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**Who's got your back?**  
Changing lives with words of encouragement

## Getting it together

### Being people vs. doing projects

By Dani Klotz



At different stages in my life, I have been gifted with the courage to take risks through the encouragement of people around me. Whether it was to serve for a year after high school, or which college I should go to, people saw potential in me that I did not yet see in myself.

The offerings throughout this issue of *Beyond* are examples of individuals being emboldened to follow God's call in their lives, and taking the initiative to nudge others to do so as well. They share stories of calling, support, risk, and discipleship.

As I have immersed myself in this issue, I can't help but think of my own journey and those pivotal people who have helped me along the way. My hope is that you can find yourself and your journey somewhere within these pages as well.

The opportunities to join in God's mission are endless; in some instances they seem small, while others seem dramatic and prophetic. May we say yes to the challenges God lays before us.

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# A knock on the door

## Changing lives with words of encouragement

By Stanley W. Green

Many of us happily welcome God's guidance into ministry, leadership and service. Where most of us get stuck, however, is how to recognize the prompting of the Spirit. We struggle to know when God is guiding us to more than being open to actually leading or serving. I have sat through, or taught, enough classes on "How can we know the will of God?" to know that this can be a peculiarly perplexing question. I also know that the question never goes away. We are always yearning to know God's specific purpose in our lives at every stage.

Discerning the will of God is an important process with which every follower of Jesus needs to grapple. One of the powerful tools for this work—one that was critical to opening me up to God's purposes for my life and, by all accounts, has been helpful to so many more—is the testimonies of others. Here's how it happened for me:

I grew up in the church. I was powerfully inspired by the church's commitment to bring healing and hope into broken, hurting lives. I greatly admired the role of the pastor in the formation of a vision and consciousness within the members of the church.

Even though I positively regarded the role of the pastor, I never aspired to become one myself. Then, in my later teens, I experienced a life-transforming series of events. One day, my family was on a road trip to visit my older brother. On our way, we were involved in a serious accident that landed all of us in the hospital. After being stabilized, I was sent home the next day while the rest of my family remained hospitalized. I arrived home and found myself in the company of just my older brother.

One day, there was a knock on the door. When I opened it, I saw Mr. Pratt, an elder in my congregation who had watched me grow up. After an expression of gratitude for God having saved my life, he proceeded to share with me his conviction that "God had saved my life for a purpose." He went on to read the passage in Isaiah 6 that recounts the call of the prophet into service after a particular crisis he and others had experienced. Then, without further comment, he instructed me to consult with our pastor on the meaning of the passage for my life. This led to a discernment process that resulted in my saying "yes" to full-time ministry.

What Mr. Pratt did for me that day changed the whole course of my life, for good. I am grateful for him and for so many throughout our church who are not formal leaders, but whose encouragement has released so many preachers, teachers, and other leaders to walk in the path of leadership and service.

Over the years, I have been privileged to listen to many testimonies that recount the ways that people's lives have been influenced, and how they were led to say yes to God after others in whom they trusted had spoken to their potential and opened their eyes and their hearts to new possibilities. And what a return on investment! For the small investment of observing and inviting persons to pay attention to God's particular purposes, lives have been changed and ministries have been unleashed. I know; it happened for me.

*Stanley W. Green*

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### WHO is your Barnabas?

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# The 'son of encouragement'

## Following the examples of Barnabas and Paul

By Sharon Norton

Speaking to the potential in someone that they do not yet see in themselves, is powerful.

All of us do it, whether it is to get someone to join a club or choose a career. We nudge or question, “Have you ever thought of serving?” Or, “I think you would be great at teaching!” Speaking to the potential in someone that they do not yet see in themselves, is powerful.

I think of the stories of Barnabas, Paul and Timothy as classic examples of this. Paul, a newcomer to Christianity, needed someone to vouch for his sincerity, since he had been zealously persecuting followers of Jesus. Barnabas, an insider to the movement, befriended Paul and convinced the leaders in Jerusalem to give him a chance. He opened a door for Paul that Paul could not have opened himself.

