

MISSION OUTREACH NEWS

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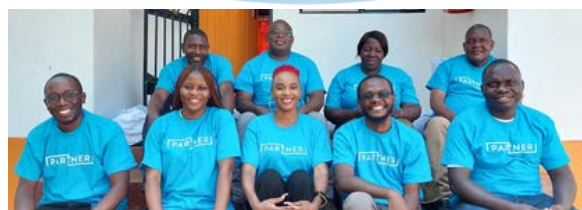
Providing Food, Water, and Shelter in Jesus' Name



Remembering the Geographic Bible Roots of our Mission Outreach

Lake Grove develops mission partnerships "geographically" based on Acts 1:8, where the risen Christ advises His disciples that they will be His "witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth". That means right where they were currently located (Jerusalem-LOCAL), in the regions around them (Judea, their headquarters, and Samaria, which was filled with people who were culturally and religiously different from the Jewish Christians-REGIONAL) and also "to the end of the earth" (GLOBAL, wherever God might guide). We follow that pattern. Most of our mission partners are local, in the L.O.-Portland area, but we have partners in Woodburn and Canby (regional) and several abroad, in Central America, Africa, and the Middle East.

Thank you, Lake Grove, for reaching out in Jesus' name with "Food/Water/Shelter", wherever he may lead: locally, regionally, and internationally.



THANK YOU FROM THE PORTLAND RESCUE MISSION!

A note of thanks from The Harbor, a ministry of the Portland Rescue Mission:

"We wanted to extend our thanks for the grill that LGPC graciously bought! The men at The Harbor have pretty much used it every chance they've had! We are so grateful for your staff and congregation! It's going to be a fun summer!"

Thank you for your continued faithful giving to LGPC. Contributions like yours allow us to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves!



DID YOU KNOW?

That the Portland Rescue Mission is more than just an overnight shelter? In 2024, the PRM provided hope for 6,573 men and women at the Burnside Shelter. But they also provided a way out of homelessness, hunger, and addiction to 603 men, women, and children through their long-term and short-term programs at the Harbor and Shepherd's Door. We will learn more in our next newsletter about the work of the PRM!

John 4:14

"but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING UPDATE

This year due to your continued faithful giving we raised \$4,182.14 for One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday. This program supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promotes development through the Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

ZAMBIAN VISITOR

On Sunday, May 4th the Lake Grove Mission Outreach Team had the opportunity to welcome Wezi Kaira to speak on behalf of World Vision about the ongoing efforts to bring clean water to rural Zambia. A group of 15 people had the opportunity to learn more about the life saving efforts in Zambia.



AGROS NICARAGUA GOTEAM

On Friday, May 9th a group of 6 left the comforts of Portland and headed to Nicaragua for a week of learning more about the work of Agros in Central America. During their time in Nicaragua they had the opportunity to experience life in Nicaragua through the Agros organization. They spent time in the village of San Jose learning about Agros' agricultural training program and how they are working with local farmers to improve the quality and quantity of their crops. They also had the opportunity to learn about their youth environmental stewardship program and were able to work on a project with them. From there they moved on to the community of La Bendicion where they were able to participate in hydroponic agriculture and spend time leading activities for children in the community. Finally, they had the opportunity to visit Nueva San Jose where they were able to help harvest sweet peppers and assist with setting up netting for growing cucumbers. They were able to visit with two new Agros families who shared their stories with them and finished the day visiting a health clinic in San Jose.

If you are interested in joining a future GoTeam to Central America, please contact Kristi Werner at kristi@lakegrovepres.org.



John 7:37-38 On the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "if anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me as the Scripture has said streams of living water will flow from within him."

Pray for our 2025 Mission Partners

Agros * Afghan Refugee Families * Care & Share * Family Promise
Lake Oswego Transitional Shelter Ministry (LOTSM) * Love INC * Manna Ministry
Pink Eraser * Portland Rescue Mission * Presbyterian Urban Network (PUN)
Salaam International * Salvation Army West * Senegal Ministries * Shepherd's Door
WaterAfrica * Woodburn Ministries * World Vision * YD Adventures

Mission Partner Spotlight



Youth Dynamics was founded in 1970 by Paul and Connie Evans. As a life insurance salesman Paul called a Pastor and asked him if he could have a few minutes of his time to sell him life insurance. The Pastor chuckled and said, "I'll give you 20 minutes if you give me 10 to see you my life insurance plan" This conversation with the 21-year-old salesman began a lifelong journey. Paul accepted Christ the day he met that pastor and soon after he felt compelled to share his newfound life with teens at his old high school.

