



By Praying, Giving, or Going,
everyone at Grace Point
can be involved in leading people into
a growing relationship with Jesus Christ,
starting in Topeka and
working around the world.

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Grace Point Family:

2020 has presented many challenges for us, and as you can imagine, for our missionary partners also. Many of our missionaries have not been able to travel to share the Gospel personally, but they have been resourceful in using technology and other methods to continue building God's kingdom.

The most powerful tool to support our missionaries is prayer. I hope each of you is a prayer warrior for at least one of our missionary partners.

Our missionary partners are giving hope to people by rescuing them from human trafficking, homelessness, hunger, trash dumps, poor education, false gods, as well as providing for their physical needs, and most of all—sharing Jesus Christ with them.

Missions outreach trips to Rwanda and Bulgaria were cancelled this year, but many "God events" happened on the Reynosa missions trip. In Reynosa, Christ-centered friendships were started and renewed with the children at the Josiah and Bethany Children's Home.

Your gifts to support our missionary partners are vital for them to continue spreading the Gospel of Jesus to all nations, and they are so grateful!

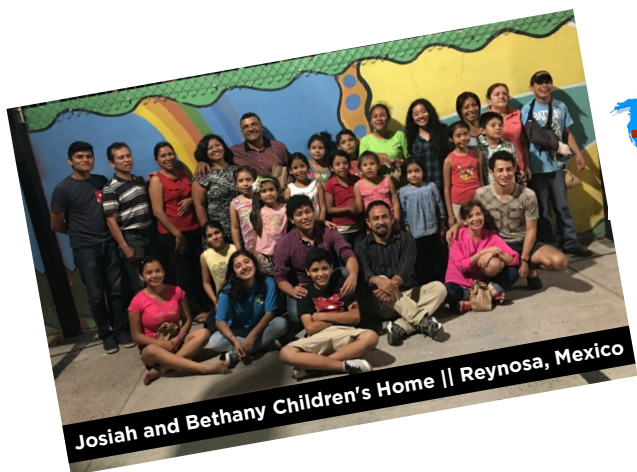
We will plan trips with our missionary partners in Reynosa, Rwanda, and Bulgaria in 2021, and hope to have some of you join us. All of us can help by Praying, Giving, and Going.



You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

—Acts 1:8

Please contact us at
missions@gptopeka.org
to receive updates and information regularly
from our missionary partners.



JOSIAH & BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME

REYNOSA, MEXICO

Providing a safe home for at-risk children in Reynosa

I first went to Reynosa during Spring Break in 2012, and since then I've only missed two Grace Point trips down to Josiah and Bethany Children's Home! This is how short-term missions should be done--visiting the same place multiple years in a row so that our church can build a relationship with the believers and children there. A set of twin 3-year-old girls stole my heart in 2012, and this past March, I had a good conversation (in Spanish!) about what 12-year-old Loretta wants to do after she graduates from high school!

Visiting Reynosa has not only given me the chance to build relationships with children who have no parents active in their lives, but it has also given me a passion for Spanish, Mexican culture, and adult friends from Mexico (the workers at the Children's Home). Each year, our church sends a team to work on projects to repair their facilities, love on the kids, and continue to partner with what Calvary Commission is doing in Reynosa!

-Heather

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IMANA KIDS Rwanda, Africa



Mission

1. All children of Rwanda know they are a child of GOD.
2. All children of Rwanda would receive the best possible EDUCATION.
3. All children of Rwanda have their BASIC NEEDS met—food, water, shelter, and love.

Your donations continue to provide food, clean water and medical care to our students AND their foster families during the pandemic. “We have never wondered if we would yet eat again or if we would feel hungry.” –Sara, 17

Even during a global pandemic, it’s important to find reason to celebrate! For a child on the streets, without family, birthdays may come and go without celebration. Our in-country director, James, strives to make birthdays memorable. We are thankful it is safe to gather in small groups at our Sparrow’s Nest: dancing, prayers, and cake, of course!

Our mission is moving forward to build a trauma informed school and foster care community on the land we own in Bugesera, Rwanda.

Contact: imanakids.org



TRASH MOUNTAIN PROJECT exists to develop Christ-centered environments for children and families living in trash dump communities worldwide.

Coronavirus has hit multiple of our communities hard. Food insecurity still continues to be an issue, and with limited resources, these times are proving to be even more challenging than ever before. Please continue to pray.

We are devoted to providing proper nourishment for the children and families that we serve. Right now during the pandemic, many of our international partners have reformatted their feeding programs and are now also distributing food in the communities.

Our on-the-ground partners are always working hard to learn about the communities where we work. Homes like this one pictured are a very common scene in a trash dump community.

Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
—Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

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SCOTT & JOLENE ROSENE

Youth for Christ International continues to reach young people around the world through a variety of creative outreaches. Whether through teen crisis programs in Africa, camp ministry in the Americas, club outreaches in Asia and the Pacific, or vocational training throughout Europe and the Middle East,

Youth for Christ is actively engaging young people as we share the Gospel.