Barnabas continued to walk alongside Paul in various mission journeys. He modeled for Paul what it meant to be a witness to this God of forgiveness and transformation. The meaning of the name “Barnabas” in Greek is “son of encouragement,” and that is exactly who Barnabas was for Paul. He saw that Paul had a lot to overcome in his past, but that God had called him to be a witness to Jesus. He took a big risk to introduce Paul to the leaders and take him along to spread the good news of Jesus. But as we know today, Paul played a significant part in the spread of the Christian faith.

Later, Paul continued in the tradition of Barnabas and accompanied younger believers on ministry trips,

teaching them the ropes. Timothy, in particular, was a man in whom Paul saw potential and chose to mentor and disciple.

In my own life, I have had many people who have encouraged me to explore ministry, and particularly mission. One of the most influential persons in my life was my youth pastor. She was available for my questions and gave me opportunities to try out ministry. She invested in me in ways that built my faith and gave me confidence to continue stepping out. She was my Barnabas.

During college, I discerned, with those close to me, that I was called to ministry and mission, so it seemed fitting when I met and married a man who had the same sense of purpose. Together, we served 14 years in Germany, working with the German Mennonite Church in church planting. We met Germans who were willing to take a chance on us, two young Americans who were open to, at the very least, trying to do what we were asked.

In time, through ministry to new believers and youth, we were able to be like Barnabas, who encouraged, opened doors, and nudged others to step out in God's calling. It has been very rewarding to watch youth that we walked with choose service and ministry for themselves.

Who has been your Barnabas or Paul? Who has seen something in you that you may not have been able to see yourself?

Who around you could benefit from hearing your words of encouragement? Whether it is service with Mennonite Mission Network's partners in more than 50 countries, or stateside, we hope you will join our network, which exists to serve the worldwide body of Christ. ■

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Soli Deo youth group in Ueberlingen, Germany, in the mid-1990s.



Photos courtesy of Sharon Norton

Soli Deo church grew to nearly 80 people by 2003.

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# Be a Paul. Be the Gospel.

Being mentored in South Africa

By Mikhail Fernandes

There hasn't been a day where I haven't thought about the work I did in South Africa. The opportunity of peacebuilding with SADRA was a dream come true, which would not have been possible if it wasn't for my mentor, Pastor Oscar Siwali. Pastor Siwali was the first person I met in South Africa, and he became a very influential person for me during my service term. We traveled to various townships every day and networked with locals, politicians, and church leaders. I will cherish for the rest of my life the relationships built there.

Pastor Siwali spent a lot of time with me figuring out how to utilize my strengths and improve upon my weaknesses. He helped me mature my skills as a Christian leader. For the first time, I was able to field

test my Interdisciplinary major and the values that I have learned during my time at Goshen (Indiana) College, by conducting workshops on my own in townships and helping facilitate a retreat for the Great Commission, a group of local Christian leaders whose vision is to build self-reliant communities in the Western Cape through the development of local churches.

I have a strong Catholic background and grew up with the influences of Mother Teresa and St. Francis Xavier. Pastor Siwali, on other hand, grew up as a Baptist convert. There were times when I was stretched, especially when it came to learning how to preach to a Baptist congregation. However, even though we came from different streams of



Photo courtesy of Mikhail Fernandes

Mr. Damonse (right) introduces Mikhail Fernandes (center) to a class at Silverstream School in Manenburg, South Africa.

Christianity, we were still able to work toward the same goal of servant leadership.

Overall, based on my experience, I would highly recommend service to anyone, whether it's domestic or international. Service can enrich your life and can help you grow in maturity. I would especially encourage young adults to take a gap year, or for college students to pursue service trips during their breaks. The best way to change the world is to get out there and help solve issues that really matter to you. ■

Mikhail Fernandes, originally from Goa, India, served as a Mennonite Mission Network intern through the Southern African Development Reconstruction Agency in 2015. Currently, he is a senior at Goshen College studying music, communication, and sustainability.

