

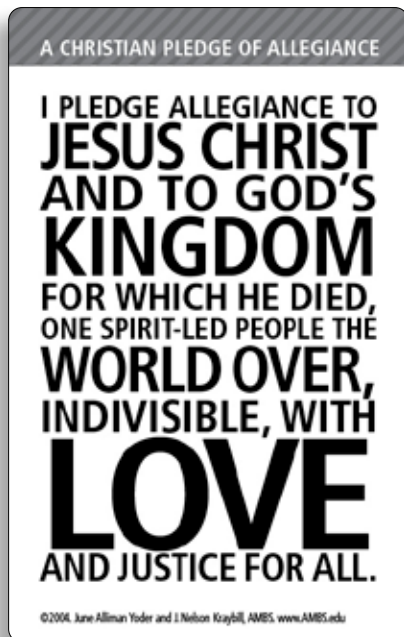
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The real deal

By Laurie Oswald Robinson



In 2008, I left six and a half years of communication work with Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Women USA for a life of freelancing. This past May, I returned to the offices on Main Street in Newton, Kansas, to serve as editor for Mennonite Mission Network.

For the first month on the new job, I felt as if someone had plucked me up, froze me on ice, thawed me out, and put me back down in the same spot I had left 11 years prior. However, even though it was the same office, filled with some of the same people I had worked with before—I was not the same person.

I had gained new eyes to see what I had blindly taken for granted before.

During freelancing, I had experienced life in lots of different venues. I found meaningful work, but never the same deep commitment to service, the same close-knit community life, the same way of loving one's neighbor in humble deeds rather than hollow words.

Throughout May and June, I wandered around in a semi-dazed, happy cloud of “I can’t believe” regarding the office ethos: We care about our co-workers in genuine, practical and egalitarian ways.

This hit close to home when my husband suffered a nine-week medical crisis from July through mid-September: two surgeries, two hospitals, and two close calls of nearly losing him. My supervisor and fellow writing

team members buffeted my unraveled work life with bountiful flexibility; co-workers showered us with around-the-clock prayer and food, gift cards, and help with yard, house and cats; and countless conversations filled with compassion were gently shared at coffee breaks.

Because of these practical demonstrations of love, what I thought may be just a mirage—only imagining this goodness because of having worked solitarily for so long—turned out to be real and solid.

I cannot know for sure how recipients of 75 years of MVS ministry have experienced this same kind of gift for genuine caring in their human experience. I imagine many felt similarly: valued, seen, and nourished spiritually, emotionally and physically as mutual recipients of God’s grace.

One central ideal of Anabaptism is that Jesus followers are encouraged to walk the talk of the gospel in practical, prayerful and respectful ways. That includes going the second mile in practicing peace and justice by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and visiting the imprisoned.

MVS and Mission Network’s service programs have taken this to heart. The result? Taking a very long walk with Christ in the same direction, leaving footprints of peace in a perplexing world.

I am grateful to be back on this journey with others who doggedly and devotedly follow the One who not only has created this path, but also leads the way on it. May we stay the course.



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COVER: MVSers Neal Brubaker and Elsa Goosen walked the 150-mile *Camino del Migrante* as a way to gain more understanding about the issues surrounding immigration.



Practical and profound

75 years of serving simply in a complex world

By Stanley W. Green

The growth of a vibrant movement of voluntary service is an inspiring story of simple, youthful, practical Christian idealism applied to human suffering and struggle.

Many Mennonite voluntary or alternative service programs birthed sincere discipleship convictions and unleashed the latent talent and skills of thousands of young men and women engaged in peaceful service.

In 1943, Harold S. Bender wrote his famous “Anabaptist Vision” essay. In it, he made “discipleship” (*nachfolge Christi*—or “following Christ”) the centerpiece of Anabaptist-Mennonite theology. His vision inspired practical, concrete response to human predicaments. With a focus on “lived faith,” these convictions fueled a burgeoning voluntary service movement that grew up in the post-World War II period. The humble work of those compelled to be conscientious objectors to war offered a credible, and incredible, witness to Jesus’ call for another way of being in the world.

Those who served tell compelling stories. Heather Ross, who served with our Tucson, Arizona, MVS unit several years ago, wrote:

“... I’ve changed a lot—not only in terms of the way I will vote or the food I will eat, but in the way that I think about and interact with the world. I am convinced now, even more than I was before, about how important social justice is—about how much people matter. And I want my life to reflect those beliefs.”

For three years, Jesus taught and modeled service to his disciples. And still, James and John sought power and status in requesting to sit at his right and left hand when he came into his power. Jesus responded to them (and to us): “It is not to be so among you. ... Whoever wishes to be powerful among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to lead in your midst must

know the true meaning of service.”

Jesus invites and calls us to a life of unrestrained generosity, to a life of love, grace, passion and compassion lived out in human community, need, yearning and suffering. Across the past 75 years of Mennonite Voluntary Service, 14,500-plus volunteers left planned careers and envied opportunities to engage the struggles and sufferings of people in the communities they served. Leaving old friends, old habits, old ways, these volunteers joined Jesus among the poor and the marginalized. Leaving a life dominated by the need to achieve at any cost, they discovered, often for the first time, that Jesus and his service is the way to find life’s perspective and meaning.

We sometimes encounter ourselves and glimpse the possibilities for our own transformation: from despair to hope, from the confinement of cultural mores and family expectations to the freedom to walk in Christ’s way, from fear and anxiety to courage and boldness, from the desire for self-preservation to the generosity of God’s love.

Mennonite Mission Network is privileged to be a part of this 75-year history of service. I celebrate the perseverance, dedication and generosity toward God’s vision of healing and hope in the world. I thank the many others who partnered in this venture through prayers and generous financial contributions that made these ministries possible. Thanks for your own devotion to the purposes of God and for following the call of Jesus.

Stanley W. Green

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Executive Director

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By Laurie Oswald Robinson

Though they grew up in different eras, many young people in the past seven and a half decades have shared a similar dream: In a world of militarism, materialism and meism, they desired to seek a road less traveled. Instead of marching to the beat of the times, they wanted to follow Jesus into a pathway of service.

