

PASSPORT  
TO  
MISSIONS



*First Presbyterian Church is very involved outside the walls of our church building. Our mission to love and lead all people to deeper life in Jesus Christ takes us to various places around our own city of Midland as well as many places around the world.*

*There are all kinds of ways for you to be involved.*

*This Mission Passport tells of the opportunities available to join in God's mission in Midland and around the world.*

## WORLD MISSIONS

### **G.R.O.W.**

Based in Chiang Mai, Thailand GROW is Grace Refuge Outreach Worldwide. Their vision is to rescue the at risk children and youth of Thailand by supporting, educating and providing them with a safe place to live, grow and learn about Christ. The focus is on the Akha hill tribe children who are at risk of the sex slave trade. GROW is run by Faa Choemue who helps the children become fully functional citizens of their country and eventually mentors to other children once they are older and mature in Christ.



### **Watch and Pray Ministries**

Watch and Pray is run by Pastor Getanah M. Getanah, who survived imprisonment and torture by the Mengistu regime in Ethiopia. It is a ministry committed to bringing the Gospel to Muslims in developing countries in Asia and Africa. The focus is to equip orphans for life, make widows self-sufficient, and to train indigenous pastors. Watch and Pray Ministries is based out of Midland with a board comprised mainly of Midlanders.

### **Treasure Commission**

Treasure Commission Inc. is focused on gathering the LORD'S precious and valuable treasure (Mt.13:44) in India and Nepal. This is accomplished by: teaching and training pastors, leaders and evangelists who do not have the opportunity of attending a bible school so they can better equip their people for the work of the ministry. Multiplication takes place by raising up and supporting teaching teams and evangelistic teams.

**Praise Home**

Praise Children's Home is the ministry in Nepal of Prakash and Asha Chhetri. Prakash and his wife take as many orphans as their home will allow and provide them with all the love and provisions of a family. Prakash is also the Team Leader of Treasure Commission in Nepal.

**Hogar Infantil**

Breaking the cycle of poverty through education is the goal of Hogal Infantil, a non-denominational home for children in Mexico's poorest state of Chiapas. Hogar Infantil provides food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education and most importantly hope to about 1000 destitute, abandoned and abused children.

**CAM International—Brandon Scott**

Brandon disciples and equips Guatemalan pastors so that they can more effectively fulfill the Great Commission. The goal is to train the pastors so that they can then train other pastors, who can then train and disciple others. Brandon is also helping to set up extension courses from a Guatemalan Seminary so that pastors can receive higher education without needing to leave the churches God has called them to shepherd.

**Engineering Ministries International**

Engineering Ministries International is a ministry of architects, engineers, surveyors and other design professionals that donate their skills to serve the poor around the world. They design hospitals, orphanages, schools, water systems and other projects for overseas ministries helping them fulfill the vision that God has given them.

**Mae Ka Chan Orphanage**

Located in North West Chiang Mai Thailand, Mae Ka Chan Children's Home provides shelter, health care and education for approximately 90 Hill Tribe children. It is run by a Christian pastor who teaches the gospel to all the children.

**Partners Relief and Development**

Located in Thailand, Partners Relief and Development help the people in crisis inside Burma by providing emergency relief including food, clothing, water, medicine and shelter. They help internally displaced refugee and orphaned children with proper nutritional needs, medical assistance, educational support, and spiritual care.

They provide long-term solutions to war and poverty by providing healthcare training, school supplies, agricultural solutions, and develop micro-enterprise opportunities for whole communities. They report human rights abuses to the international community and passionately fight for real and lasting systemic change.

**Canaan Orphanage**

Canaan Orphanage, located in Montrouis, Haiti, is home to more than 100 children. Canaan is an oasis of hope and safety in the midst of poverty and despair that is unimaginable to most Americans. The efforts of Sister Gladys, Pastor Henri and their staff, along with the time and money donated by volunteers from around the world, provide these children with food, shelter, an education, and most importantly, love. The orphanage works to be self-sustaining by growing food and raising rabbits and goats.

**OC International (One Challenge)**

OC International is an interdenominational faith mission in structure, interchurch in ministry, and international in vision. They believe that whole nations can be reached for Christ. With more than 500 missionaries, OC is involved in evangelism, discipleship, leadership training, church growth, missions, and support services.