# WHO is your Barnabas ?

## Be a Barnabas. Be the Gospel.

Being a mentor in South Africa

By Oscar Siwali

**S**ADRA (Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency) works by helping people who know where the Lord is taking them, and who simply need someone to walk with them on that journey. Mikhail Fernandes came to Cape Town, South Africa, with a unique story of being raised in India, then attending Goshen (Indiana) College and majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in music, broadcasting and sustainability. From my observations, I believe that what made his time serving with SADRA so focused and purposeful was the fact that he knew what he wanted to get from this experience.



Oscar Siwali

It was important for us at SADRA to understand what Mikhail's goals and ambitions were regarding his time with us. We have decided that having a strategy for internships or any program for young adults, with spiritual reflection time as a foundation, is important. It helps to avoid the aimlessness that can result from not having a strategy, both for the young person and host.

When Mikhail first arrived, we met frequently to set goals acceptable to everyone. In an effort to remind ourselves that our work is of and for God, we met weekly for spiritual reflection time, which really became foundational. This was followed by checking on progress through constant and consistent feedback and encouragement. I intentionally took time to encourage and motivate him to stay on his path, and tried to expose him to a variety of ministries for optimal learning experiences. Once we understood each other's expectations, it was easier to determine how he was doing and where and when he needed help.

I should highlight the fact that some people tend to think that young men like Mikhail are directionless and so it is our responsibility to give them direction. This cannot be farther from the truth. Mikhail's journey with us at SADRA was so productive because he knew where he wanted to go. ■

Oscar Siwali is the executive director of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency, a partner of Mennonite Mission Network and an organization that offers a Christian response to social injustice and human need in southern Africa.

### ▶ Action step.

International internship applications can be submitted at any time. Contact Sharon Norton at [SharonN@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:SharonN@MennoniteMission.net) for more information about opportunities like Mikhail's experience.

# Barnabas material

## Are you a Barnabas? Encourage others

### **Anchorage, Alaska**

#### *Service Adventure*

Live in community with other recent high-school graduates and with unit leaders. Dedicate a year to faith development while you serve at an agency that distributes food to those in need, or with Habitat for Humanity.

### **Manhattan, New York**

#### *Mennonite Voluntary Service*

Live in community with other young adults and dedicate a year or two of your life to faith development while you serve with an agency that engages with issues of poverty, education, or health in the surrounding urban community.

### **Denver, Colorado**

#### *DOOR*

Live in community with other young adults and dedicate a year to faith development while you serve with an agency that resettles refugees or provides educational programs for children in public housing.

### **Brooksville, Florida**

#### *SOOP*

Bring your RV to Lakewood Retreat Center, or use camp lodging, and use your skills in maintenance, gardening, housekeeping, or various other improvement projects for two weeks to three months.

### **La Mesa, Colombia**

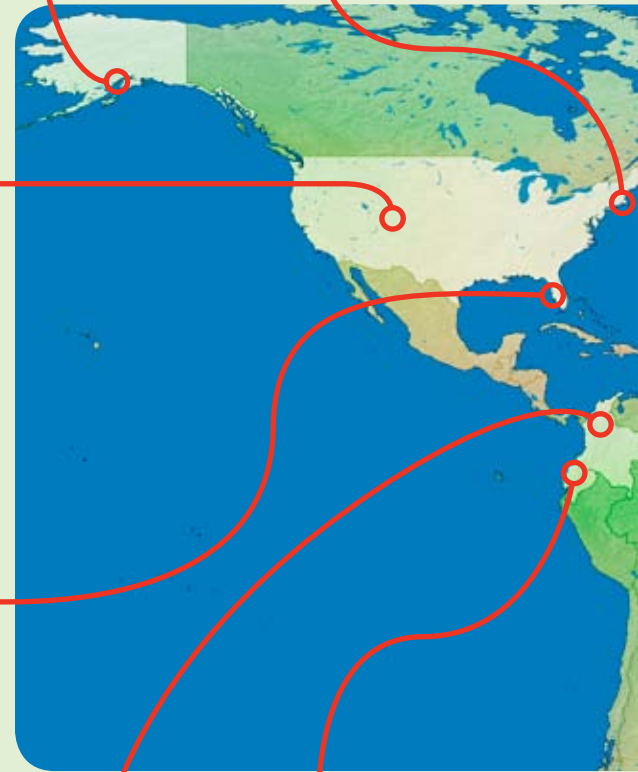
#### *International Ministries*

Teach English, art or music, be a teacher's aide for preschool children, strengthen their IT department, or create multimedia projects for *Colegio Americano Menno*.

