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Surprise!

God revealed in unexpected moments

Miraculous today

By Dani Klotz



The last chapter in Hebrews is full of nuggets of wisdom for the daily lives of Christians. This letter, originally written to Jewish believers,

describes Jesus as the key to a new and better covenant. Faithfulness to the new covenant, which addresses a changed reality, is emphasized throughout the book. And the last chapter outlines ways to participate in and experience more fully what God began, and Jesus completed.

In my own walk with Christ, I often come back to the book of Hebrews. I need to be reminded that the God I serve was not just miraculous when time began and when Christ walked on water, but is also miraculous today. I need to be challenged to see, experience, and believe in the new movements of the Holy Spirit.

The stories throughout this issue of *Beyond* tell of these movements. They share of moments when God's will is revealed through unexpected experiences. And they testify to the great diversity in which the Holy Spirit is present and flourishing.

At Mission Network, we often say that God's mission, from the beginning of time, has not changed. It remains to reconcile all things to God. But the ways in which it is achieved have always been, and continue to be, surprising. I hope this issue inspires you to keep your heart and eyes open as well!

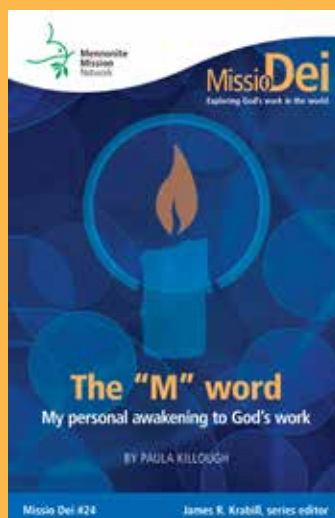
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6 Lessons learned from 100 years of mission

Much has been accomplished over the last 100 years of Mennonite mission. Along the way, Mission Network has learned and adapted as we have been open to the leading of God's Spirit. Below we highlight only six important points of which could be many more. Summarized from *The "M" word: My personal awakening to God's work* by Paula Killough.

1. Following the path of faithfulness is not for the faint of heart and does not happen overnight.
2. The kingdom of God must be embodied in cultural forms.
3. Local knowledge and wisdom matter.
4. Women are changing the church.
5. One hundred years of faithful service by North Americans can be held up alongside pain inflicted through power and privilege.
6. Learning to be a gracious guest can be difficult yet extremely important for those from the dominant culture.



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COVER: Children play at the new Bontleng Futsal Park in Botswana. Photo by Gonna Lewis. Reprinted courtesy of Imprint Botswana, *Peolwane*, Air Botswana magazine, March 2017.



God's surprise

What happens when we notice the voice of God?

By Stanley W. Green

In the summer of 1975, I returned to South Africa after seven weeks of visiting democratic institutions in the United States, to the news that the spouse of a prominent pastor in our community had been killed in a tragic car accident. “Stanley,” my mother said, “you must go and offer your condolences to the grieving husband.” After some more gentle badgering, I finally said, “Do I have to go, really? I have only a few days at home and there is so much to do, and friends to see, before I return to seminary next week.” I did not say “yes” or “no,” but I was hoping my mother would relent and I could enjoy the small number of days I had at home.

Finally, I spoke my own fear and discomfort that was making it hard for me to imagine going to sympathize. “What can I say to him? I’m just a seminary student. He’s walked so often with families in grief and pain in his almost two decades of ministry. What more can I say to him than what he already knows?” Her words, however, were clear as she made her final plea, “They’re hurting. Just go be there. You don’t have to say anything. They’ll be glad you came.”

By the end of the week, good judgment prevailed. I was still not happy, but I was persuaded. With great reticence, I stood at the front door of the bereaved abode wishing that no one was home. In the hesitation, before I could unleash my knuckles to knock on the door, I looked up and through the open door I saw the only daughter of the family who was understandably devastated by the unexpected loss of her mother. The sight of her deepened my dread.

Today, after more than 40 years, I am still struggling to make sense of what happened next. In those few moments of my overwhelming struggle, there came a “voice,” which I knew to be God’s. Incredibly, what God said was, “She will be your wife.” Impossible, I thought. She was not of my tribe. We were mainstream Protestants. We cared about justice, equality, freedom. Her people accused us of being

worldly, and too preoccupied with worldly affairs. She was Pentecostal. My people thought they were about “pie in the sky when you die, and of no earthly use.” I was a “Philistine” (one of her aunts later said so!!). Outside of God, tribes were benign adversaries and, at best, strangers who avoided each other.

But on that evening, I was there. I listened as father and daughter recounted what happened. I attended to their pain. My mother was right. By being there I gave them the opportunity to talk about their wife and mother, and to process their grief and their appreciation for all she was to them. After that visit, I had a book to share with the daughter. I could hardly believe that I was reluctant to go in the first place. When it came time to return to classes, I promised I would write. Weekly letters followed. Several months later when I returned for the winter break, I was ready to begin the journey to make God’s promise a reality.

Now, 42 years later, I am grateful for my mother’s insistence on visiting the grieving family. Responding to her voice, I was able to hear the “voice” of God. For 40 years I have known the bliss and the blessing of reaching out to two hurting and desolate individuals. God’s surprise turned my fearful struggles and self-focused interest into four decades of supportive companionship and friendship with that grieving young woman, who became my spouse as God had promised. I came away from the fateful evening with the unshakeable conviction that we need to pay attention to the call to reach beyond ourselves, for in so doing, we may connect with angels (Hebrews 13:30) and encounter the purposes of God for our lives.

Are you paying attention?

Stanley W. Green

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Minor prophets on



Children play at the new Bontleng Futsal Park in Botswana.

the playground

Children help overcome barriers to a new park in Botswana

By Kelsey Hochstetler

In the middle of Bontleng, Botswana, there was once a playground with colorful plants, swings, and shiny new slides. Over the years, the flowers were trampled into dust, the swings broke, and rust took over the slides. The space was crisscrossed with people coming and going to the barber, a car wash, or just sitting in the shade of the lone tree. “This park [was] not safe at night,” said Wame Chiepe, who lives beside the park and works with the Pula Sports Development Association (PSDA). “People [got] robbed; some [got] stabbed. It [was] quite dangerous.”

In addition to Bible studies, Nathan and Taryn Dirks knew that they needed other ways to support their young adult friends. Having now returned to Canada, the Dirkses served for five years in Gaborone, Botswana, and together, with PSDA, worked to turn this rough part of town into a park for sports, environmental awareness, education, and community gatherings.