They found that alternate pilgrimage in Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS). For 75 years, within varying denominational structures, MVS has provided more than 14,500 participants with opportunities to help heal a world ravaged by turmoil and pain.

In service terms generally lasting from one to three years, they worked with communities affected by broken systems, war, racism, poverty, social service cutbacks, abuse, human trafficking, and environmental damage. While serving at sites ranging from

hospitals to community centers to nonprofit agencies, they have lived in communal housing and worshiped with local congregations

By following Jesus into service, their lives were changed as much, or more than, the lives of those they served. The sound and direction of their footsteps is best heard and seen in the stories they share.

Ronald Collins
Technician, Mennonite recording studio, Aibonito, Puerto Rico, 1958–1960

Before I became a long-time Mennonite pastor and physics teacher, I

Photo courtesy of Mennonite Church USA Archives



1940–1960

WORLD WAR II was underway when the 1940s began. Historic peace churches responded to this violence by creating peace-oriented conduits for service. For example, in the United States, Civilian Public Service (CPS) provided an alternative to military service during World War II. Beginning in 1941, nearly 12,000 conscientious objectors (many of them Mennonites) performed work of national importance in 152 CPS camps throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

AS CPS WOUND DOWN in the mid-1940s, Mennonites explored how they might create peacetime service programs to continue the types of projects performed by CPS. This exploration birthed two programs: Voluntary Service, which initially arose in the former Mennonite Church in 1944 as a summer service program; and a similar program, Mennonite Voluntary Service, in the former General Conference Mennonite Church. These two programs merged to become one program, MVS, before the two former denominations merged to form Mennonite Church USA in 2002.



Photo courtesy of Mennonite Church USA Archives

BEGINNING IN 1952, during the Korean War, Selective Service required COs to perform “civilian work contributing to the maintenance of the national health, safety or interest.” This became 1-W, which replaced the World War II-era CPS.

Henry Hochstetler cultivating at CPS Camp 138 in Malcolm, Nebraska, in 1946.

TIMELINE OF SERVICE



fulfilled my draft requirement through a government-sanctioned option called 1-W that worked in conjunction with MVS in Puerto Rico. It's where I served as a recording studio technician and met my future wife, Betty Jo Delagrang, who was serving in MVS as a registered nurse at a local hospital. We grew up in rural-oriented Mennonite congregations that had emphasized the importance of pacifism, and often hosted visiting missionaries. But viewing a slideshow in a church basement was altogether different from living in a foreign culture. At my home church, I received peace teaching, but 1-W gave me a way to live it out. It solidified my values, it gave me lifelong friendships, and it shaped my life choices.

Kathryn Aschliman

Child care center in Chicago, 1959–1962

My worldview as a Mennonite teenager in the early 1950s was jarred when I participated in a 1952 study tour to post-war Europe. There, I saw children playing in bomb craters. The ravages of war—still so stark after World War II—were a real eye-opener for me. That experience shook me up and later caused me to think about how I could use my elementary education degree to make the world a more loving, whole place.

After graduating from Goshen (Indiana) College with an elementary education degree in 1954, I taught school before serving with MVS at Bethel Day Nursery in inner-city Chicago from 1959–1962. MVS

helped me take advantage of a new way to demonstrate my Anabaptist convictions along with my male counterparts. Many of them were conscientious objectors when the U.S. Selective Service designated MVS as a 1-W option. (A significant number of COs chose MVS

until the draft ended in 1973.)

Near the end of my MVS term, Goshen College hired me as a teacher. For the next 34 years, I taught early childhood education and served as director/teacher of the Goshen College Laboratory Kindergarten. Even though I felt torn about whether to leave the city back in 1962, I realized that at Goshen, I could equip many students to go to all the Bethels around the globe.



Photo courtesy of Mennonite Church USA Archives

Children playing at the Bethel Day Nursery in Chicago.*

**Due to the historical nature of these photos, we don't have access to the names of all the people portrayed.*

1940–1960

THE 1950S also saw segregation ruled illegal in the United States and the beginning of the civil rights movement. This ruling was welcomed by many Mennonites who were already working at anti-racism efforts in the churches and communities through MVS and 1-W. Mennonite youth were leaving farms for inner-city assignments, where they were being exposed for the first time to multiracial neighborhoods and the joys and tensions that created.

Photo at right: Cassandra Brown teaches kindergarten at Bethesda Mennonite Church Bible School in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1961.*



Photo courtesy of Mennonite Church USA Archives

1960–1980

THE 1960S can be summed up as the Vietnam War, hippies, drugs, protests, and rock 'n roll. For Mennonites, the 1960s was a time when their values of nonresistance, stewardship and community dovetailed with the changes erupting among young adults in American society. For example, many draftee Mennonites declared CO status during the Vietnam War and entered the ranks of MVS and 1-W volunteers across the country.

FURTHERMORE,

the birth of Mennonite-originated mental health hospitals began. In World War II, many CPS participants worked in mental health institutions, witnessing very poor conditions. When these participants went home, they shared about the injustices. This evoked concern leading to the establishment of Anabaptist-run mental health ministries.

TIMELINE OF SERVICE *(Continued)*



Gilberto Perez in 1988.

Gilberto Perez

**Assistant, health clinic lab,
San Antonio, Texas, 1988–1990**

When I was 12, I hung out with the older guys who came from their Brownsville, Texas, MVS unit to help my parents, Elizabeth and Gilberto, build a Hispanic Mennonite church in Robstown. When I was 19, those memories emerged as a powerful symbol of what I could do with my own life—if I was willing to take the risk.

Because I had enjoyed relationships with those guys who stayed in our home and ate meals with us, I decided to try it for myself.

My exposure to people in the health clinic lab who needed health, food and treatment tapped me into the values of my parents. MVS led to my own purpose, passion and calling. As a result, I changed my major from music to social work, and served as a social worker before becoming a social work professor at Goshen College, where I am now dean of students.