### **Quito, Ecuador**

#### *Journey International*

Take a year to intentionally focus on discipleship while working with the Mennonite churches in Quito as they provide peace workshops, Colombian refugee aid, and after-school tutoring.





# to put their faith into action with opportunities to serve!

## London, England

### *International Ministries*

Live in community with people from London's East End, and practice hospitality ministry with community meals and by visiting friends of Clapton Park United Reformed Church.

## Klaipeda, Lithuania

### *Youth Venture*

Dedicate two weeks of your summer break to work with your hands, surrounded by nature with Lithuanian Christians as they build from the ground up *Mano Stovykla*, a new Christian campground.

## Kathmandu, Nepal

### *International Ministries*

Provide leadership and execute strategic objectives for the interdenominational organization, United Mission to Nepal, as their executive director.



## St. Louis, Senegal

### *International Ministries*

Join local Senegalese community developers in responding to health, economic, social and spiritual needs.

## Francistown and Gaborone, Botswana

### *International Ministries*

Promote peace and justice while working with children and young adults through life skills workshops and literacy/educational programs at Mother Teresa Center or Little Eden Justice and Peace Center.

## Hong Kong

### *International Ministries*

Strengthen the missional capacity of the Hong Kong Mennonite Church. Build relationships and teach English in social service centers in under-served communities.

# Let me walk with you

Reflections from a Service Adventure leader

By Todd Gusler

I recently read that true Christian disciples never walk alone. While I don't know if I always look the part of a "true Christian disciple," a quick glance at my spiritual journey shows me how true this statement really is.

My wife, Leah, and I served as unit leaders of a Service Adventure household in Raleigh, North Carolina, from 2010 to 2013. Prior to that, we lived in northern Indiana where, along with taking seminary classes, I served as a youth pastor. When the opportunity to go to North Carolina was presented to us, Leah and I were excited yet apprehensive. Accepting the position as unit leaders meant we would quit our jobs, extend my seminary education, and leave our community.

In our time of uncertainty, we turned to the couple who had married us and whom I served alongside as staff at our church. Like us, early in their marriage they had the opportunity to serve far from home. They told us their story, about the risks they took and the things they gave up. The journey was difficult at times, but even so, they said it was all worth it, and encouraged us to follow God's calling.

Upon our arrival in Raleigh we found their advice to be true. Throughout our time there, we experienced both amazing moments and times of difficulty. Many of the young adults who came into our household had profound questions about life, faith, and who they were called to be. As we got to know each of them, we had the chance to talk about their hopes and dreams, and to challenge when necessary. It was a humbling opportunity to be in a position to walk with these young men and women during their terms of service. At the end of



2010 Raleigh Service Adventure unit (left to right): Alex Goering, Tim Gautsche, Todd and Leah Gusler, Khalicia Leichty, and Debora Sanchez.



2011 Raleigh Service Adventure unit (left to right): Dorothea Isaak, Jack Younger, Abby Drader, Sofia Hess, Chris Wagoner, Leah and Todd Gusler.



2012 Raleigh Service Adventure unit (left to right): Annika Nachtigall, Emma Nafziger, Lee-Ann Pradels, Leah and Todd Gusler, and Christina Hershey.

## ▶ Action step.

If you have a heart for the church and young adults, consider being a Service Adventure unit leader. To learn more, visit our website at [Serve.MennoniteMission.net](http://Serve.MennoniteMission.net) or contact Susan Nisly at [SusanN@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:SusanN@MennoniteMission.net).