After much prayer and discernment, members of PSDA felt God remind them of the image of Jericho: Joshua leading the people of Israel to the Promised Land. “The park, a place known for vandalism, drunkenness, conflict and crime, was a spiritual stronghold,” wrote Nathan Dirks. “Like Jericho, it was surrounded by formidable walls. So, like the Israelites, we knew that we had no chance in this place unless God led us through the barrier.”

They decided they would hold a prayer walk around the perimeter of the park every day for seven days. They prayed. They listened for discernment. On the second day in the park, Nathan and Taryn noticed a 10-year-old boy who they had never seen before. The boy asked if the rumors were true, if the park would be rebuilt.

“In Botswana, conversations about God and spirituality are not seen as strange,” said Nathan. “So we told the boy that we were not yet sure



Photo by Gonna Lewis and reprinted courtesy of Imprint Botswana, *Peolwane*, Air Botswana magazine, March 2017.



The multi-sports space for futsal, basketball, netball, cricket and hockey.

whether the park would be built or not, and that we were asking God to show us what to do.” After hearing their plan for discernment, the boy nodded thoughtfully and agreed to join in the walk around the park’s perimeter.

“As he turned to begin the walk, I realized that we had not learned the name of our new friend,” Nathan said. “Surely, it was Thabo or Kagiso or Lesego—names common in Gaborone. But rather, it was a name we had never heard in Botswana before or since.”

“My name is Joshua,” he said.

And with that confirmation, believed to be from God, the PSDA moved forward with the park plans.

At first glance, the futsal court resembles a cement soccer field for a team of five players. In Botswana, futsal is the reigning game, with basketball and netball also popular. So when the park was designed, they made sure it was equipped for all three sports.

The 7,200-square-foot court will drain more than 100,000 gallons of rainwater each year into an underground cistern. That’s more than enough to water the community gardens on site. Along with traditional gardens, the community is trying out several aquaponics gardens, where fish and vegetables grow together. (The fish waste provides nutrients for the

plants’ soil, and plants filter the water for the fish.)

The Dirkses worked with young Botswanans from PSDA to create a permaculture landscape that contains rainwater, prevents erosion, and allows for maximized soil fertility. On what was once a dry and dusty lot, they’ve recently planted dozens of indigenous trees. “[It] will eventually result in a microclimate within the park, an area that is cooler than the surrounding region,” Nathan said.

“Our work at the park has allowed us to see some



The Bontleng Futsal Park’s walls are made with recycled beer bottles worked into beautiful designs.

of the ways that God quietly brings people together, and keeps them together through differences and difficulties when they're willing to stay focused on him. A part of the calling was the opportunity to trust in God and to learn to work through these issues together," said Nathan.

This first Bontleng Futsal Park has brought people together from government and private sectors. Even Lt. Gen. Dr. Seretse Khama Ian Khama, the current president of Botswana, and Sir Ketumile Masire, a former president, have participated in its creation. They, along with other officials, served during a national government volunteer day and dedicated that time to the park.

"There are wonderful opportunities for [youth] in Botswana," said Nathan. "And we hope that they will be able to seek these opportunities without being side-tracked."

As both a symbol of the transformation to come and as an environmental effort, the park's walls are made with recycled beer bottles worked into beautiful designs.

While the futsal court and gardens are already completed, the vision hasn't stopped. The young adults at PSDA plan to host a market space for local artisans, an outdoor fitness park, and an eco-café (with Wi-Fi) to sell local foods and provide a space for after-school tutoring programs. Additionally, these gathering spaces will be completely self-sufficient and sustainable, thanks to bio-toilets and solar panels. ■

Park development benefited from strong cooperation



By Swift Mpoloka

We had a dream to use sports as a vehicle for the growth and development of youth and the community as a whole, by bringing them together in a safe and professional environment where

training, mentoring, planning, competing and socializing could happen.

There was a point where we had reached inertia. It was at this critical moment that Nathan's and



Building a safe park in my community

By Ms. Malebo Raditladi, vice president of the futsal park

In being responsible for the running of all sports activities at the park, I'm interested in how we can cater to the community living in the vicinity of the park, as well as for the children who attend the Bontleng Primary School in the area.

I am also interested in the "out-of-school" kids who are just hanging around the area, and hope to engage them. We (Pula Sports Development Association, government, and Botswana National Sports Commission) can work hand-in-hand for the advancement of the whole society.

I see the first Bontleng Futsal Park becoming a real sports development center, practicing safe sports concepts at an international level ... There is an exciting and challenging adventure ahead of us, and I believe we are ready for it. ■

Taryn's strength of faith and moral fiber, Guy's [Guy Williams designed and built the site] and Malebo's passion, and my networking and strategizing skills saved the day.

It became clear that, between us, we were a formidable team that had over the years gathered together a widespread network of likely sponsors and real friends.

We did not give up. We had innovative ideas in terms of both the physical and metaphysical existence of the place we wished to build. As soon as we brought everyone together on site, everything began to come together. I hope in time we will repeat this process all across Botswana. ■



Holding a light and listening

Mission workers in Ecuador build relationships with indigenous church leaders, provide resources, and then stay out of the way.

By Lynda Hollinger-Janzen

As Rembrandt's "The Prodigal Son" painting captures God's unfathomable love and infinite patience, so Ron Borman's photo of Pastor Ramón Umenda illuminates the power of God's word to transcend time and cultures. Young Esteban Mashacori listens spellbound as Pastor Ramón draws on the day's experience of white-water rafting to talk about the Jesus Way.

Indigenous youth from Ecuador's rain forest were participating in their first retreat. The day had been spent bonding as retreat participants maneuvered through rapids on the Jondachi and Hollin rivers. Afterward, they gathered to worship with believers from four ethnic groups and five international locations.

Jerrell Ross Richer, in the shadows at the left, holds a light so Pastor Ramón can read his Bible. Since 2015, Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children have been engaged in two-way mission between God's people in North and South America through a partnership that includes Mennonite Mission Network, Goshen College, Central Plains Conference, Mennonites in Colombia and Ecuador, as well as God's people in Ecuador from diverse theological

beliefs. They spend January through June in Ecuador, listening and learning, teaching and building relationships. The second six months of the year, they share what they have learned from God's people in Ecuador with students and congregations.

Jane and Jerrell helped our indigenous brothers and sisters to imagine something they had never experienced, a youth retreat. The Ross Richers helped bring resources together. But, having served as the catalyst, they watch God's work of transformation, unique to each context.