**Garden Of Hope**

The Garden of Hope is a community that protects vulnerable and at-risk children and women from abuse and exploitation in Southeast Asia and equips and enables them to develop maturity and responsibility, bearing fruit for the glory of God. Each night the center serves approximately 35 children in the red-light district who are at risk of many dangers, including sexual exploitation, child labor, poverty and discrimination. The Garden of Hope's children's Drop-In Center provides for the holistic needs of the children - physical, emotional, spiritual, educational - through a variety of activities.

**The Outreach Foundation**

Every project and missionary supported through The Outreach Foundation is directly involved in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed. It works in a covenant relationship with Presbyterian Church USA but receives no financial support from denominational offices and is dependent on the generosity of individuals and congregations. The Outreach Foundation supports: women's ministries in Africa; Lovemore Home in Zimbabwe; Crisis Nurseries in Zambia; scholarship funding for seminary students; supporting ministers and their congregations.

**CRU-Campus Crusade for Christ—Garrick Roegner**

Garrick and his family are working in Grenada and throughout Spain starting churches focused on students and young adults.

**Nightlight**

NightLight is an organization located in Bangkok, Thailand committed to addressing the complex issues of commercial sexual exploitation through prevention, intervention, restoration, and education. Women and girls learn to make jewelry and the jewelry sales help pay their salaries. The mission is to build relationships with people involved in the sex industry, offer alternative employment and vocational and life-skills training, and to provide physical, emotional and spiritual development to women seeking a way out. Worship services are held daily.

**Dalit Freedom Network**

The Dalits, also known as the “untouchables” and “outcasts,” make up nearly one quarter of India’s 1.2 billion society, with population estimates of 250 million people. The Dalits are history’s longest standing oppressed people group. The Freedom Network is a non-partisan, non-government human rights organization seeking freedom and justice for the Dalit people of India. Their goal is to end Dalit injustices, such as human trafficking and child labor, and make slavery history in India.

**Operation Bless the Children (Hope Box Project)**

Hope Box Project touches the lives of thousands of children in Juarez, Ojinaga and Piedras Negras, Mexico during the Christmas season. A Hope Box (shoebox) filled full of toys, school supplies, hygiene items and other small items (candy, socks, hairclips, etc.) is delivered to children of different ages, backgrounds with a diversity of needs, at a seated outdoor dinner with their parents, where a hot meal is served, the gospel is preached and the shoebox is given, along with a sack of food staples for the parents.

### **International Justice Mission**

IJM is a Christian based human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression. IJM lawyers, investigators and aftercare professionals work with local governments in 12 countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America to ensure victim rescue, to prosecute perpetrators, and to strengthen the community and civic factors that promote functioning public justice systems.

### **Uganda Bible College—Covenant Bible Institute of Theology**

This program is to provide a Christ-centered, Bible-based education equipping those desiring to be in the ministry work with a foundational level of competence. The program also provides a broad biblical, theological, and practical foundation for those entering pastoral, missionary, or other Christian education ministries.



### **Uganda Medical Outreach**

The monies assigned to this project are for funding the medical clinic outreach that is done each year in Africa during the FPC mission trip. It pays for the medicines and the doctors and nurses to staff the outreach. There has been a 2-3 day medical outreach associated with the building of the new church each year that FPC has been involved in the Africa mission. Mosquito nets are typically passed out at the medical outreach and they are purchased with contributions.

### **Africa Mission Fund**

The Africa Mission Fund is money set aside to organize the annual mission trip to Africa. The budgeted amount is sent to start the building of the church each year. FPC started the mission trips to Africa in 2004 and the church mission budget contributes to the building of the church. The mission team raise money to cover their travel expenses. Additional donations are also needed to complete the construction of the church.



**Africa Bridges of Hope**

Africa Bridges of Hope helps provide food, clothes, daily needs, and most importantly, education in the lives of Ugandans. They believe the hope and the future of African nations depends greatly on the next generation of leaders and desire to be a part of raising that generation in an environment where a community can take pride in the future of their country.

**Character Choice**

Character Choice is a non-profit Christian ministry dedicated to the character and spiritual formation of children; to instill roots of positive character and conduct and biblical discipline habits in the lives of children and youth. Their team created an elementary Bible based character curriculum and teacher seminars. The Greatest Promise, by Vernie Schorr, is a booklet written for children to explain the gospel message of salvation. These booklets are used each year during FPC's Africa mission trip.

## NATIONAL MISSIONS

**Project Vida**

Project Vida is located in the center of El Paso. Today, Project Vida serves three neighborhoods with over 1500 families enrolled in its programs. The centers include: Health Care, Housing, Economic Development, Education and Community Outreach.