Our YFCI staff team provides resources that enable our nearly 60,000 staff and volunteers to focus on Christ-honoring and faith-focused relationships with teens all over the planet. Specifically, Scott helps raise awareness for potential staff, volunteers and supporters for these programs through his focus on the YFCI website at www.yfci.org and YFCI's various social media properties.

While the coronavirus has restricted some of our face-to-face contact with students, it has also inspired new ministry projects that have multiplied our digital impact and grown our evangelism efforts.

For Prayer:

- Boldness and creativity for staff to meaningfully connect with youth despite pandemic restrictions
- Effective digital evangelism through new YFCGO and DASK applications
- For current restrictions to lift, allowing the global family of YFC to reschedule (soon) our tri-annual General Assembly (originally scheduled for September 2020)
- Recruitment of new young leaders and missionaries, especially in YFC's new pioneer ministry locations
- God's provision of additional supporters to make up for a shortfall in my budget

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RICHARD & GLADYS SCOGGAN

BOLIVIA, SOUTH AMERICA

G L O B A L I N I T I A T I V E S

Everything is upside down.

- Bible Club has not functioned. . .
 - » We give regular aid to three needy families.
 - » Our prayers are more intense and frequent.
- Carachipampa School conducts Zoom classes.
 - » Students are open. Two received Christ.
 - » Richard shared at chapel
 - ∞ What is Death?
 - ∞ Why Evil?
 - ∞ Such a Time as This
 - » All Bolivian schools closed in August
 - ∞ Carachipampa still operates.
- Churches cannot meet
 - » Many pastors have died or lost income
 - » Richard preached 4 video sermons.
 - » Gladys sends digital Bible lessons to our church family
 - » We support several pastors
- Bolivian society is devastated.
 - » Extreme unemployment, poverty and social needs
 - » Civil unrest and chaos
 - » Government elections in October
 - » More spiritual openness because of the pandemic
- Gladys' family suffered COVID-19 and one died.
 - » But two professed Christ.

We serve with joy, but with sadness for the effects of sin in our midst. Thank you for standing with us in prayer and financial assistance.

Richard and Gladys Scoggan

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DAVID & BRENDA BABCOCK

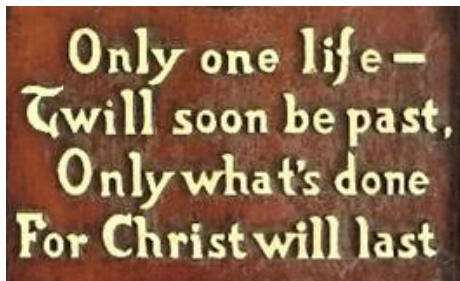
Continue to minister by training and mentoring missionaries around the world.

Our ministry has not been affected by the pandemic because we meet with people around the world in online venues all the time anyway. However, those that we are meeting with are severely affected with stay-at-home orders or limited access to any public meeting. With little or no health care in most of these countries, this is a serious situation. However, when people are looking for help and answers, it is often a time when people are open to spiritual issues in their lives.

To give you an overview of missionaries in the countries that we meet with regularly for prayer and counsel, for Bible study and sharing together, for talking through decisions before them and their ministries: Albania, Croatia, Czech Republic, Bosnia, Kosovo, Hungary Sweden, Romania, Finland, Austria, Central Asia, and in the U.S. (muslim outreach).

Pray for us in meeting with these missionaries—and the people they are reaching for the Lord.

David and Brenda Babcock

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This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. -2 Corinthians 9:12

GO SERVE is the local outreach component of the Missions ministry at Grace Point. We are engaged with the following areas of service in our community. If you'd like more information or want to volunteer, please contact Cindy Glenn: (785-640-7223) or email goserve@gptopeka.org

Topeka Rescue Mission (TRM)

- Serve dinner to TRM residents the third Friday of every month (4:35-6:45 pm); 5 or 6 volunteers needed each month
- Operation Food Secure (OFS) - food boxes are delivered to individuals/families experiencing food insecurity.
 - » General Volunteer: Load boxes into vehicles (20-25 lbs) Must be 14 yrs to assist. Tues and Wed 8-10 am; Thurs 3-5:30 pm
 - » Forklift Driver: Proof of certified fork lift driver. Needed Tues and Wed 8-10 am; Thurs 3-5:30 pm
 - » Delivery Driver: Pick up food boxes at TRM warehouse and deliver to partner agency; lifting not required; need vehicle that can hold 20 boxes (minivan, SUV, truck, etc). Multiple shifts available.

Operation Backpack - Topeka North Outreach

Assemble food sacks to ensure the nutritional needs of children are met on days school is not in session. 1st Thurs of every month (6-7:30 pm) at Indian Hills Elementary School, 4303 NE Indian Creek Road.

The Bridge-Lunch Buddies temporarily suspended due to virus

Sharefest: An annual event created with the belief that churches and organizations can do more together than any one group could do alone to reach out to its community. In 2021, we will be serving Hope Street Academy, a Kansas Charter High School located at 1900 SW Hope Street, by landscaping, painting, constructing, and cleaning up the school grounds. Registration will be open to individuals, families and small groups.