I am framing this photo to hang in my bedroom to remind myself daily of how I want to engage in God's mission. I want to hold the light, stay out of the way, and watch what God is doing. ■

Ron Borman grew up as a missionary kid among the Cofán people. Ron, his brother, Randy, and other leaders of the Cofán Survival Fund were instrumental in negotiating with the national government for the Cofan's traditional way of life. A million acres of rain forest are now under Cofán control, off limits to oil drilling and other extractive activities that have decimated much of Ecuador's tribal lands.

Jerrell Ross Richer holds a flashlight as Pastor Ramón Umenda shares God's word with Esteban Mashacori and Charles Yiyoguaje during a youth retreat at *Ninawachi* (Place of Fire) Bible Institute in Huaticochoa, Ecuador. Photo by Ron Borman.



God's calling creates new family

Interview with Alisha and Joshua Garber, mission workers in Barcelona, Spain, and with David Becerra, pastor of Comunidad Evangélica Menonita in Barcelona.

When someone says “mission work,” it’s all too easy to just think about ministry in developing countries. But tell me what it’s like to be a mission worker in Europe.



Alisha: In Europe, we’ve found that young people have a strong sense that there’s something bigger and unexplainable moving both in their lives and throughout the world. In the past, it was the church that would guide such folks through their spiritual journeys. However, the institutional church is moving closer and closer to the fringes of society, and lots of people are questioning its relevance in today’s world as many church communities cling tightly to the past and refuse to change.

People are spiritually starving.



Joshua: We are hopeful, however. The narrative throughout the Hebrew Scriptures tells the story of the Israelites' path constantly drifting from God and then returning, with critical moments

punctuated by prophetic voices that help realign their priorities and vision as a people. We believe the church is in a time of transition – metamorphosis, even – and we're hopeful the Anabaptist perspective can serve as that voice as we support the emerging church.

That's a good reminder. So, why Spain?

Joshua: We felt called to a post-Christendom context, and entertained the idea of serving in different places—Belgium, Northern Ireland ... but doors kept closing. Except for Spain.

So we visited four of the Anabaptist churches in Spain (Alisha only joined the first trip because she was eight months' pregnant during the second) and asked, "What are the needs of your community?"

We took a very Old Testament approach of saying, "God, if you want us to 'consider this,' then we need you to make that abundantly clear for us." The first time we visited Burgos, we asked if we should consider Spain. The second time, when it was just me (Josh), I asked God to show exactly where we were being called. And each time, God answered – again, very much in the style of what you see in the Old Testament.

Alisha: And, to be clear, this is not how we normally operate. We're not accustomed to making such strong, specific requests to God. But, because discernment seemed to be such an important factor in our future, it felt like this is what we needed to do to be clear about what God most desired from us. Incredibly, God answered each question in very specific ways.

Joshua: And then we met people from *La Comunidad Evangélica Menonita* in Barcelona.

And what did they say?

Joshua: Before sharing what Alisha and I felt we had to offer, I was floored as they began listing things like developing an environment that encourages and sup-

ports youth, engaging in and rejuvenating worship, and developing some social programs that would allow the church community to engage and benefit the local neighborhood.

These are the exact areas of our lives that had been deeply transformed during our time [in Lithuania] at LCC International University. For example, we both had experience in working with high-school youth before LCC, but learned a lot about leadership development in young adults. I was a musician when I entered LCC, and I became a third-way worship leader. While at LCC, Alisha learned about what a restorative justice model of discipline might look like, and replaced the former punitive model.

It was a profoundly holy experience to realize that, if we had come immediately to Spain instead of spending our time growing and developing in Lithuania, we would not have had the skills and experience they needed.

God had been shaping both us and them for this moment.

David, at what point did you know that you wanted the Garbers to work in your church? How did you know?



David: On the visit when we received Josh in March 2016, several of us felt very strongly that this community could be his place. A week later, at the retreat for leaders of the Anabaptist

churches of Spain, in Madrid, the Lord confirmed to me that the Garbers were the companions of the journey that he had chosen for us. In the months that followed, the vision of serving together in Barcelona was confirmed to them as well as to us.

It's amazing how God works! So, what were your next steps in the discernment process?

Alisha: When our son, Asher, was born, Josh, Asher and I came back to Barcelona and visited the church together. In our 10 days in Barcelona, we had several meals with 40 people—everyone in the congregation!

Joshua: One Sunday, we shared how we felt called to serve in their community, but told them that it was

Alisha and Joshua Garber, center, served in Lithuania before joining ministry in Spain.



very important if the church were to call us that they would be willing to become Asher's extended family—aunts, uncles and cousins that he'd otherwise miss growing up abroad.

Afterward, the congregation asked us to wait outside of the church while they discussed.

I bet that was nerve wracking!

Alisha: It was! Especially when we were called back inside. Everyone had a serious face until one person cracked a smile and they all yelled that they had decided that, yes, they wanted us to serve with them!

They even gave us a Star Wars onesie for Asher. We interpreted that gesture as an invitation for us to serve their church community, but also as a sign of friendship.

David, your church has committed to being a family for the Garbers – especially for Asher. Can you explain how you are going to do this? Can you give me some examples?

David: Perhaps it would be wiser for Josh and Alisha themselves to answer this question ... “Josh, Alisha ... what attitudes and actions have made you feel that you are part of our family?”

Joshua: When we arrived in Lithuania, it took us a very long time to feel like we had developed/earned deep, trusting relationships. Now, although there is a definite newness to our relationships with folks here, there is also an unprecedented deepness that I believe only comes as a result of a very concerted effort by the church community – in spite of a language barrier (although that obstacle is gradually decreasing).

David: Our intention and desire is to involve them

in all aspects of community life, and to feel our support in practical matters, in helping with the needs or doubts that may arise, as well as feel our love for them and Asher, who is beautiful, and we like to take care of as the baby who is already part of our family.

Alisha: Going out into the church community with Asher feels as though we are in the presence of some kind of weird, little celebrity. Everyone constantly dotes on him and already some folks have declared themselves as “aunt,” “uncle,” “grandma,” etc. Some people are even describing Asher as the mascot of the church.

It's still early, but how do you feel about working together so far?

David: We have been working together since June (2017), and I am very happy. In addition to the personal “feeling,” we are laying the foundations of a long-term relationship, from deep love, sincerity, faith and shared vision of Christianity, and mutual patience. Building involves time and dedication, and right now we are all working in that direction with much joy and hope. Specifically, they have been very actively involved in the ministry of music and praise, children and youth, and the Diaconia, which is a group of volunteers from the church who are committed to the maintenance and development of the community house and the people who live there. We have already begun to see small fruits, which make us feel excited.