Lizzy Diaz

**Advocacy office worker, World Vision,
New York City, 2014–2015**

MVS has solidified life direction and purpose for many participants, including myself. After graduating in sociology at Goshen College, I worked there for a year as a multicultural admissions counselor. I then pursued

MVS, during which I volunteered in the advocacy office of World Vision in New York City. I had always dreamed of working at the United Nations one day, and I got the opportunity as I had to attend some sessions there for my volunteer role. After my term, I worked as a social worker in Harlem for a year before assuming my former post as MVS program director.

I believe that addressing today's social issues, i.e., immigration, ecology, human trafficking, is a huge draw for today's socially-minded young adults. Even though issues change, what doesn't is the fact that MVS has always had a strong heartbeat for sharing God's healing and hope. MVS has always had volunteers with a heart for caring in a broken world, and a lot of our placements throughout the years have involved partners who serve marginalized people. Those of us who have served were encouraged not to do so through a savior complex, but with servants' hearts wherever we were placed. ■



Lizzy Diaz in 2014, on the steps of Menno House, the MVS unit in Manhattan, New York. She was MVS program director from May 2017 until May 2019.

1980–2000

THE VIETNAM WAR was still a major event in the early 1970s. However, the draft ending in 1973 had a major impact on MVS. Its numbers of participants declined when the program became truly only voluntary and not just a combination of alternate and voluntary service.



Photo courtesy of Mennonite Church USA Archives

BY THIS TIME, MVS held steady in its numbers, albeit a greater interest in shorter-term programs began to rise, birthing new programs: Service Adventure, Youth Venture, DOOR, and SOOP.

Voluntary Service unit at Frontier Boys Village, Divide, Colorado, 1965.*

IN 1995, the former General Conference Mennonite Church and the former Mennonite Church realized they no longer had the resources to run separate programs, and so merged VS and MVS, and that merger became MVS. From 1996 through 2001, the program was shared with MVS in the former General Conference Mennonite Church in Canada.



Photo courtesy of Mennonite Church USA Archives

A Yellow Creek Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana) MYFer plays with kids from a day care program in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, during a Group Venture experience in 1988.*



Directing the next steps

By Laurie Oswald Robinson

Directors of Mennonite Mission Network's service programs reflect on how service opportunities pave a stronger pathway for the future Anabaptist church. Five options for service through Mission Network include:

- **SOOP (Service Opportunities with Our Partners):** Participants use their gifts and skills to work alongside others in a network of ministries across the church. Flexibly designed for retirees, adults 25+, and families.
- **Youth Venture:** Participants aged 15 to 22 join with other young people for up to three weeks to serve, learn, worship, and build relationships in local communities around the world. They discover and experience the transformational work God is doing across the globe.
- **Service Adventure:** High-school graduates 17 to 20 seeking a gap year between high school and college invest in faith formation and grow in leadership while spending 10 months with peers and unit leaders in a household that relates to a local community and congregation.
- **MVS (Mennonite Voluntary Service):** Participants aged 20+ join with peers in intentional community for up to three years to serve with a local nonprofit

while plugging into their neighborhood and local congregation.

- **DOOR:** Participants aged 13 to 30 engage within a faith-based network of cities that provides opportunities for service, learning, and leadership development within the urban context. Its programs include Discover (one week/ weekend) and Discern (summer leader).

Question: What are the important gifts that Mission Network's service programs contribute to the wider church?



Arloa Bontrager
Director of SOOP and Youth Venture

Time and time again, I have seen SOOPers offer their gifts and skills in ministry across the church, and in turn be transformed by the experience. For many participants, working with marginalized populations for the first time shatters their preconceived notions, and they take these learnings back to their homes and churches.

Photo at right: Stanley W. Green, executive director of Mennonite Mission Network, and Lawrence Romo, director of the U.S. Selective Service, sign the contract formalizing Mennonite Voluntary Service as the first group to become an official alternative service program for conscientious objectors with the U.S. Selective Service in 2010.

2000 THROUGH THE PRESENT

IN 2002, when the binational denominations—the former General Conference Mennonite Church (GC) and the Mennonite Church (MC)—merged, they also divided at the border to form two national churches: Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA. Five years before the denominational merger, the GC’s MVS program and the MC’s VS program had merged in anticipation of the future change. In 2002, this trans-national union dissolved.



Photo by Ryan Miller

FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS, MVS pulled in about 100 participants each year. That number rose some during the great recession of 2008-2009. But once jobs became more plentiful again, the numbers dipped steadily to its current-day number of 25 participants each year.

AS 2020 APPROACHES, another juncture of re-imagining is needed, according to Sandy Miller, senior executive for Resourcing and Mobilization for Mission Network. Mission Network is transitioning from only providing programs to also being open to partnering with congregations and groups across the church who want to create and maintain their own programs and initiatives.

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(Directing the next steps, continued from page 7.)



Susan Nisly Director of Service Adventure

I think that Mission Network’s service programs strengthen the mission capacity of the church. For example, if a high-school graduate takes a gap year with

Service Adventure, they make significant connections across the church as well as better identify their strengths and gifts. New mentors can help nurture aspects of participants’ giftedness that longtime family and church family may not perceive because of familiarity.



Marisa Smucker Director of Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS)

There are many examples across the United States where MVS units turn into congregations. Post-service, participants sometimes

remain in the unit’s community and form a congregation from their ongoing fellowship. Additionally, MVS sometimes ushers its participants into a better fit for their gifts and they switch career aspirations. MVS is also often the first time a young adult has found a sense of centralized community that can endure for a lifetime.