Photo by LeahGusler

Christina Hershey, Emma Nafziger, Lee-Ann Pradels, Todd Gusler, and Annika Nachtigall play a game of Monopoly as one of many Service Adventure unit activities in Raleigh, North Carolina.

each year, we were always amazed at how much participants had grown in their sense of self-worth and the calling of God in their lives.

We also continued to seek out people to mentor us during our time as unit leaders. Leah connected with a neighbor with whom she often would go on walks to process the happenings in our life and seek advice. I connected with Duane Beck, the former pastor of Raleigh Mennonite Church, who later became an official mentor for me as I completed a seminary required internship. Both of these individuals, along with many others in our community, encouraged us in our ministry, provided outlets for us to express our feelings, and walked beside us continuously.

Now, two years removed from my Service Adventure experience, I serve as a pastor. As I lead a congre-

**WHO is your Barnabas ?**

Duane Beck, former pastor of Raleigh Mennonite Church, was a mentor to Todd during and after his time of service with Service Adventure.

gation through the anxious times of this current church climate, I find myself more and more appreciative of those who walked alongside me. From their encouragement and guidance I have learned what it means to be a leader, and have developed confidence in my own pastoral abilities.

I am also left with the realization of how important my own encouragement and guidance can be. I hope that just as I was blessed by others, I can follow their example, because walking together makes better disciples of those who need the company and those who do the accompanying. ■

Todd Gusler is currently a pastor at Rossmere Mennonite Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He is married to Leah Gusler and is a father of two. Todd and Leah were Service Adventure unit leaders in Raleigh, North Carolina, from 2010–2013.



2013 Colombia Youth Venture team along with friends they made in Colombia (left to right): Anya Slabaugh, Fiorella Villanueva, Christina Hofer, Christian Better, Leah Unruh, Dennis Herrera, and Haley O'Neil.

# Embodying a culture of service

The community that inspires stepping out

By Christina Hofer

I remember the day of April 11, 2013—the day I found out that I was going to Colombia. The announcement e-mail was short and nonchalant, but I was a puddle of tears. It explained that with two more last-minute applications, our group was Colombia bound—without them, it would be too small to depart. I was determined in that moment to board the plane in July and not turn back on my decision to serve abroad.

Growing up in the Mennonite Church, I was constantly surrounded by a culture of service. Every time I saw a video that highlighted the work of Mennonite missionaries, I was convinced that those individuals were the super-heroes of the church.

Within my own family, I grew up hearing of my cousins' adventures in Tanzania and of my aunt and uncle's service there. Local service was also celebrated when church and community members spoke of their decision to participate in alternative service instead of the military. Through these stories, I learned how service can be a powerful alternative to war and a peaceful way to assist those in need.

Following high school graduation, I continued to gravitate toward this culture of service, and chose to attend a college that mirrored my values. At Goshen (Indiana) College, I encountered many people who had served abroad. As students and faculty shared in chapels and classes about their experiences, I realized

that most of my service experiences had been with those who, in many ways, resembled myself.

This realization pushed me to serve for a month in Barranquilla, Colombia, through Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program. I had learned of the program through a high-school friend, who had previously served in Bolivia. When she shared with me about the relationships she formed in Bolivia, and her genuine desire to return, I was inspired.

My time in Colombia was filled with learning tours of our host city and the neighboring area, time with our host families and members of the church, conversations about cultural stereotypes, and the ongoing effects of war. In the short span of a month, I formed close relationships that made the process of leaving Colombia surprisingly difficult.

My final Sunday in Colombia was bittersweet as our host congregation said goodbye to both the Youth Venture group and two young adults, Wendy Palencia Olivares and Aldo Lemos, who were preparing to serve in Ecuador and Guatemala through the Mennonite Church.

Amidst the hugs and tears, I thought back to the countless individuals who supported me through prayer, Scripture, and well wishes before and after my service trip. I was reminded of the importance of both communities of support and their dedication to serving others.