Joshua: We have felt our call confirmed in small, significant ways already, and are excited to see where God is taking all of us. ■

Keep up-to-date with Alisha, Joshua and their son, Asher, at www.WorthwhileAdventures.org.

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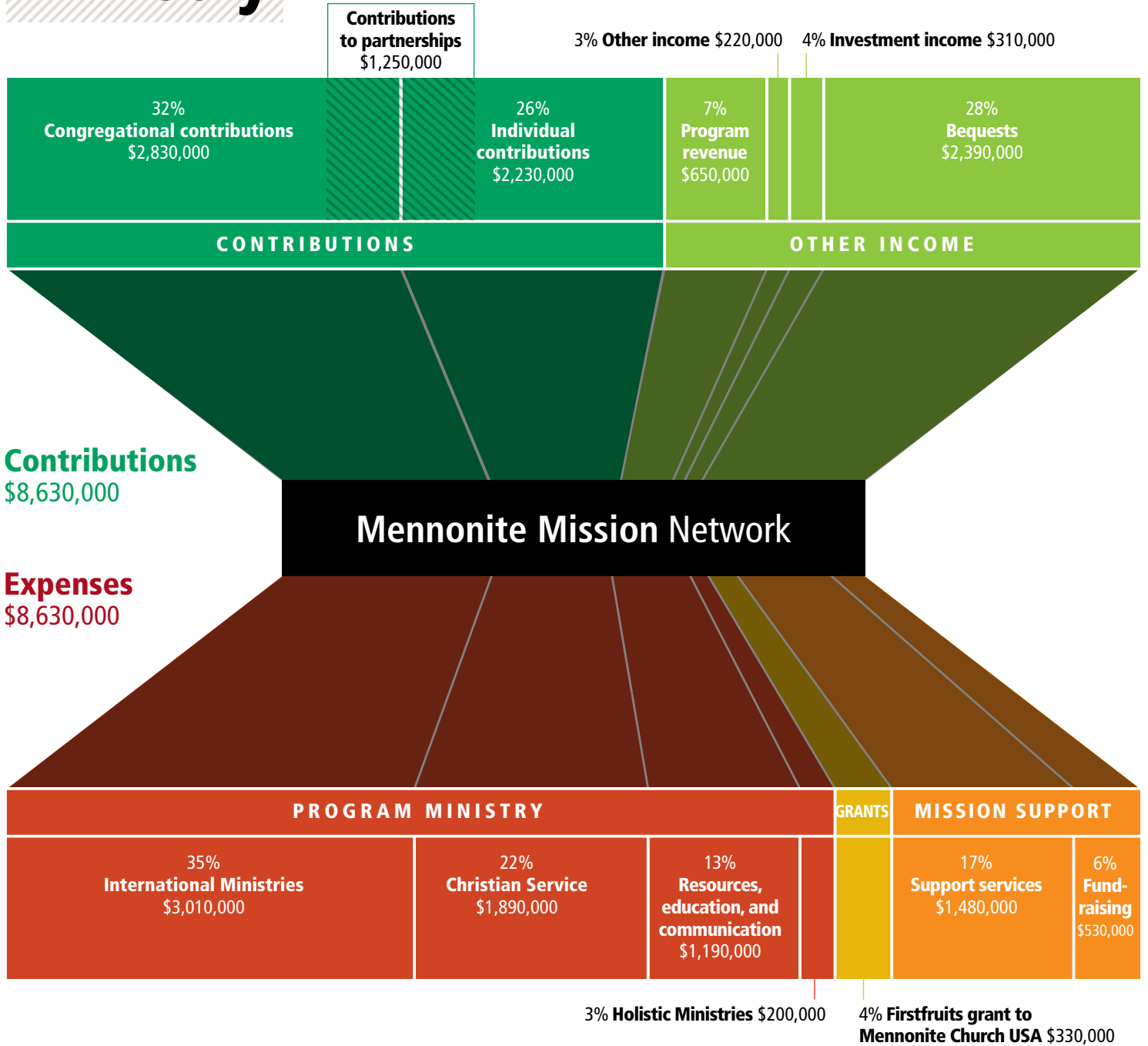
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Allegheny Conference		Illinois Conference		Pacific Northwest Conference	
\$16,066	7 of 13 conference congregations (54%) gave an average of \$2,295	\$158,154*	22 of 46 conference congregations (48%) gave an average of \$7,189	\$79,213	18 of 32 conference congregations (56%) gave an average of \$4,401
Atlantic Coast Conference		Indiana-Michigan Conference		Pacific Southwest Conference	
\$245,466*	19 of 39 conference congregations (49%) gave an average of \$12,919	\$276,246*	33 of 54 conference congregations (61%) gave an average of \$8,371	\$37,553	12 of 28 conference congregations (43%) gave an average of \$3,129
Central District Conference		Lancaster Conference		South Central Conference	
\$136,036*	26 of 41 conference congregations (63%) gave an average of \$5,232	\$12,284	3 of 156 conference congregations (2%) gave an average of \$4,095	\$143,199	14 of 34 conference congregations (41%) gave an average of \$10,228
Central Plains Conference		Mountain States Conference		Southeast Conference	
\$211,718	26 of 46 conference congregations (57%) gave an average of \$8,143	\$39,022	9 of 18 conference congregations (50%) gave an average of \$4,336	\$22,020	7 of 27 conference congregations (22%) gave an average of \$3,670
Eastern District Conference		New York Conference		Virginia Conference	
\$62,562*	7 of 13 conference congregations (54%) gave an average of \$8,937	\$10,987	4 of 15 conference congregations (27%) gave an average of \$2,747	\$169,937	30 of 70 conference congregations (43%) gave an average of \$5,665
Franconia Conference		Ohio Conference		Western District Conference	
\$169,373	24 of 42 conference congregations (57%) gave an average of \$7,057	\$460,892*	36 of 57 conference congregations (33%) gave an average of \$12,803	\$234,360	35 of 55 conference congregations (64%) gave an average of \$6,696
Contributing congregations not part of Mennonite Church USA					
\$356,268	76 congregations gave an average of \$4,688				

*Figure includes contributions from dual conference congregations.

