

## 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 brings hope to South Asia by training and equipping indigenous leaders. They do this through a multitude of ministries. These ministries include literacy programs, self-empowerment programs, Vacation Bible School, providing water wells, schools, and village rehabilitation.

African Enterprise – African Enterprise has several holistic and transformative social action programs which demonstrate the love of Christ to vulnerable and marginalized communities. These programs include advocacy for early childhood education, water and sanitation, vocational education, vulnerable women rehabilitation, health education, hospitals, HIV education programs, apprenticeship programs, community self help groups, and more.

**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. They help educate, prevent, and rescue vulnerable children from terrible situations and share God's love.

**PARS Theological Centre** – Pars Theological Centre exists to equip and mobilize the Iranian church by training a new generation of servant leaders to lead the church and transform the Persian-speaking world for the glory of God. Pars seeks to equip their leaders through training, resourcing, empowering, and mobilizing.

For His Children – For His Children exists as a Christ-centered ministry to homeless children, providing care in a loving and supportive environment, striving to unite them with their biological or adoptive family, and advocating on their behalf to others. For His Children is a Christ-centered ministry providing quality care to vulnerable children in Ecuador who have experienced abandonment, abuse, or neglect.

Three Angels Haiti – Three Angels serves orphans and at-risk families in Haiti. Their goal is to help them escape poverty, encounter Jesus, and become part of a healthy home. Three Angels work side by side, hand in hand, with those that know and love Haiti. Their desire has always been to partner with the community they serve to share and experience the love of Christ in tangible ways.

## **Local Missions**

**Neighborhood Homework House** – Homework House partners with parents of Azusa students to provide the tools needed to thrive academically and socially. They serve low-income families with students from grades Pre K - 12 attending Azusa Unified School District. Their vision is to see children, youth, and their families reach a future of fulfillment through specific building blocks.

**Shepherd's Pantry** – Shepherd's Pantry is a local food bank that provides food items, counseling services, and other resources from a faith-based perspective to those in need. They seek to offer people dignity and independence with a faith-based initiative. They have pantries located in Glendora, Irwindale, and Baldwin Park.

**Young Life Capernaum** – Young Life Capernaum creates spaces of belonging for teens and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**La Casa Church** – La Casa Church is a Spanish-speaking church plant at Glenkirk through our denomination, Evangelical Covenant Order (ECO).

## **Missionaries**

IFES Missionary (Name Redacted for Safety) – International Fellowship of Evangelical Students works in more than 170 countries to establish and support student-led indigenous Christian movements. IFES desires to see students built into communities of disciples, transformed by the gospel and impacting the university, the church, and society, for the glory of Christ. Their work supports student ministry in the following ways: pioneering, evangelism, engaging the university, developing leaders, and strengthening national movements.

**Kate Clark** – Kate works with Campus2Campus, which partners with Gospel-centered, stateside churches to plant Gospel-centered, student focused churches overseas.

**Bryant and Anne Wilhelmsen** – Global Grace Fellowship is a missionary sending agency that seeks to enable cross-cultural workers to carry out their distinct God-given vision to make reproducing disciples of Jesus among all peoples. For more than 85 years Global Grace has been sending missionaries, making disciples, and sharing the love of Jesus in many ways, both spiritual and practical. Glenkirk sponsors Bryant and Anne Wilhelmsen as Global Grace Fellowship missionaries.

Juli Boit with Living Room International – Living Room International is a healthcare organization in Kenya. Living Room ministries provide dignity and quality of life to the people in Kenya affected by life-threatening illnesses through holistic care and education. Guided by the belief that every person is created in the image of God, Living Room's work is much more than simply treating a disease. Their goal is to achieve the best quality of life for individuals and families facing advanced diseases. Glenkirk sponsors Juli McGowan as one of Living Room International's hospice nurses.