Adopt-A-School Team: A new ministry opportunity to show Christ's love through appreciating, encouraging and providing resources to the teachers and staff of Hope Street Academy at various times throughout the school year.

TRM MINISTRIES

Bringing help and hope
to our homeless and
impoverished neighbors
in Topeka

STATEMENT of FAITH

We believe the Bible is the word of God, fully inspired and without error.

We believe that it is our commission to share the love of Jesus Christ with every person we encounter.

STORIES of HOPE

When you find yourself homeless and greeted at the shelter door with a hug and a smile, you begin to discover that life can be different.

‘The people at the mission really want to see you do good’ and ‘what I was doing to my body was killing me.’ That’s when I committed to the program. I am now a proud graduate of both the Servants in Training (SIT) program and the Center for Biblical Leadership Development (CBLD).

THREEDOM TOPEKA, a new monthly campaign to give each member of our community a way to get involved in whatever capacity they are able, with the resources they have. On the **3rd of every month**, we are asking every individual in our community to do three things:

PRAY for Topeka Rescue Mission

GIVE to help the Rescue Mission

REACH OUT to help 3 people



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THE BRIDGE OF TOPEKA PIVOTS

The mission of **The Bridge** is to empower at-risk children to become servant leaders. Before the pandemic this happened mostly through school-based or large group programs. Those methods won't be allowed this fall.

So, rather than trying to swim against the tide, we have decided to use this time to pivot. We will continue to serve kids and families we already know using socially distant means of communication, but we won't recruit new volunteers or reach out to large groups of new kids.

Instead our team will be working to implement a new program. This program, with a working title of "Life Buddies," will serve the most vulnerable children, those at risk of being taken from their homes. We will start earlier, go deeper, and stay longer.

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Seeking the peace of the city...
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TOM AND LYDIA HINES

Hispanic Ministry Consulting, Global Partners, The Wesleyan Church

Ministry points:

- Built bridges of understanding through consultation with individuals and churches.
- Encouraged emotional and spiritual growth by facilitating Emotionally Healthy Spirituality courses and following up with people who have done the course.
- Did regular online coaching sessions with Hispanic leaders.
- Provided translation to facilitate face-to-face and written communication.
- Led EHS seminars in Nicaragua and in Ecuador.
- Began working with the Wesleyan Church's department of Church Multiplication and Discipleship (CMAD) as catalysts for Emotionally Healthy Discipleship.
- Began a consultation for Hispanic Ministry with a church in Florida.

Prayer points:

- Thank God that coaching and consultations have continued during the pandemic.
- Ask God to make our love "abound more and more in all discernment" as we continue building transcultural bridges.
- Ask God to give Tom wisdom and diplomacy in coaching and consulting.
- Pray for greater understanding and acceptance between cultures in this country
- Pray for Christians to accept and befriend people who are different from them.

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STEVE AND JANICE BROWN

Our vision is *Every Home a Godly Home*. Through FamilyLife we seek to discover and then minister to what families most need.

Although large events like the Weekend to Remember Getaways® (where we usually serve) are not practical during the pandemic, we have had increased opportunity to focus on creating digital experiences that grow families through time together over biblical truths. Check out our website www.FamilyLife.com and app, especially our podcasts and radio programs.

Our most pressing prayer need is for Steven to learn to walk again. He fell from our attic pull-down steps.



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Upcoming **MISSION TRIPS** 2021



JOSIAH AND BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME REYNOSA, MEXICO

Dates: March 6 - 14, 2021

Limit: 35 people

Cost: \$140 plus travel costs

Trip Coordinator: Pastor Frank

Mission: Help us serve the children's home by making repairs to the facility and organizing fun times for the children. This is a family friendly trip!

TANDEMYOUTH TRIP - ARLINGTON, TEXAS

Dates: June 6 - 12, 2021

Limit: 20 students

Age: Going into 8th grade to just graduated

Cost: about \$250

Trip Coordinator: Pastor Faith

Mission: Our students will grow in compassion for others, by serving in an unfamiliar environment, seeing and experiencing God at work in them and through them.

IMANA KIDS - KIGALI, RWANDA

Dates: Summer, 2021

Limit: 10

Age: 9 and up; 9-16 need parent accompanying

Cost: approximately \$3,000

Trip Coordinators: Manya Schmidt & Pastor Frank

Mission: Invest in kids who have survived the effects of the genocide by helping with daily activities with preschool-young adult kids.

OUTREACH WITH RICK & ANNEMARIE

SVILENGRAD, BULGARIA

Dates: July, 2021

Limit: 8 people

Cost: approximately \$2,200

Mission: Come help us share the joy of Jesus Christ with kids who need to know someone cares for them through a daily sports camp, indoor games, sharing about Jesus through skits and activities.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING - NOV 15 - BETWEEN SERVICES

Please mark connection card with contact information if you are unable to attend and would like information. For more info on any of these trips, contact Milton Koci at (785) 224-1283 or missions@gptopeka.org