Ministry



Additional notes

1. This report is for the **fiscal year** period of August 1, 2016, to July 31, 2017.
2. The total **value of bequests** received during this fiscal year was \$5,425,773. Bequest funds used in this fiscal year were \$2,390,000.
3. **Program revenue** includes funding from partner organizations, program fees, event fees, sale of publications and resources, and worker earnings.

4. In addition to the programs represented in these charts, \$283,048 was dispersed to time limited projects funded by **special contributions**.
5. **Cash** held in reserve as of July 31, 2017, totaled \$8,739,398.
6. **Confidentiality policy:** Contribution information in the Mission Network/Mennonite Church USA database will not be shared. Address information may be shared with other Mennonite Church USA agencies.



2017 service participants

Journey International

Ecuador

Karina Brandt, Newton, Kansas, Tabor Mennonite Church (Newton)

Quinn Kathrineberg, Salina, Kansas, Salina Mennonite Church

Shannon Schrock, Thomas, Oklahoma, Pleasant View Mennonite Church (Hydro, Oklahoma)

Peru

Elena Buckwalter, Fulks Run, Virginia, Crossroads Mennonite Church (Timberville, Virginia)

Mennonite Voluntary Service

Aibonito, Puerto Rico

Kendra Selzer, Canton, Kansas, Spring Valley Mennonite Church (Canton), serving with

Academia Menonita Betania

Alamosa, Colorado

Curtis Martin, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Mount Clinton Mennonite Church (Harrisonburg), serving with Valley Roots Food Hub and Habitat for Humanity

Grantley Showalter, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, Marion Mennonite Church (Chambersburg, Pennsylvania), serving with Center for Restorative Programs

Peter Wise, Lititz, Pennsylvania, Akron Mennonite Church (Akron, Pennsylvania), serving with Rio Grande Farm Park

Chicago

Justin Weaver, Bluffton, Ohio, First Mennonite Church (Bluffton), serving with Erie Neighborhood House

Elkhart, Indiana

Jennifer Rey, Quito, Ecuador, Quito Mennonite Church, serving with Church Community Services

New York City

Soren Docken, Chatfield, Minnesota, Chatfield Lutheran Church, serving with PowerMyLearning

Bethany Fuller, Toronto, Ontario, Knox Presbyterian Church (Toronto), serving with Save the Children

Rachel Hollingsworth, Pflugerville, Texas, Westover Hills Church of Christ (Austin, Texas), serving with Martin Luther School

San Antonio

Katrina Kniss, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Marion Mennonite Church (Chambersburg), serving with RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services)

Joanna Loepp Thiessen, Kitchener, Ontario, The Gathering Church (Kitchener), serving with Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of San Antonio, Inc.

San Francisco

Denise Garcia, Davao City, Philippines, Davao Evangelical Church, serving with Homeless Prenatal Program

Marie Schloneger, Indianapolis, First Mennonite Church (Indianapolis), serving with DISH (Delivering Innovation in Supportive Housing)

Seattle

Daniel Hiebert, Fresno, California, College Community Mennonite Brethren Church (Clovis, California), serving with University District Food Bank

Kaitlyn O'Neill, Wapakoneta, Ohio, First English Lutheran Church (Wapakoneta), serving with Urban Impact

Tucson, Arizona

Clayton Lehman, Archbold, Ohio, West Clinton Mennonite Church (Wauseon, Ohio), serving with Community Home Repair Program of Arizona

Jaime Tschetter, Freeman, South Dakota, Hutterthal Mennonite Church (Freeman), serving with Literacy Connects

Washington, D.C.

Ellie Lapp, Kalispell, Montana, Mountain View Mennonite Church (Kalispell), serving with Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Emma Koop Liechty, Goshen, Indiana, College Mennonite Church (Goshen), serving with Briya

Janaya Sachs, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, Slate Hill Mennonite Church (Camp Hill, Pennsylvania), serving with Women's Alliance

for Theology, Ethics and Ritual (WATER)

Janet Spain, Nokesville, Virginia, Old Bridge United Methodist Church (Woodbridge, Virginia), serving with Briya

Service Adventure

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Kristin Jantzen, Newton, Kansas, Faith Mennonite Church (Newton), serving with Harwood Arts School

Judith Penner, Winnweiler, Germany, Sembach Mennonite Church (Kaiserslautern, Germany), serving with Jeanne's Day Care

Marie Saleh, Esslingen, Germany, serving with Albuquerque Public Schools

Jonathan Voth, Newton, Kansas, Bethel College Mennonite Church (North Newton,

Journey International

Quito, Ecuador

Shannon Schrock, Karina Brandt, and Quinn Kathrineberg.

Kansas), serving with Habitat ReStore

Anchorage, Alaska

Wiebke Broers, Sontheim, Germany, Chrischona Church of Sontheim, serving with The Children's Lunchbox and Woodland Boys and Girls Club

Jessica Buckwalter, Yona, Guam, Grace Mennonite Fellowship (Rockingham, Virginia), serving with Downtown Hope Center

Inga Haglund, Springs, Pennsylvania, Springs Mennonite Church, serving with Foodbank of Alaska and Parachutes

Jackson King, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen), serving with Bureau of Land Management

Maarten McDonald, Port Republic, Virginia, Community Mennonite Church (Harrisonburg, Virginia), serving with Habitat for Humanity

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Levi Ebersole, Corvallis, Oregon, Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship, serving with Greccio Housing

Christian Hayes, Rockingham, Virginia, Harrisonburg Baptist Church (Harrisonburg, Virginia), serving with Family Promise and Our House

Cindy Headings, Hutchinson, Kansas, Journey Mennonite Church (South Hutchinson, Kansas), serving as Service Adventure unit leader

Mindy Marinko, Perkasio, Pennsylvania, Blooming Glen Mennonite Church (Blooming Glen, Pennsylvania), serving with Family Promise and Our House

Sara Schwalter, Neustadt, Germany, Mennonite Church of Branchweilerhof (Essingen, Germany), serving with Our House

Lucas Tarcson, Hechingen, Germany, St. Luzen Hechingen, serving with Westside Community Daycare

Jackson, Mississippi

Isabelle Bowman, Boise, Idaho, Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship (Boise), serving with Voices of Calvary, New Horizons, and Education Station

Megan Campbell, Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, Perkiomenville Mennonite Church (Perkiomenville, Pennsylvania), serving as Service Adventure unit leader

Amanda Geltmacher, West Point, Virginia, Williamsburg Mennonite Church (Williamsburg, Virginia), serving with Stewpot

Alena Walter, Dautphetal, Germany, Freie Evangelische Gemeinde Runzhausen (Erdhausen, Germany), serving with Stewpot

Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Joellen Badertscher, Apple Creek, Ohio, Salem Mennonite Church (Kidron, Ohio), serving with Johnstown Hunger Ministries

Lea Rossol, Karlsruhe, Germany, International Christian Fellowship (Karlsruhe, Germany), serving with Head Start and New Day

Adrian Zander, Dueren, Germany, Treffpunkt Freikirche e.V. (Dueren, Germany), serving at Johnstown Christian School preschool and New Day

SOOP

Edwin and Ruth Basinger, Catoosa, Oklahoma, Eden Mennonite Church (Inola, Oklahoma), served more than one month in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Connie and Philip Bauman, Goshen, Indiana, Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship (Goshen), served one month in Gotha, Florida.

