue Mission, or create notes of encouragement, please contact Sally LeFeber at lefeber@comcast.net

Deadline for May cookie donations is Sunday, May 23rd!

SHEPHERD'S DOOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A homecooked meal is one of the simplest ways to show someone you care. And for the women and children living at [Shepherd's Door](#), it's a wonderful reminder that they are loved and supported by their community.

If you and your small group would like to provide a homecooked meal just once a month, please contact Joan Brassfield at jbrassfield@gmail.com for more information.



SALVATION ARMY

Just providing individually packaged chips and crunchy snacks is a huge blessing for the women and children served at the [Salvation Army Women and Children's Shelter](#). To donate, please contact Sally LeFeber at lefeber@comcast.net for delivery instructions to her Westlake home.

Deadline for May snack donations is Sunday, May 23rd!



You my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

Galatians 5:13



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