Although my decision to apply to Youth Venture in Colombia felt random at the time, every part of my experience, before and after, cultivated this culture of service that has surrounded me my entire life. With encouragement from family, friends, and the wider Mennonite community, my journey to Colombia was a wonderful experience and a catalyst for my passion for a lifestyle of service. ■

Christina Hofer, a member of Salem-Zion Mennonite Church in Freeman, South Dakota, is a Youth Venture alumna. Currently, she is a senior at Goshen College majoring in theater with a triple minor in writing, public relations, and international studies.

## WHO is your Barnabas ?



Christina Hofer grew up in the Mennonite Church, surrounded by a culture of service. She heard stories of service from her relatives who lived in Tanzania, and also took part in service opportunities through her church in her community. Pictured here are her three cousins, Caley, Lindsey, and Kelsey Ortman, in Tanzania. These contacts and events laid a foundation for service in Christina's life.



Wendy Palencia Olivares and Aldo Lemos were two young adults in Colombia who had a big impact on Christina Hofer during her Youth Venture term.

### ▶ Action step.

To learn more about Youth Venture, visit our website at [Serve.MennoniteMission.net](http://Serve.MennoniteMission.net).

# Responding to the Spirit

## One couple's journey of calling

By Francisco Machado Levia

Juanita, my wife, and I met our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in 1982. It was then that, in our home country of Honduras, Mennonite brothers and sisters began to disciple us. Through their encouragement, as a family, we answered the call of God and planted a church in Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras, and later three other small churches nearby. After working with these communities for 20 years, we were forced to flee Honduras due to threats on our lives.

Once in the United States, we worked to prepare ourselves to better serve God and our new community. We decided to go back to school. Juanita studied at the *Instituto Bíblico Anabautista* (Mennonite Anabaptist Institute), a biblical and theological program that offers an Anabaptist perspective. I pursued a Master of Arts in church leadership from Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Harrisonburg, Virginia. We also found ways to

utilize our current gifts and began serving at *Manantial de Vida* Mennonite Church, also in Harrisonburg, by teaching, preaching, and discipling new believers.

After we began participating at *Manantial de Vida*, Prophet Wendy Malvaez, who is the lead pastor's wife, shared a dream with us. "In my dream, I was in a large church with disengaged people. I stood up and went to the pulpit. I began proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ," Wendy said. "When it was over, I asked the Holy Spirit where I was and I was told Guadalajara, Spain."

It was clear to us that the Holy Spirit was moving, but we were uncertain just how we were to respond.

Around this same time, I was reminded again that God preserved our lives to serve. Through my seminary studies, I attended a workshop sponsored by Mennonite Mission Network with the title, "Have you been called to serve ... across the street or around the world?" The invitation sounded familiar to me.



Juanita and Francisco offer prayers of blessing to members in their congregation.

Not long after attending that meeting, we were invited to apply for an international assignment through Mission Network. I received an e-mail from them that said there were openings for international work in Latin America and Spain. When I read "Spain," my heart skipped a beat and I was reminded of Wendy's dream. I prayed that I could know if this was just a desire of my heart or if it was truly God's calling. I told Juanita and our children what I was feeling and they replied, "We support you wherever God sends you."

To explore this more, Juanita and I traveled to Spain in February last year where we met with several pastors, mission workers, and church leaders. They shared with us that they are praying for a revival in their communities, and they invited us to be a part of it. Wendy's dream was becoming our reality.

While there, we learned that discipling in Spain, a post-Christian society, is not an easy job. Many people have little to no interest in the church because they feel they have been deceived or betrayed in the past. Nevertheless, we felt that God was calling us to Spain as church planters. After the strong confirmation from our family, church community, and Spanish brothers and sisters, we now wait for the doors to open and God's provision for the journey to which we have been called. ■

Francisco Machado Levia and his spouse, Juanita, have been invited to serve as church planters in Spain alongside *Anabautistas, Menonitas y Hermanos en Cristo—España* (Anabaptists, Mennonite, and Brethren in Christ—Spain). They currently congregate at *Manantial de Vida* in Harrisonburg, Virginia. They have been jointly appointed by Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions.