Ken and Nancy Beachy, Silverton, Oregon, Zion Mennonite Church (Hubbard, Oregon), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Jeanne and Mark Birky, Hopedale, Illinois, Hopedale Mennonite Church, served nearly two weeks in San Antonio, Texas.

Mervin and Venita Birky, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Beth-El Mennonite Church (Colorado Springs), served two months in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Kelly Bryan, Stockbridge, Michigan, served three days in Three Rivers, Michigan.

Janis and Sheldon Burkhalter, Seattle, served three weeks in Washington, D.C., and one week in Elkhart, Indiana.

Joann and Martin Burkholder, Glendale, Arizona, Desert Breeze Community Church (Phoenix, Arizona),

served one week in Evansburg, Alberta.

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

Adam and Jennifer Cobb and family, Archbold, Ohio, Lockport Mennonite Church (Stryker, Ohio), served one week in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Kathryn and Melvin Coblentz, Stone Lake, Wisconsin, Sand Lake Mennonite Chapel (Stone Lake), served two months in Elm Mott, Texas.

Lester and Marian Denlinger, Willow Street, Pennsylvania, Rossmere Mennonite Church (Lancaster, Pennsylvania), served four days in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Edna and George Dyck, North Newton, Kansas, Shalom Mennonite Church (Newton, Kansas), served two months in Tucson, Arizona.

Peter and Sheryl Dyck, Urbana, Illinois, First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana (Urbana), served three weeks in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Lola Elliott, Wenatchee, Washington, Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship (Boise, Idaho), served two weeks in Reedley, California.

Leon and Melba Eshleman, Manheim, Pennsylvania, Chestnut Hill Mennonite Church (Columbia, Pennsylvania), served four days in Westbrookville, New York.

Kathy Falk, Urbana, Illinois, First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana (Urbana), served more than two weeks in



Service Adventure—Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Back row: Leah Rittenhouse, Lea Rossol, and Adrian Zander. Front row: Joellen Badertscher and Krista Rittenhouse.

International



Christine Lindell Detweiler is serving for a year as a traveling nutrition consultant in Benin and Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa, since Jan. 1, 2017. She is a member of Emmanuel

Mennonite Church in Minneapolis.



Eric and Kelly Frey Martin began a three-year term in Colombia, Jan. 1. They help develop youth programs and young adult leaders for the Mennonite Church in Colombia. The Frey

Martins are members of Silverwood Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana.



Asher and Lindsey Fast began a two-year term Feb. 1 in Botswana. They serve as program development coordinators for the ministry in Francistown. The Fast

are members of Community Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

James and Rachel Witmer served for two and a half months starting in March doing research for Top of the World coffee shop in Nepal. They are members of Beech Mennonite Church in Louisville, Ohio.



Alisha and Joshua Garber, along with young son, Asher, began a four-year term May 1 in Spain. The Garbers are church workers with the Barcelona Mennonite Church.

They are members of Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale, Arizona. Alisha and Joshua previously served in Lithuania.



Francisco Machado Leiva and Juana Lemus Lopez de Machado began a two-year term on June 8. They work alongside the Burgos Mennonite Church

and the Anabaptist Network in Spain. The Machados are members of *Manantial de Vida*, Harrisonburg, Virginia.



Kristin and Michael Sharp, accompanied by daughters, Gabriella and Madelyn, began a year-long assignment Aug. 17 as community hosts at Clapton Park United Reformed

Church in London. They are members of Forest Hills Mennonite Church in Leola, Pennsylvania.



Aaron and Bryli Steckly began serving a five-month term in Peru, Sept. 7. They will work with *Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Perú* in children's ministries and agricultural projects. The

Stecklys are members of Milford (Nebraska) Mennonite Church.

Bloomfield, New Mexico, and more than one week in Three Rivers, Michigan.

Jerry and Nancy Friesen, Albany, Oregon, Albany Mennonite Church, served three weeks in Reedley, California.

David and Fern Gerber, Goshen, Indiana, Whitestone Mennonite Church (Hesston, Kansas), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Lola and Merrill Gingerich, Milford, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Janice and LaVerne Graber, Freeman, South Dakota, Salem

Mennonite Church (Freeman), served three months in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Randall and Shirlyn Graber, Crawfordsville, Iowa, Sugar Creek Mennonite Church (Wayland, Iowa), served one month in San Antonio, Texas.

Florence and Vernard Guengerich, Goshen, Indiana, Holdeman Mennonite Church (Wakarusa, Indiana), served four days in Akron, Pennsylvania.

John and Martha Guntz, Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, Finland Mennonite Church (Pennsburg), served one month in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Donald and Glenda Hartzler, Belleville,

Pennsylvania, Locust Grove Mennonite Church (Belleville), served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Carol Helmuth, Elkhart, Indiana, Fellowship of Hope Mennonite Church (Elkhart), served more than two weeks in Minneapolis.

Shirley and Thomas Hershberger, Belen, New Mexico, served four days in Reedley, California.

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

Elizabeth and Phil Histand, Corvallis, Oregon, Corvallis

Mennonite Fellowship, served one month in Glendale, Arizona.

Mary Jane Hooper, Middlebury, Indiana, Belmont Mennonite Church (Elkhart, Indiana), served three weeks in Reedley, California.

Donna and Doyle Hood, Glendale, Arizona, Happy Valley Baptist Church (Glendale), served two weeks in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

Kathy Howell, Corvallis, Oregon, Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship, served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Gerald Hunsberger, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Albuquerque Mennonite Church,

served two weeks in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Louetta Hurst, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Forest Hills Mennonite Church (Leola, Pennsylvania), served three weeks in Reedley, California.

