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# State of Missions Report

Because of the generosity of this church family, last year we were able to give over \$183K to support God's work around the world through local & global missions. From addressing food insecurity in the San Gabriel Valley to increasing literacy among women in India, from tutoring kids in Azusa to providing hospice care for the sick in Kenya, from the launch of La Casa Church to reach Spanish speakers in our community to providing orphan care in Haiti, we celebrate the powerful and amazing ways God is working through Glenkirk!

Last year your donations helped our missions partners in their work around the world in many ways...

### **Global Missions**

**GTi Hope –** GTi Hope's mission is to bring hope to the hopeless in South Asia. Last year GTi Hope hosted 26 Community Empowerment Projects, 8 Village Literacy Projects, reached 12,300 women through their literacy programs, trained 4 Patashalas, ministered to 15,000 children at VBS, provided 395 Tamil study Bibles, dug 58 water wells, and provided 520 sewing machines for woman-owned small businesses.

**African Enterprise** – AE brings the Good News of Jesus to towns and cities all over Africa. Last year we saw amazing numbers of people giving their lives to Jesus! In the last few months, during AE's "Love Nairobi" mission in Kenya, 300 AE evangelists joined forces with missionaries from all over the continent to share the Gospel with 320,968 people.Through Sunday services, serving the city, school ministry, sports ministry, medical camps & hospital ministries, 78,593 people put their lives in Jesus's hands. Pray for us as we focus on spreading the Gospel in South Sudan in October. Join us for a trip to Rwanda in March 2024.

**Zoe International** – With homes in Australia, Mexico, Japan, and Los Angeles, ZOE international exists to rescue vulnerable children from human trafficking and share the Gospel to all who will listen. Last year Zoe developed a robust vocational program for at-risk children to prepare them for successful careers, operated a short-term therapeutic home in Los Angeles, and restored the lives of hundreds of children and lead thousands to Christ in Australia, Japan, and Mexico.

**PARS Theological Centre** – Pars exists to raise up new Christian leaders in the underground church in Iran. Last year they developed extensive course curricula, translated Christian books into Farsi for their library, saw the formation of their sophisticated satellite technology to teach across a closed border, hosted an offsite leadership formation conference, beamed hundreds of hours of TV broadcasts to Iran's general public, and provided counseling to house church leaders. Currently, 466 students are enrolled in the accredited Bachelors in Theology and Ministry degree. Their current biggest need is financial after a funding reduction of about 12%.

For His Children – FHC empowers vulnerable and orphaned children in Ecuador through life-changing care. With capacity for 49, this year FHC is caring for 40 orphaned children through specialized care and shelter. Last year, Ecuador saw a change in government which took orphanages and orphan care in a new direction. FHC has been involved in shaping the national discussion, as well as establishing best practices and program development for the region. This highly valued role with government officials has allowed FHC to influence national dialogue with Christian values. Stay tuned for more information on vision trips with Glenkirk's Mission Team! **Three Angels Haiti** – Three Angels serves orphans and at-risk families in Haiti to escape poverty, encounter Jesus, and become part of a healthy home. Our main ministries include our, Christian Academy, and Medical/Dental Clinic. Over the last 12 months, through our Angel House ministry, we have taken in 3 new children and placed 6 children into forever families. We have also had the privilege to care for 3 children with compelling special needs. Our Medical/Dental Clinic served 5,500 patients last year. Our Christian Academy served 285 Kindergarten through 7th grade students last year, and sponsored 27 students attending partner high schools and 3 in university. We have also added 8th and 9th grade classrooms and will commence our first 8th grade class this year. Our biggest needs are financial and we are welcoming donors who will sponsor a student or orphan.

#### **Local Missions**

**Neighborhood Homework House** – NHH equips Azusa students to thrive through homework help, tutoring, and camp experiences to the students in the City of Azusa. This year we are serving 130 students. Our current needs are for 20-25 volunteers for tutoring and prayers for new facility opportunities.

**Shepherd's Pantry** – SP provides food, clothing, haircuts, and more to those in need in Glendora and the surrounding areas. Last year we served 17,693 households and 46,350 people. As the Christmas season approaches, we are gearing up for our Christmas Toy store where we provide toys to approximately 500 children. Join us this year by participating in Glenkirk's Christmas Toy Drive for SP!

**Young Life Capernaum** – YLC creates spaces of belonging for young adults and teens with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This past year several kids have had losses in their families. We have had the privilege to come alongside them by way of family visits, care packages, and attending funerals. 28 kids and volunteers went to Lost Canyon Young Life Camp this summer, where we offer an accessible camp experience with wheelchair accessibility, dietary restriction help, and onsite doctors and nurses.

**ECO Church Plants** – Glenkirk is currently supporting 3 local church plants through our denomination, the Evangelical Order of Presbyterians. This includes La Casa Church, our Spanish speaking church plant right here at Glenkirk!

## **Missionaries**

**IFES Missionary** (name redacted for safety) – We do outreach ministry to university students in Turkey and serve in leadership at a growing evangelical church in the area. We have developed a student center staffed by Christian volunteers where students can relax, study, and have conversations about faith. We also invite students to our home for Bible study, dinner, and fellowship. Last year we saw many young people give their lives to Jesus and begin outreach to their peers. We also saw our annual conference extended to multiple campuses to accommodate more students. Thank you to Glenkirk for your partnership!

**Steve and Kate Clark** – Last year we moved stateside after serving with Campus 2 Campus on the field in Asia. We launched our new ministry partnering with a Gospel-centered church to plant student focused churches and ministries overseas. We also started leading seeker Bible studies for Japanese women and men. This has been a fun new chapter in our ministry journey. Thank you to Glenkirk for walking alongside us in this transition.

**Bryant and Anne Wilhelmsen** – We work with refugees in Germany, ministering care, comfort, and sharing the love of Jesus. We have had the opportunity to help those in danger of deportation and have connected many to governmental and church assistance in the area. We also work with German Christians who remain cautious about reaching out to refuges for fear of being overwhelmed by their numbers and needs. We are grateful to Glenkirk for your support.

Juli Boit with Living Room International – LRI is a healthcare organization in Kenya that provides dignity and quality of life to those affected by life-threatening illnesses through holistic care and education. Last year we opened a new location and began offering spaces to stay for families of those undergoing medical treatment. Thank you to Glenkirk for hosting me last month and for all your continued support!

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