Andrea Sawyer-Kirksey DOOR executive director

The world is hurting, and our DOOR programs operate in our city centers where people are looking for God, love, friendship, connection, purpose and investment. DOOR helps with that, because its greatest assets are its people. For example, during the summer months, DOOR connects church groups with ways to love and serve their neighbors within communities that are needing volunteers. ■

30th anniversary celebration of Service Adventure

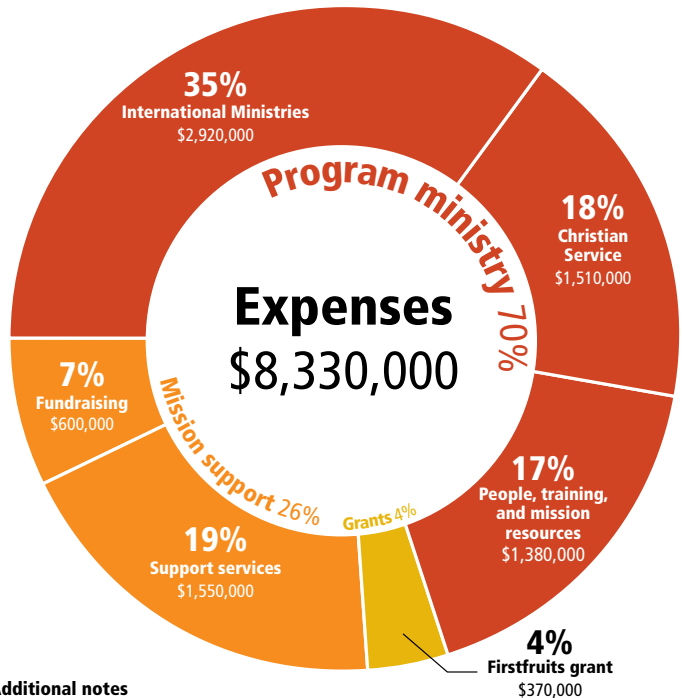
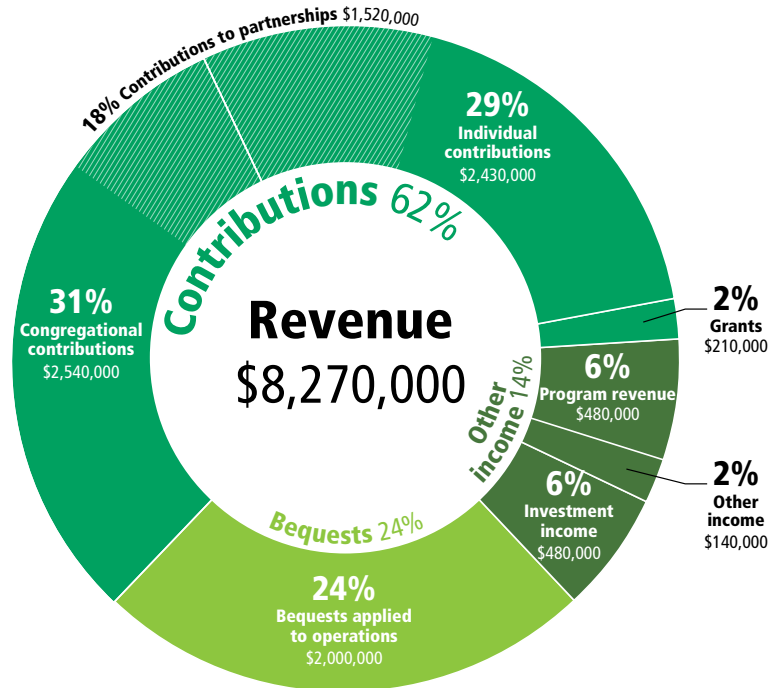
This fall marks the 30th anniversary of Service Adventure! Since its formation in 1989, Service Adventure has welcomed nearly 800 participants—and more than 300 leaders—into 16 unit locations across North America. Current locations include Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anchorage, Alaska; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jackson, Mississippi; and Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Local celebration gatherings are scheduled in **Pennsylvania** (end of October), **Oregon** (early December), **Indiana** (early February), and **Virginia** (spring 2020), as well as a **webinar on Feb. 4**. For more information about these events, visit MennoniteMission.net/alumni or follow Mennonite Mission Network on social media.

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Additional notes

1. This report is for the **fiscal year** period of Aug. 1, 2018, to July 31, 2019.
2. The total **value of bequests** received during this fiscal year was \$5,520,088. Bequest funds used in this fiscal year were \$1,997,612.
3. **Program revenue** includes funding from partner organizations, program fees, event fees, sale of publications and resources, and worker earnings.
4. **Cash** and investments held as operating reserves as of July 31, 2019, totaled \$9,151,173.
5. **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.

Thank you!

We at Mission Network appreciate every single one of you as well as every single financial contribution, prayer, and volunteer act. Without you, these ministries—run by many volunteers from countless congregations—could not be set free to join God’s mission in the world. **Thank you for your partnership, your prayers, and your presence.**

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Giving

Mennonite Church USA congregations

Allegheny Conference		Illinois Conference		Pacific Southwest Conference	
\$18,094	5 of 12 conference congregations contributed this total.	\$152,225*	19 of 40 conference congregations contributed this total.	\$35,211	11 of 26 conference congregations contributed this total.
Atlantic Coast Conference		Indiana-Michigan Conference		South Central Conference	
\$210,961*	17 of 31 conference congregations contributed this total.	\$213,232*	27 of 47 conference congregations contributed this total.	\$123,481	8 of 37 conference congregations contributed this total.
Central District Conference		Mountain States Conference		Southeast Conference	
\$215,367*	32 of 45 conference congregations contributed this total.	\$42,244	9 of 16 conference congregations contributed this total.	\$3,000	1 of 1 conference congregation contributed this total.
Central Plains Conference		New York Conference		Virginia Conference	
\$218,748	26 of 47 conference congregations contributed this total.	\$11,759	3 of 17 conference congregations contributed this total.	\$169,771	23 of 68 conference congregations contributed this total.
Eastern District Conference		Ohio Conference		Western District Conference	
\$53,937*	4 of 12 conference congregations contributed this total.	\$350,097*	33 of 51 conference congregations contributed this total.	\$232,349	33 of 54 conference congregations contributed this total.
Franconia Conference		Pacific Northwest Conference			
\$148,014	22 of 46 conference congregations contributed this total.	\$75,917	17 of 30 conference congregations contributed this total.		