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

David and LouAnn Kanagy, Archbold, Ohio, Zion Mennonite Church (Archbold), served one month in Glendale, Arizona.

Donald and Shirley Kempf, Shickley, Nebraska, Salem Mennonite Church

(Shickley), served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Jon Kennell, Eureka, Illinois, Roanoke Mennonite Church (Eureka), served one and a half months in Elm Mott, Texas.

Daniel and Jeanette King, Louisville, Ohio, Beech Mennonite Church (Louisville), served one month in Washington, D.C.

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

Robert King, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Beth-El Mennonite Church (Colorado Springs), served one month in Hesston, Kansas.



Youth Venture— Benin

Youth Venture participants joined their Beninese hosts in making *croquettes*, a crunchy cookie.

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

Titus King, Goshen, Indiana, Silverwood Mennonite Church (Goshen), served one month in Tucson, Arizona.

Harley and Kate Kooker, Christiana, Pennsylvania, East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church (Lancaster, Pennsylvania), served more than one week in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

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

Ray and Sharon Kuhns, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Chambersburg Mennonite Church, served two weeks in Gotha, Florida.

Dennis and Joyce Landon, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Kidron Mennonite Church (Kidron, Ohio), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Roger and Rosalyn Ledyard, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church

(Lancaster), served two weeks in Americus, Georgia.

Julia and Lynn Lehman, Box Elder, South Dakota, First Mennonite Church of Iowa City (Iowa), served one month in Washington, Iowa, and two weeks in Divide, Colorado.

Carol Leland, Harrisonburg, Virginia, served one week in Whitesburg, Kentucky.

Catharine Lichti, St. Louis, Missouri, St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship, served four days in Reedley, California.

Don Lichti, St. Louis, Missouri, St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship, served five months in Tucson, Arizona.

Anita and Philip Lindberg, Albany, Oregon, Salem Mennonite Church (Keizer, Oregon), served two weeks in Reedley, California.

Al and Lois Longenecker, Elkhart, Indiana, Prairie Street Mennonite Church (Elkhart), served one and a half months in San Antonio, Texas.

Job and Kathryn Mast, Oley, Pennsylvania, Oley Valley Mennonite Church, served more than one week in Glendale, Arizona.

Kimberly and Sean McConaghay and family, Westbrookville, New York, served one month in Bloomfield, New Mexico.

James and Rachel Metzler, Sarasota, Florida, Covenant Mennonite Fellowship (Sarasota), served one month in Akron, Pennsylvania, and one week in Meridian, Mississippi.

Janice and Lynn Miller, Woodburn, Oregon, Zion Mennonite Church (Hubbard, Oregon), served two weeks in Reedley, California.

Jodi and Eric Miller and family, Walnut Creek, Ohio, Berlin Mennonite Church (Berlin, Ohio), served one and a half months in Washington, D.C.

Dwight Mueller, North Newton, Kansas, served one week in Busby, Montana.

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

Christine Nofsinger, Marcellus, Michigan, Florence Church of the Brethren-Mennonite (Constantine, Michigan), served more than one month in Washington, D.C.

Larry and Shirley Oswald, Kalona, Iowa, First Mennonite Church of Iowa City (Iowa), served more than two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Mil and Ruth Penner, Indianapolis, Indiana, Shalom Mennonite Church (Indianapolis), served more than one week in Divide, Colorado.

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

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

Kenneth Roth Sr., Tremont, Illinois, First Mennonite Church of Morton (Illinois), served two months in Carlsbad, New Mexico, and one month in Tucson, Arizona.

James and Linda Rufenacht, Archbold, Ohio, West Clinton Mennonite Church (Wauseon, Ohio), served three weeks in San Antonio, Texas.

Jason and Talitha Sannes-Venhuizen, Frazee, Minnesota, Lake Region Mennonite Church (Callaway, Minnesota), served one week in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Gerald and Jean Selzer, Hesston, Kansas, Hesston Mennonite Church, served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Carl and Marcia Shantz, Akron, Pennsylvania, served more than three weeks in Atlanta, Georgia.

Elinor and Ted Shattuck, Crossville, Tennessee, Taftsville Chapel Mennonite Fellowship (Taftsville, Vermont), served three months in Tucson, Arizona.

Deborah and Philip Siegrist and family, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, James Street Mennonite Church (Lancaster), served more than three weeks in Cachipay, Colombia.

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

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

Bryan and Judi Stauffer, Yakima, Washington, Salem Mennonite Church (Keizer, Oregon), served

more than one week in Reedley, California.

Rick and Wanda Stauffer, Lincoln, Nebraska, First Mennonite Church (Lincoln), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Miller and Vernabelle Stayrook, Goshen, Indiana, Belmont Mennonite Church (Elkhart, Indiana), served more than two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Dale and Janet Stebbins, Janesville, Wisconsin, St. Johns Lutheran Church (Janesville), served one month in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Karen Steiner, Munroe Falls, Ohio, Summit Mennonite Church (Barberton, Ohio), served three weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Gary and Sharon Stoltzfus, Elverson, Pennsylvania, Conestoga Mennonite Church (Morgantown, Pennsylvania), served one week in Elm Mott, Texas.

Ruth Stoltzfus, Urbana, Illinois, First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana, served two weeks in Bloomfield, New Mexico, and one week in Three Rivers, Michigan.

Ib and June Thomsen, Newton, Kansas, First Mennonite Church



(Newton), served one month in Tucson, Arizona.

Nicklaus Uhrlich, Halstead, Kansas, First Mennonite Church (Halstead), served one week in Busby, Montana.

Robert Walson, Indianapolis, Indiana, First Mennonite Church (Indianapolis), served more than two weeks in Tucson, Arizona

Faith and James Wenger, Hesston, Kansas, Whitestone Mennonite Church (Hesston), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

John and Virginia Wenger, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen), served two weeks in Glendale, Arizona.

Lauren and Suzanne Yoder, Black Mountain, North Carolina, Circle of Mercy (Asheville, North Carolina), served one month in Cachipay, Colombia.

Nancy and Richard Yoder, Goshen, Indiana, Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship (Goshen), served one month in Macon, Mississippi.