### ▶ Action step.

If you feel called to support Francisco and Juanita in their church-planting ministry in Spain, visit [MennoniteMission.net/Donate](http://MennoniteMission.net/Donate).

# New workers enter service

Mission workers beginning assignments between October 2015 and February 2016

## DOOR Discover

### Atlanta unit

**First Presbyterian Church**, Raleigh, North Carolina

### Chicago unit

**First Presbyterian Church**, Libertyville, Illinois

**Purdue University**, West Lafayette, Indiana

### Denver unit

**Gall Family**, Centennial, Colorado

**Boulder (Colorado) Mennonite Church**

### Hollywood unit

**Community Presbyterian Church**, Pinetop, Arizona

**Hendrix College**, Conway, Arkansas

**Sonnenberg Mennonite Church**, Kidron, Ohio

**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**, Juneau, Alaska

**Trabuco Presbyterian Church**, Trabuco Canyon, California

**University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement**, Missoula, Montana

### Miami unit

**First Presbyterian Church**, Katonah, New York

**Grand Rapids (Michigan) Christian High School**

**Harvest United Methodist Church**, Bradenton, Florida

**Larchmont (New York) Avenue Church Palmer Trinity School**, Miami

## SOOP

**Edwin and Ruth Basinger**, Catoosa, Oklahoma, Eden Mennonite Church (Inola, Oklahoma), served nearly two

months in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**Jeanne and Mark Birky**, Hopedale, Illinois, Hopedale Mennonite Church, served three weeks in San Antonio.

**Linda and Roger Clemmons**, Normal, Illinois, Mennonite Church of Normal, served three months in Gotha, Florida.

**Lowell and Ruth Detweiler**, Lititz, Pennsylvania, Akron (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church, served two weeks in Americus, Georgia.

**Elva and Larry Evers**, Iowa City, Iowa, Eicher Emmanuel Mennonite Church (Wayland, Iowa), are serving one year in Hazard, Kentucky.

**Erwin and Marcia Friesen**, Nebraska City, Nebraska, First Evangelical Lutheran Church (Nebraska City), served more than one week in Tucson, Arizona.

**Ivan and Rachel Friesen**, Bluffton, Ohio, Grace Mennonite Church (Pandora, Ohio), served more than one week in Tucson, Arizona.

**Jerry and Nancy Friesen**, Albany, Oregon, Albany Mennonite Church, served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

**Lorene and Walter Good**, Eureka, Illinois, Hopedale (Illinois) Mennonite Church, served three months in Tucson, Arizona.

**Bernice Hartman**, Damascus, Oregon, First Mennonite Church of Canton (Ohio), served one month in Tucson, Arizona.

**Ernest and Lois Hess**, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church (Lancaster), served two weeks in Americus, Georgia.

**Elizabeth and Phil Histand**, Corvallis, Oregon, Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship, served one month in Glendale, Arizona.

**Glenn and Janet Horst**, Denver, Pennsylvania, Weaverland Mennonite Church (East Earl, Pennsylvania), served two weeks in San Antonio.

**Becky and Ray Imhoff**, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Agape Church of the Brethren (Fort Wayne), served one month in Glendale, Arizona.

**Barbara and Byron Kauffman**, West Liberty, Ohio, Bethel Mennonite Church (West Liberty), served one month in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

**Lila and Ron King**, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

**Shirley and Vernon King**, Goshen, Indiana, Eighth Street Mennonite Church (Goshen), served two months in Tucson, Arizona.

**Gayle Gerber Koontz and Ted Koontz**, Goshen, Indiana, Assembly Mennonite Church (Goshen), served close to two months in Tucson, Arizona.

**Don Lichti**, Saint Louis, Missouri, Saint Louis Mennonite Fellowship, served more than five months in Tucson, Arizona.

**Ed and Rhoda Longenecker**, Lititz, Pennsylvania, Lititz Mennonite Church, served two months in Gotha, Florida.

**Larry and Wilma Miller**, Harrisonburg, Virginia, College Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana), served one month in San Antonio.