All Mennonite Church USA congregations

\$2,249,204* 295 of 586 Mennonite Church USA congregations contributed.

*Totals do not match the sum of conference totals because dual-conference congregations are recorded in both conference totals.

Contributing congregations not part of Mennonite Church USA

\$256,200 55 congregations contributed.



2019 service participants

Youth Venture—Peru

Youth Venture participants learn about the area they will be serving in from Mission Network worker Elena Buckwalter. Photo by Marisa Smucker.

Mennonite Voluntary Service

Aibonito, Puerto Rico

Emily Knight, Moundridge, Kansas, Eden Mennonite Church (Moundridge), serving with *Academia Menonita Betania*.

Matthew Peters, Silverton, Oregon, Calvary Mennonite Church (Aurora, Oregon), serving with *Academia Menonita Betania*.

Alamosa, Colorado

Connor Born, North Newton, Kansas, Bethel College Mennonite Church (North Newton), serving with Rio Grande Headwaters Restoration Program.

Roxanne Gehring, Manhattan, Kansas, Manhattan Mennonite Church, serving with Center for Restorative Programs.

Chicago

Joel Klassen, Kitchener, Ontario, Breslau (Ontario) Mennonite

Church, serving with Changing Worlds and Chicago Scores.

Lara Scott, Newton, Kansas, Zion Mennonite Church (Elbing, Kansas), serving with Lakeview Pantry.

Elkhart, Indiana

Guisela Bravo, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, serving with the Elkhart Boys and Girls Club.

Manhattan, New York

Laura Ayres, Rosthern, Saskatchewan, St. Odilon Parish (Rosthern), serving with New York Cares Inc.

Hannah Brown, Willard, Ohio, Grace United Methodist Church (Willard), serving with Xavier Mission.

San Francisco

Kristin Anton, Langley, British Columbia, Town and Field Church (Langley), serving with Girls on the Run of the Bay Area.

Leah Friesen, Kitchener, Nebraska, Bethesda Mennonite Church (Henderson),

serving with Mission Graduates.

Tucson, Arizona

Michelle Schrag, Moundridge, Kansas, Eden Mennonite Church (Moundridge), serving with Community Home Repair Project of Arizona.

Washington, D.C.

Laura Carr-Pries, Waterloo, Ontario, St. Jacobs (Ontario) Mennonite Church, serving with Catholic Charities.

Annabella Ching, Selangor, Malaysia, Klang Chinese Methodist Church, (Selangor), serving with Briya.

Savannah Heintzman, Waterloo, Ontario, serving with Habitat for Humanity.

Rudin Mucaj, Fier, Albania, Kalona (Iowa) Mennonite Church, serving with Habitat for Humanity.

Kaitlyn Skelly, Waterloo, Ontario, Nexus Church (Kitchener, Ontario), serving with Office of the United Nations

High Commissioner for Refugees.

Cassandra Voth, Littleton, Colorado, First Mennonite Church of Denver, serving with Community of Hope.

Service Adventure

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Franziska Oelsner, Reichenbach, Germany, Free Evangelical Congregation (Hermsdorf, Germany), serving with *Escuela del Sol*.

Isabel Prunés, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Oxford Circle Mennonite Church (Philadelphia), serving with East Central Ministries.

Helen Tiefenbach, Dresden, Germany, Dresden Klotzsch Congregation Christ Church (Dresden), serving with Harwood Art Center.

Anchorage, Alaska

Nathanael Eby, Goshen, Indiana, Walnut Hill Mennonite Church

(Goshen), serving with Hope Ministries.

Bethany Masters, Dundee, Ohio, Sonnenberg Mennonite Church (Kidron, Ohio), serving with Children's Lunchbox and Boys and Girls Club of Greater Anchorage.

Michael Oyer, Hesston, Kansas, Whitestone Mennonite Church (Hesston), serving as unit leader.

Salome Preisendanz, Neuweiler, Germany, Protestant Church (Breitenstein-Neuweiler), serving with Downtown Soup Kitchen.

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Ruben Fellmann, Loewenstein, Germany, Mennonite Congregation Bad Friedrichshall (Kochendorf, Germany), serving with Greccio Housing.

Carissa Mast, Goshen, Indiana, Faith Mennonite Church (Goshen), serving with Family Promise.

Delia Mielke, Seeheim-Jugenheim, Germany,

Rojer del Tur, Germany, serving with Our House, Bright Futures.

Jackson, Mississippi

Risa Fukaya, Kanagawa, Japan, Journey Mennonite Church (Yoder, Kansas), serving with Stewpot and Education Station.

Paula Klätte, Halle (Saale), Germany, Gospel Church of Halle (Evangeliums Gemeinde Halle), serving with Jackson City Farms and Stewpot.

Estella Sandweg, Salzkotten, Germany, Christian Congregation of Stadtheide, Germany, serving with Stewpot.

Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Harleigh Gibson, Hutchinson, Kansas, Buhler (Kansas) Mennonite Brethren Church, serving with Johnstown Christian School and HeadStart.

Marie-Helen Irrgang, Dresden, Germany, Protestant Lutheran Church Congregation St. Michael (Dresden), serving with Johnstown

Christian School and HeadStart.

Marlene Knop, Oerlinghausen, Germany, Evangelical Reformed Congregation, serving with Pre-K Counts and New Day Inc.

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Karen and Robert Albrecht, Eureka, Illinois, Roanoke Mennonite Church (Eureka), served in Tucson, Arizona.

Bruce and Lorene Arnold, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Maplewood Mennonite Church (Fort Wayne), served in Washington, Iowa.

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

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

Joanna Beidler, Randolph, Vermont, Taftsville (Vermont) Chapel Mennonite Fellowship, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Annette and Deron Brill Bergstresser and family, Goshen, Indiana, Faith Mennonite Church (Goshen), served in Americus, Georgia.

Jane and Marion Beyeler, Dalton, Ohio, Orrville (Ohio) Mennonite Church, served in Washington, D.C.

Dee and John Birkey, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen), served in Glendale, Arizona.