**CRU-Campus Crusade for Christ—Doran and Amy Schoenhals**

Amy and Doran work with Campus Crusade at the University of Texas mentoring, training and challenging college students to grow in their relationship with God.

**CRU-Campus Crusade—Kyle and Irinia Ford**

After serving with Campus Crusade for Christ's teen ministry in Russia for 18 years the Fords are excited to transition to work with the 6000 international students from 120 countries at UT in Austin. Kyle's 18 years of being "the foreigner" in Russia coupled with Irina being "the foreigner" now gives them hearts of understanding and compassion to reach out and share the gospel to students from the Middle East, Africa and Asia.

**Faces of Children**

Faces of Children is an ecumenical, international ministry of prayer for children at risk. The ministry advocates and networks on behalf of children at risk; unites intercessors to pray for children; and raises awareness about the plight of vulnerable and victimized children. Faces of Children is a ministry of First Presbyterian Church Midland.

**Mo Ranch**

Mo Ranch is a Presbyterian conference center for summer camps, retreats, family reunions, etc., located in the heart of the Hill Country of Texas, at the North Fork of the Guadalupe River. Mo-Ranch hosts retreats for church groups of many denominations and faiths, family gatherings, schools, meetings of non-profit organizations and businesses.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. It focuses on the long term recovery of disaster impacted communities.

**Presbyterian Outreach**

The mission of The Outreach Foundation is to engage Presbyterians in Christ-centered evangelistic mission for the salvation of humankind. The priorities are: supporting missionaries, planting and building churches, equipping leaders for the global church, and caring for vulnerable children.

**Presbyterian Medical and Benevolence**

Presbyterian Medical and Benevolence provides crucial funds for medical care and supplies for the needy. It also provides and funds medical mission workers, as well as, builds, maintains, and operates hospitals in impoverished nations and communities.

**Wee Kirk—Small Church Ministry**

Wee Kirk is a mission of Presbyterians for Renewal. Its purpose is to inspire, equip, motivate, encourage and provide rest and refreshment for pastors and elders of SMALL Presbyterian churches. There are 9 Wee Kirk conferences held regionally around the country to make it easier and more cost-effective for small church leaders to attend.

**Sower's Field (National Church Plant Network)**

Sower's Field is an organization that partners with local congregations to assist them in planting new churches. Through Sower's Field, FPC is currently helping to fund a new and creative church plant in Denver, Colorado.

**Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services**

PCHAS provides a variety of Christ-centered services to children in need and their families. Their programs consist of group homes, foster care, adoption services, child and family programs, single parent family programs and educational programs.

### **Youth Conference Ministries**

The vision of Youth Conference Ministries is to minister to young people in such a way that they would experience the power of God in their lives daily. Their mission is to awaken a desire for Christ in young people so that they will return from their conferences to their local church empowered to live for Him. Included in YCM 's offerings are mission trips, youth conferences, family life seminars, youth worker equipping conferences, and church resourcing.

### **First Presbyterian Church also supports scholarships at the following schools:**

Schreiner College  
Austin Presbyterian Seminary  
Austin College  
Pan American School

## **LOCAL MISSIONS**

### **Share-A-Meal**

Share-A-Meal is a supplementary program for Meals-On-Wheels. This frozen meal program delivers two frozen meals on Friday to clients who would have no other access to a meal on the weekend. It is run through Community and Senior Services.



### **Christmas In Action**

Christmas in Action is a non-profit agency that, in partnership with the community, repairs home of low-income elderly and/or disabled homeowners by putting Christian values and principles in action. FPC deacon serving on the "Sheltering the Homeless" committee is elected "House Captain". They select a project house and the weekend that FPC will be involved.

**Community Children's Clinic**

The Community Children's Clinic is a non-profit ministry providing compassionate, affordable health care to children of Midland County families experiencing income challenges. The Clinic has an onsite pharmacy, so the visit includes the prescriptions filled at the time of the visit. The Clinic does not duplicate other services in town and refers to other agencies when applicable.

**MAAS—Midland/Odessa Area AIDS Support, Inc.**

The MAAS program benefits people living with HIV/AIDS by providing assistance with basic and emergency needs including groceries, rent, utilities, and/or medication. The program also provides patients, as well as their family and friends, emotional support by hosting the only HIV/AIDS support group in the Midland/Odessa area.

**Casa de Amigos**

The mission of Casa de Amigos is to improve the quality of life throughout the community by helping people help themselves. Their programs consist of Senior Services, Health/Dental Services, Education and Social Services, all of which are directed towards helping low income families gain confidence, competence and independence.