**Lois Miller**, Middlebury, Indiana, Eighth Street

Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

**Bill and Phyllis Miller**, Goshen, Indiana, College Mennonite Church (Goshen), served more than one month in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

**Burnell and Erma Moyer**, Manheim, Pennsylvania, Hernley Mennonite Church (Manheim), served two weeks in Brooksville, Florida.

**Kenneth and Sheril Mullett**, Goshen, Indiana, East Goshen Mennonite Church, served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

**Ben and Mary Jane Newcomer**, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

**Greg Oman**, Hernando, Mississippi, served two months in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

**Clayton and Mary Reed**, Bourbon, Indiana, Nappanee (Indiana) Missionary Church, served nearly one month in Divide, Colorado.

**Kay and John Reimer**, Normal, Illinois, Mennonite Church of Normal, served three months in Gotha, Florida.

**Kathryn and Vernon Reinford**, Louisville, Ohio, Beech Mennonite Church (Louisville), served nearly one month in Glendale, Arizona.

**Sue and Wesley Richard**, Goshen, Indiana, West Goshen Church of the Brethren, served nearly one month in Gotha, Florida.

**Abe and Ruth Rittenhouse**, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Lindale Mennonite Church (Harrisonburg),

served three weeks in Reedley, California.

**Mary Rogan**, Salt Lake City, Utah, served one month in Glendale, Arizona.

**James and Linda Rufenacht**, Archbold, Ohio, West Clinton Mennonite Church (Wauseon, Ohio), served two weeks in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

**Betty and Dana Sark**, Middlebury, Indiana, Clinton Frame Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana), served more than three months in Brooksville, Florida.

**Lisa and Paul Schamback**, Croghan, New York, Lowville (New York) Mennonite Church, served one week in Reedley, California.

**Carol and Verne Schirch**, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Shalom Mennonite Congregation (Harrisonburg), served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

**Elinor and Ted Shattuck**, Danbury, New Hampshire, Taftsville (Vermont) Chapel Mennonite Fellowship,

served three months in Tucson, Arizona.

**Lucy and Peter Smith**, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, Pleasant Hill (Tennessee) Community Church, served two weeks in Hickory, North Carolina.

**Kathleen and Keith Springer**, Saybrook, Illinois, First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana (Urbana, Illinois), served one month in San Antonio.

**Loren and Miriam Stauffer**, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen), served two weeks in Tucson, Arizona.

**Gary and Sharon Stoltzfus**, Elverson, Pennsylvania, Conestoga Mennonite Church (Morgantown, Pennsylvania), served two weeks in Lincoln City, Oregon.

**Anita and Andrew Stoner**, Springfield, Ohio, Maplewood Mennonite Church (Fort Wayne, Indiana), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

**Kathy Straub**, Buhl, Idaho, Calvary Chapel (Buhl), served more than

one month in Glendale, Arizona.

**Patricia and William Strunk**, Alden, New York, Alden Mennonite Church, served one month in Pettitcodiac, New Brunswick, Canada, and one month in San Antonio.

**Ib and June Thomsen**, Newton, Kansas, First Mennonite Church (Newton), served one month in Tucson, Arizona.

**Cara and Frank Ulrich**, Archbold, Ohio, Zion Mennonite Church (Archbold), served more than one month in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

**Margaret Wenger**, Buffalo, New York, served close to two months in Americus, Georgia.

**Homer and Janet Yoder**, Midland, Michigan, Moorepark Community Church (Three Rivers, Michigan), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

**Nancy and Richard Yoder**, Goshen, Indiana, Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship (Goshen), served one month in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

## International



**Courtney Mast** serves in Boito, Kenya, at the Dow Family Children's Home, established to create an atmosphere of a loving family home for the care of orphaned and abandoned children. In addition to the immediate care of children, the home provides the opportunity to reach out to the surrounding community in Christian ministry.



**Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen** serve in Cape Town, South Africa, providing logistical support, developing peace-building programs, and engaging partners in program development. They serve with the Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency (SADRA).



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