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

Dan Bontrager, Iowa City, Iowa, First

Mennonite Church of Iowa City, served in Glendale, Arizona.

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

Ken Conry, Casa Grande, Arizona, Cross Roads Church (Casa Grande), served in Washington, D.C., and Elkhart, Indiana.

Belle Duerksen and Lew Naylor, Goshen, Indiana, Eighth Street Mennonite Church (Goshen), served in Glendale, Arizona.

LeAnna and Peter Dunn, Dalton, Ohio, Kidron (Ohio) Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.

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

Richard Flickinger, Leo, Indiana, Agape Church of the Brethren (Fort Wayne, Indiana), served in Glendale, Arizona.

Ivan and Rachel Friesen, Bluffton, Ohio, Grace Mennonite Church (Pandora, Ohio), served in Americus, Georgia.

Gene and Judy Gascho, Woodburn, Oregon, Zion Mennonite Church (Hubbard, Oregon), served in Glendale, Arizona.

James and Lila Gascho, Three Rivers, Michigan, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana), served in Glendale, Arizona.

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

Douglas Graham and Theresa Klassen, Newton, Kansas, served in Tucson, Arizona.

Vicki Green, Iowa City, Iowa, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Ivy and Murray Guenther, Dugald, Manitoba, served in Petittcodiac, New Brunswick, and Macon, Mississippi.

John and Martha Guntz, Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, Finland Mennonite Church (Pennsburg), served in Akron, Pennsylvania.

Donald and Glenda Hartzler, Belleville, Pennsylvania, Locust Grove Mennonite Church (Belleville), served in Glendale, Arizona.

Diane and Bill Hershberger, Goshen, Indiana, East Goshen Mennonite Church, served in El Dorado, Arkansas.

Paul and Ruth Hershberger, Kalona, Iowa, Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church (Kalona), served in Glendale, Arizona.

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

Elizabeth and Phil Histand, Corvallis,

Oregon, Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Calvin and Shirley Hochstedler, Kalona, Iowa, Kalona Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Mary and Merle Hochstedler, Goshen, Indiana, Maple City Chapel (Goshen), served in Glendale, Arizona.

Mary Hofstetter, Lima, Ohio, Lima Mennonite Church, served in Macon, Mississippi.

Phyllis Hostetler, Goshen, Indiana, Zion Mennonite Church (Archbold, Ohio), served in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Gerald Hunsberger, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Albuquerque Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Penny Jans, Sarasota, Florida, Abundant Life Church (Sarasota), served in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Marilyn and Stanley Kamp, Orrville, Ohio, Orrville Mennonite Church, served in Washington, D.C.

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

Joy Kauffman King and Titus King, Goshen, Indiana, Silverwood Mennonite Church (Goshen), served in Tucson, Arizona.

Sheryl Kooker, Apple Creek, Ohio, Millersburg (Ohio) Mennonite Church, served in Washington, D.C.

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

Julia and Lynn Lehman, Box Elder, South Dakota, First Mennonite Church of Iowa City (Iowa), served in Glendale, Arizona; Washington, Iowa; and Tucson, Arizona.

Catharine and Don Lichti, St. Louis, Missouri, St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship, served in Tucson, Arizona.

Al and Lois Longenecker, Elkhart, Indiana, Prairie Street Mennonite Church (Elkhart), served in El Dorado, Arkansas; Macon, Mississippi; and Akron, Pennsylvania.

Dale and Linda Marnier, Kalona, Iowa, Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church (Kalona), served in Glendale, Arizona.

Job and Kathryn Mast, Oley, Pennsylvania, Oley Valley Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.

LeRoy and Sherry Mast, Greenfield, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana), served in Brooksville, Florida.

Debra and James Miller, Sarasota, Florida, Covenant Mennonite Fellowship (Sarasota), served in Akron, Pennsylvania.

Janice and Lynn Miller, Woodburn, Oregon, Zion Mennonite Church (Hubbard, Oregon), served in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Larry and Maxine Miller, Macon, Mississippi, served in Shipshewana, Indiana.

Leon and Lynda Miller, Belleville, Pennsylvania, Locust Grove Mennonite Church (Belleville), served in Glendale, Arizona.

Lois Miller, Goshen, Indiana, Eighth Street Mennonite Church (Goshen), served in Aibonito, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C.

Merlin Miller, Kalona, Iowa, Kalona Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.



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Internship—Guatemala City, Guatemala

Intern Sophie Miller with her Spanish teacher, Edna Lopez, at the Casa Center in Guatemala City.

Miriam Miller, Riverside, Iowa, First Mennonite Church of Iowa City (Iowa), served in Glendale, Arizona.

Phyllis Miller, Goshen, Indiana, College Mennonite Church (Goshen), served in Tucson, Arizona.

Ethel Mohler, Crestline, California, All Saints Episcopal Church (Riverside, California), served in Glendale, Arizona.

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

Herbert and Sarah Myers, Harman, West Virginia, Shalom Mennonite Congregation (Harrisonburg, Virginia), served in Akron, Pennsylvania.

Ben and Mary Jane Newcomer, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, served in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

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

Gary and Janet Oyer, Kalama, Washington, Portland (Oregon) Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Stan and Vonnie Oyer, Hubbard, Oregon, Zion Mennonite Church (Hubbard), served in Akron, Pennsylvania.

Lois and Marc Plank, Wellman, Iowa, Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church (Kalona, Iowa), served in Glendale, Arizona.

Elizabeth Raid, Newton, Kansas, Bethel College Mennonite Church (North Newton, Kansas), served in Americus, Georgia.

Clayton and Mary Reed, Bourbon, Indiana, Nappanee (Indiana) Missionary Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Sue and Wesley Richard, Goshen, Indiana, West Goshen Church of the Brethren, served in Washington, D.C.

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

James and Linda Rufenacht, Archbold, Ohio, West Clinton Mennonite Church

(Wauseon, Ohio), served in Reedley, California.

Kendra Selzer, Canton, Kansas, Spring Valley Mennonite Church (Canton), served in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Larissa Selzer, Canton, Kansas, Spring Valley Mennonite Church (Canton), served in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Carl and Marcia Shantz, Akron, Pennsylvania, served in Elm Mott, Texas.