Pearl Zehr, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, Neffsville Mennonite Church (Lancaster,

Pennsylvania), served one month in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Youth Venture

Benin

Stella Conrad, New Carlisle, Ohio, Southside Mennonite Church (Springfield, Ohio)

Zachariah Hunt, Elkhart, Indiana, Prairie Street Mennonite Church (Elkhart)

Mason Keller, Colledgeville, Pennsylvania, Zion Mennonite Church (Souderton, Pennsylvania)

Matthew Koffel, Souderton, Pennsylvania, Zion Mennonite Church (Souderton)

James and Jeanette Krabill, Elkhart, Indiana, Prairie Street Mennonite Church (Elkhart), serving as Youth Venture team leaders

Alexandra Raber, Dalton, Ohio, Sonnenberg Mennonite Church (Kidron, Ohio)

Belfast, Northern Ireland

Mark Alcantara, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, Grace Bible Fellowship International

(Westchester, Pennsylvania)

Emily Bergey, Green Lane, Pennsylvania, Zion Mennonite Church (Souderton, Pennsylvania)

Elizabeth Eby, Goshen, Indiana, Walnut Hill Mennonite Church (Goshen)

Selah Judge, Anchorage, Alaska, Prince of Peace Mennonite Church (Anchorage)

Regina Miller, Arthur, Illinois, Arthur Mennonite Church

John Murray, St. Paul, Minnesota, Third Way Church (St. Paul), serv-

ing as Youth Venture team leader

Lauren Schmittinger, Souderton, Pennsylvania, Zion Mennonite Church (Souderton)

Peru

Biz Bomberger, Goshen, Indiana, Walnut Hill Mennonite Church (Goshen)

Mariana Cardenas, Jacksonville, Florida, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (Gainesville, Florida)

Lizzy Diaz, Goshen, Indiana, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church (Goshen), serving as Youth Venture team leader

Alessandra Haraguchi, Fort Wayne, Indiana, County Line Church of God (Auburn, Indiana)

Juan Esteban Herrera, Bogota, Colombia, *Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Teusaquillo* (Bogota)

Juan Pacheco Lozano, Bogota, Colombia, *Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Teusaquillo* (Bogota), serving as Youth Venture team leader

Jacob Myers, Archbold, Ohio, Tedrow Mennonite Church (Wauseon, Ohio)

Francisco Javier Nates, Bogota, Colombia, *Iglesia*



SOOP—Elkhart, Indiana

Jason Kauffman, director of the Mennonite Church USA archives, works with SOOP volunteers Janis and Sheldon Burkhalter.

Cristiana Menonita Ciudad Berna (Bogota)

Allison Shelly, Collinsville, Mississippi, Jubilee Mennonite Church (Meridian, Mississippi)

Jack VonGunten, Goshen, Indiana, Walnut Hill Mennonite Church (Goshen)

Detroit

Elizabeth Eichelberger, Geneva, Nebraska, Salem Mennonite Church (Shickley, Nebraska) and Whitestone Mennonite Church (Hesston, Kansas)

Two adults and five youth from North Belfast Area Project, Belfast, Northern Ireland

DOOR Discover

Atlanta

Community Presbyterian Church, Atlantic Beach, Florida

Coral Gables Congregational United Church of Christ, Miami, Florida

Crittenden Christian Church, Crittenden, Kentucky

Emory & Henry College, Emory, Virginia

First Presbyterian Church, Athens, Georgia

First Presbyterian Church, Hector, New York

First Presbyterian Church, High Point, North Carolina

First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, North Carolina

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Asheville, North Carolina

Grace Episcopal Church, Silver Spring, Maryland

Harmony United Methodist Church, Hamilton, Virginia

Huntersville United Methodist Church, Huntersville, North Carolina

Independent Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama

Korean Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Lovett School, Atlanta, Georgia

Maumee Valley Country Day School, Toledo, Ohio

Miami Shores Presbyterian Church, Miami Shores, Florida

Peace United Church of Christ, Duluth, Minnesota

Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, Duluth, Georgia

Purdue Timmy Global Health, West Lafayette, Indiana

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, Sanibel, Florida

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

Wesley Foundation of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Durham, North Carolina

Chicago

Calvary Evangelical Mennonite Church, Washington, Illinois

Canfield Presbyterian Church, Canfield, Ohio

Christ Lutheran Church, Marine on Saint Croix, Minnesota

Clonlara School, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Collegiate Presbyterian Church, Ames, Iowa

Collegiate United Methodist Church, Ames, Iowa

Community Collective Church, Beach City, Ohio

Coral Gables Congregational

United Church of Christ, Miami, Florida

Cross Winds United Methodist Church, Maple Grove, Minnesota

Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee

Fairmont Presbyterian Church, Kettering, Ohio

First Congregational Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado

First Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas

Fort Hill Presbyterian Church, Clemson, South Carolina

First Presbyterian Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa

First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City, Iowa

First Presbyterian Church, Libertyville, Illinois

First Presbyterian Church, Marion, Iowa

First Presbyterian Church, Wheaton, Illinois

First United Methodist Church, Lowell, Michigan

Germantown Mennonite Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita, Kansas

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe, Michigan

Harpeth Presbyterian Church, Brentwood, Tennessee

Heartland Presbyterian Church, Clive, Iowa

Hope Church, Richfield, Minnesota

Ontario Christian Fellowship, Mansfield, Ohio

First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman, Montana

Reba Place Church, Evanston, Illinois

Rhodes College Bonner Center, Memphis, Tennessee

RPMs Youth Group, Delmar, New York

Shalom Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas

Southminster Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, Kansas

United Church of Christ in New Brighton, New Brighton, Minnesota

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines, Iowa

Denver

Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, Kansas

Broadmoor Community Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Cameron University Wesley Foundation, Lawton, Oklahoma

North Danvers Mennonite Church, Danvers, Illinois

Denver KLIFE, Centennial, Colorado

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Downers Grove, Illinois

FaithFront, Hillsboro, Kansas

First Congregational Church, Westfield, New Jersey

First Lutheran Church, Mandan, North Dakota

First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, Kansas

First Presbyterian Church, Las Cruces, New Mexico

First United Methodist Church, Okmulgee, Oklahoma

Grace Presbytery, Denton, Texas

North Little Rock First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas

Orrick Christian Church, Orrick, Missouri

Peace United Church of Christ, Hartsburg, Missouri

Real Life LA, Glendora, California

Rhodes College Bonner Center, Memphis, Tennessee

Saugatuck Congregational Church, Westport, Connecticut

Sinai & Lake Campbell Lutheran Churches, Sinai, South Dakota

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Manchaca, Texas

St. Lucas United Church of Christ, St. Louis, Missouri

St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Iowa City, Iowa

St. Paul United Church of Christ, Waterloo, Illinois

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