As Paul began to see the immense need for a ministry to rural teens, he felt God calling him to a bold new venture. Paul and his wife, Connie, sensed God was leading them into full-time ministry. In those first few months, Paul saw hundreds of teens come to learn about and accept Jesus. Little did he realize that this was just the beginning of a ministry that would have a broad reach for Christ.

From these humble beginnings, the ministry grew. Youth Dynamics began in Anacortes, Washington in 1970 and expanded over the years into new communities. As the years progressed, more programs were added including adolescent counseling, an adventure-based ministry known as Adventures, and Stonewater Ranch.

Today, Youth Dynamics reaches thousands of students each year through personal relationships and adventure-based experiences. Each interaction is an opportunity to share the love of Jesus in a very tangible way with their continuing commitment to make a significant impact for Christ in the lives of young people.



Members and Staff of Lake Grove Presbyterian Church on a rafting trip with Youth Dynamics in 2024.

Vision

- To see youth transformed by the power of Christ, integrated into the local church, and impacting their world for him.

Core Values

- Youth - Reaching young people is strategic to impacting the world for Christ.
- Relationships - Go beyond programs and invest lives in relationships with teens.
- Adventure-based experiences - taking teens beyond their comfort zone and utilizing God's creation to create power opportunities for community building and spiritual growth.
- The local church - the local church is the place of lifelong growth and maturity for believers.
- Partnerships - strategic partnerships are essential to achieving the vision of Youth Dynamics.
- Spiritual vitality - Spiritual health is critical to the success and longevity of Youth Dynamics.
- Staff and donor care - Caring for the staff and donors of Youth Dynamics is critical to their growth and effectiveness.

Position

- Youth Dynamics is a relational adventure youth ministry that helps youth discover life in Christ through dynamic relationships and challenging experiences.

Commitment

- YD is committed to helping youth discover life in Christ and inviting people to be a part of that commitment, partnering n youth ministry.

LOVE INC HEALTHY HELPING TRAINING

Join us on Saturday, August 9th from 9am-12pm in the Fellowship Hall for an opportunity to learn more about how you can effectively help those in need in our community. Often times when we think we are helping someone we may be hindering their growth. You will be given the tools to learn how to assess needs. This free training is for anyone who has an interest in helping those that are less fortunate in our community. Join us for a few hours of fellowship and conversation. Light refreshments will be served! To register please scan the QR Code.

A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE ON ADDRESSING POVERTY
HEALTHY HELPING TRAINING
Provided by Love INC of Clackamas County

Saturday August 9
9am-12pm

4040 Sunset Dr, Lake Oswego, OR

Free in-person training
Registration is required

Go to: shorturl.at/FKXH6
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Scan for more information:

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in the name of Christ

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LGK MISSION PROJECTS

345ERS SERVICE PROJECT

On Friday, May 30th, our 345ers group got the opportunity to visit Family Promise and see all the wonderful things they are doing there to support families experiencing homelessness. Our six kids helped decorate the hallways and playroom to brighten up the place and we were also given a tour of their facility.

Mark 10:13-14 People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

LGK SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT

Join us, together with our youth this summer as they work together to gather school supplies for the children served by our Mission Partner, Family Promise of Tualatin Valley. These supplies will be delivered to Family Promise before the beginning of the upcoming school year.

Our church has a long history of being a mission minded church and we are so blessed that the leadership of LGK has embraced that history and are teaching our youth how to give back to their communities while sharing the love of Christ in a very tangible way!



2025 WALK4WATER

As we gathered under the sun on the morning of Saturday, May 10th both young and old learned more about the need for clean water in all of rural Zambia. Families and friends gathered together to learn more and walk to bring awareness to the effort to bring clean water to the people of Zambia. Guest speakers at the event included Pastor Graig Flach and Wezi Kaira. There was also a marimba band providing music for the event! This year's event raised a total of \$65,000! For more information on the lifesaving work of WaterAfrica please go to www.waterafrica.org.

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