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

Carol and Gary Shetler, Goshen, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen), served in Akron, Pennsylvania.

Deborah and Philip Siegrist and family, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, James Street Mennonite Church (Lancaster), served in La Mesa, Colombia.

James and Marty Snavely, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, served in Glendale, Arizona.

Keith and Kathy Springer, Saybrook, Illinois, First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana (Illinois), served in Americus, Georgia, and Washington, D.C.

Bryan and Judi Stauffer, Yakima, Washington, Salem Mennonite Church (Keizer, Oregon), served in Glendale, Arizona.

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

Sandra Stegman, Perrysburg, Ohio, Zion Mennonite Church (Archbold, Ohio), served in Americus, Georgia, and Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Ruth Stoltzfus, Urbana, Illinois, First Mennonite Church of Champaign-Urbana, served in Montreal, Quebec.

Kathy Straub, Buhl, Idaho, Calvary Chapel (Buhl), served in Glendale, Arizona.

Linda Trejo-Todd, Houston, Texas, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church (Houston), served in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

John and Virginia Veeder, Leroy, Illinois,

East Bend Mennonite Church (Fisher, Illinois), served in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Robert Walson, Indianapolis, Indiana, First Mennonite Church (Indianapolis), served in Tucson, Arizona.

James and Sharon Wyse, Sarasota, Florida, First Mennonite Church of Middlebury (Indiana), served in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

Jessica and Nicolas Wyse and family, Middlebury, Indiana, Crossroads Community Church (Goshen, Indiana), served in Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

David and Jane Yoder, Landisville, Pennsylvania, Landisville Mennonite Church, served in Tucson, Arizona.

Elizabeth and Norman Yoder, Goshen, Indiana, Walnut Hill Mennonite Church (Goshen), served in San Antonio, Texas.

Janice and Joseph Yoder, Middlebury, Indiana, East Goshen (Indiana) Mennonite Church served in Glendale, Arizona.

Nancy and Richard Yoder, Goshen, Indiana, Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship (Goshen), served in Westbrookville, New York.

Oak Grove Mennonite Church (West Liberty) and New Creation Fellowship Church (Newton, Kansas), team leader

Anna Western, Lowville, New York, First Mennonite Church of New Bremen (Lowville)

Japan

Emily Bergey, Green Lane, Pennsylvania, Salford Mennonite Church (Harleysville, Pennsylvania)

Andrea Bodden, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Forest Hills Mennonite Church (Leola, Pennsylvania)

Camila Flores, Newton, Kansas, Shalom Mennonite Church (Newton)

Del Hershberger, Hesston, Kansas, Hesston Mennonite Church, co-team leader

Michele Hershberger, Hesston, Kansas, Hesston Mennonite Church, co-team leader

Taicha Hertzog, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, Forest Hills Mennonite Church (Leola, Pennsylvania)

Eli Ladd, Hesston, Kansas, Hesston Mennonite Church

Jesse Magill, Hesston, Kansas, Hesston Mennonite Church

Andrew Schmidt, Hesston, Kansas, Hesston Mennonite Church

Peru

Leigha Gomez, Hutchinson, Kansas, Journey Mennonite Church (South Hutchinson)

Catherina Krabill, Elkhart, Indiana, Belmont Mennonite Church (Elkhart)

Amanda Miller, Apple Creek, Ohio

Arlen Miller, Apple Creek, Ohio



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SOOP—Koinonia Farm

From left, Elizabeth Raid and Rachel and Ivan Friesen volunteered with SOOP (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) in the vineyards at Koinonia Farm in Americus, Georgia, this past January.

Youth Venture

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Abby Hochstetler, Goshen, Indiana, Silverwood Mennonite Church (Goshen)

Elizabeth Mestl, Henderson, Nebraska, Bethesda Mennonite Church (Henderson)

Paige Mestl, Henderson, Nebraska, Bethesda Mennonite Church (Henderson)

Jillian Schlach, West Liberty, Ohio,



Photo by Laurie Oswald Robinson

Servant Projects—MennoCon19

A total of 1,301 Mission Network-sponsored Servant Project participants—including 110 church groups and 48 other adults—served 25 agencies in Greater Kansas City during MennoCon19 this past July. From left, Isaac Troyer, of the Berlin (Ohio) Mennonite Church youth group, washes dishes with Kenny Cabean, an employee at Nourish KC, a nonprofit agency that serves noon meals to the community.

Alyssa Nisly, Haven, Kansas, Journey Mennonite Church (South Hutchinson, Kansas)

Marisa Smucker, Goshen, Indiana, Belmont Mennonite Church (Elkhart, Indiana), team leader

Indonesia

Erin Bontrager, New Paris, Indiana, Waterford Mennonite Church (Goshen, Indiana)

Mallory Bontreger, Goshen, Indiana, Yellow Creek Mennonite Church (Goshen)

Katja Norton, Goshen, Indiana, Walnut Hill Mennonite Church (Goshen), team leader

DOOR Discover

Atlanta

Atonement Lutheran Church, Muskego, Wisconsin

Belmont University Campus Ministry, Nashville, Tennessee

Christ Episcopal Church, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

College of Central Florida, Ocala, Florida

Downers Grove First United Methodist Church, Downers Grove, Illinois

Evansville Tri-State Association Youth, Bethlehem United

Church of Christ, Evansville, Indiana

Evansville Tri-State Association Youth, Sts. Peter and Paul

Catholic Church, Evansville, Indiana

First Lutheran Church, Mandan, North Dakota

First Mennonite Church of Indianapolis

First Presbyterian Church, Hickory, North Carolina

First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, North Carolina

First Presbyterian Church, Portland, Oregon

Guilford Park Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina

King University, Bristol, Tennessee

Larchmont Avenue Church, Larchmont, New York

Lovett School, Atlanta

Miami Shores Presbyterian Church, Miami Shores, Florida

Mount Vernon Presbyterian School, Atlanta

North Hampton United Church of Christ, North Hampton, New Hampshire

Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, Duluth, Georgia

Purdue Timmy Global Health, West Lafayette, Indiana

Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire

UKirk East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee

University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota

Chicago

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church, Goessel, Kansas

Boys and Girls Club of Elkhart County, Goshen, Indiana

Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Des Moines Mennonite Church, Des Moines, Iowa