**CASA of West Texas****(Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children)**

The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing, permanent home. CASA currently serves Andrews, Dawson, Gains, Glasscock, Howard, Martin and Midland counties.

**Midland Fair Havens**

Midland Fair Havens serves as a place of refuge and restoration for single mothers as they prepare to make a better life for themselves and their children. Children's Enrichment Center has been created to teach life skills to the young so that the next generation will not repeat the same mistakes. Fair Havens considers themselves an arm or extension of the Church.

**Midland Habitat for Humanity**

Midland Habitat for Humanity helps God's people in need to build better homes and lives. It promotes home ownership with volunteers building houses in partnership with Midland residents in need of adequate housing. The Deacons and church membership actively participate in the construction of a Habitat home each year and financially contribute to the construction of many more homes.

**Safe Place**

Safe Place provides 24-hour emergency shelter to families affected by domestic violence. The mission of Safe Place is to end domestic violence, provide education, counseling, and shelter. Other services available at Safe Place include personal and legal advocacy, individual counseling, support groups and an intervention program for abusers.

**Rock the Desert Ministries**

Rock the Desert is an annual music festival held between Midland and Odessa, Texas featuring the top Christian bands. The mission of Rock the Desert is to reach today's generation through contemporary Christian music and recreation so that they may hear the life changing Message of Jesus Christ.

**Teacher's Prayer Luncheon**

The luncheon is the first Tuesday of each month during the school year. Lunch is prepared by FPC and is free to all teachers. There is a guest speaker each month and every week teachers leave their prayer request with the committee of volunteers who prays over each request.

**Kairos Lynaugh Unit (part of Kairos of Texas)**

To show the love of Christ to the inmates of the Lynaugh Prison Unit in Fort Stockton, Texas in such a way that they will make a public decision to accept Christ in their lives. This is done through a four-day weekend event called Kairos Weekend (similar to "Walk to Emmaus"), which is conducted twice a year. The Kairos Lynaugh volunteer team then goes back into the unit on a weekly basis to continue discipling those who have accepted Christ.

**Teen Flow**

Teen F.L.O.W. (Faithful Leader Of the Word) is a non profit Christian Center in Midland with programs for teenagers to come and enjoy, without the pressure of their peers. The center reaches out to youth through the facilities and through their Outreach Program.

**Church on Wheels---Breaking Bread Kitchen**

Breaking Bread Kitchen is a free soup kitchen that ministers to those interested in home-cooked meals, fellowship with others, and hearing the Word of God. The kitchen serves approximately 1380 plates per month and is funded by donations.

**Jubilee Center**

The Jubilee Center of Midland (JC of Midland) is a non-profit outreach and food pantry service serving Midland, Texas. The center, now located at 3311 Andrews Highway, opened their doors in February of 2004. In addition to the food pantry the center also provides educational information to clients on cooking, dietary concerns and their new "Backpack for Kids" program.

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Mission**

St. Andrews Mission serves the needs of Midland by its ministry to the social, educational, physical and spiritual needs of the people. It offers a latch key program, a preschool, clothing closets, emergency food pantry and assistance for utility and housing bills as well as tax counseling.

**CLER Ministries –Christian Life Enrichment Resources**

CLER was founded to provide Biblically-based comprehensive human sexuality and relationship education through curriculum, workshops, seminars, camps, and training programs for the purpose of enabling participants of all ages to make good decisions for their lives, to enhance parent/child communication and to strengthen the marriage covenant.

**Family Promise**

Family Promise of Midland, Texas provides shelter, meals, and support services to families without homes while offering a cost-efficient, effective, and replicable community response to family homelessness. The hosting of families rotates weekly among numerous congregations in Midland. Volunteers from each of the churches cook the meals, visit with the families and show Christ's love to those less fortunate.

**New Direction Ministries**

New Directions works to affect the high recidivism rate in the prison system caused by men exiting prison and re-offending. This creates a never-ending cycle of imprisonment. Their goal is to restore men to their families as productive husbands, fathers, and/or sons. They have established a program focused on restoring men, broken, destroyed, and abandoned, to men with Christ-centered morals and integrity and the necessary life skills to be assets to society. New Directions was founded by True Lite Church in Midland.

*God is at work around the world and  
we are privileged to be involved on many levels  
with this work.*

*Please prayerfully consider your involvement  
this year in world, national or local missions.*



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