East Goshen Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana

First Congregational Church, Crystal Lake, Illinois

First Presbyterian Church, Delray Beach, Florida

First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, Illinois

First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City, Iowa

Grace Episcopal Church, Silver Spring, Maryland

Myers Park United Methodist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

First United Methodist Church, Lowell, Michigan

St. Paul's Lenexa United Methodist Church, Lenexa, Kansas

Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck, North Dakota

Trinity United Methodist Church, Hutchinson, Kansas

United Church of Christ youth group, Keene, New Hampshire

Denver

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Olathe, Kansas

Belmont University Campus Ministry, Nashville, Tennessee

First Christian Church, Platte City, Missouri

First Presbyterian Church, Bentonville, Arkansas

First Presbyterian Church, Onida, South Dakota

Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita, Kansas

Grosse Pointe Academy, Grosse Pointe, Michigan

Holmeswood Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri

Iola First Baptist Church, Iola, Kansas

Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Peace United Church of Christ, Duluth, Minnesota

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Boulder, Colorado

St. John's United Methodist Church, Austin, Texas

St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Elmhurst, Illinois

United Presbyterian Church

Valleyview Mennonite Church, London, Ontario

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Los Angeles

First Presbyterian Church, Barre, Vermont

Grand Valley State University Campus Ministry, Allendale, Michigan

Memorial Presbyterian Church, Midland, Michigan

Trinity Mennonite Church, Glendale, Arizona

Miami

Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts

College of Central Florida, Ocala, Florida

First Congregational Church, Crystal Lake, Illinois

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Westfield, New Jersey

First Congregational Church of Christ, Sarasota, Florida

Highland Presbyterian Church, Maryville, Tennessee

Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Denver

DOOR Discern

Atlanta

D'Sean Horne, Riverdale, Georgia, Liveoak Baptist Church, Atlanta

Carmen Jones, Ellenwood, Georgia, Friendship Baptist Church, Ellenwood

Michael Taylor, Chicago

Chicago

Jamya Craton, Chicago

Damarey Phillips, Chicago, First Church of The Brethren, Chicago

Denver

Roberto Alcaner, Denver

Nick Gordon, Aurora, Colorado

Elizabeth Martinez, Denver

Natali Martinez, Denver

Marianna Sarmiento, Denver

International workers

Elena (Buckwalter) Satalya and Freddy Satalya began a year and a half of service in December. They serve with *Iglesia Cristiana Menonita del Perú* in Iquitos, Peru, in children's and youth ministries, including education. Virginia Mennonite Missions is a sending partner.

Deborah and Jon Byler completed a three-week special assignment in January as fraternal encouragement visitors in the Caribbean Coast region of Colombia.

Tyler Hartford did a 10-day special assignment in India in October 2018. He taught church and Anabaptist history. He also did some preaching and fraternal visiting.

Loren and Rachel Johns began a year-long special assignment in August in Guatemala. They serve as host/hostess at *SEMILLA (Seminaro Anabautista Latinoamericano)* where, together with Guatemalan staff, they help facilitate hospitality for national and international guests at *Casa Emaús*. Loren also teaches at the seminary.

David Jost and Sophia Lapp

began a three-year term in September in Germany. David works with *Deutsches Mennonitisches*



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Service Adventure unit, Jackson, Mississippi: Stahl Mennonite Church and Thomas Mennonite Church in the Johnstown, Pennsylvania, area raised donations through their summer vacation Bible school program to help Service Adventure units with transportation expenses. Their donations will go toward bus fares to and from service placements, unit bicycles, and fuel and maintenance for unit vehicles. Pictured are Paula Klätte, Roger Neufeld Smith, Estella Sandweg, Cynthia Neufeld Smith, and Risa Fukaya.

Friedenskomitee, the German Peace Committee, a partner of Christian Peacemaker Teams, in fundraising, environmental advocacy, and congregational speaking engagements. Sophie serves as an intern with a local congregation. She also hopes to volunteer with local refugee resettlement programs.

James R. Krabill has completed multiple special assignments around the world. He has been a guest lecturer on

various mission topics, including the church and mission, indigenous theology, contextualization, and ethnomusicology.

Deanna (DeeDee) and Mark Landes, with children, Kason, Taylor and Kellen, began a year in Colombia, serving with the Mennonite church and *Colegio Americano Menno* in La Mesa. The Landeses support English, sports, youth ministries, and other programs. They also join the church in outreach ministries,

building relationships and supporting ministries in vulnerable communities.

María Helena López began a half-year term in Ecuador in June supporting the leadership team of Quito Mennonite Church, sharing her gifts in ministry, providing encouragement, and coordinating volunteers serving in the ministries. *Iglesia Cristiana Menonita de Colombia* is the sending partner for María Helena.

Faith Manickam began a 10-month term in August in Kodaikanal, India. She is serving as a medical assistant intern at Van Allen Hospital. She will also observe and work alongside personnel in school and community projects, as well as connect with mission hospitals. Faith's home church is James Street Mennonite Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Sophie Miller began a 10-month term in August

in Guatemala. Sophie participates in Central America Study and Service (CASAS), a program of *Seminario Anabautista Latinoamericano (SEMILLA)*. She is learning Spanish, gaining cultural understanding, and serving in an internship with a partner organization.

John David Thacker began teaching in September

at *Meserete Kristos* College in Ethiopia. He is teaching a semester of Anabaptist history and thought.

Katherine (Kate) Widmer began serving in France in September. Her first four months she is the interim hospitality coordinator for the Paris Mennonite Center. The next year, Kate will

serve alongside La Prairie Mennonite Church in Montbéliard in their community outreach programs, including the church's café and bookstore.

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