

faith IN action



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

ANNUAL OVERVIEW

October 2020

Mission Ministry

“...Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you....” *Matthew 28:19-20*

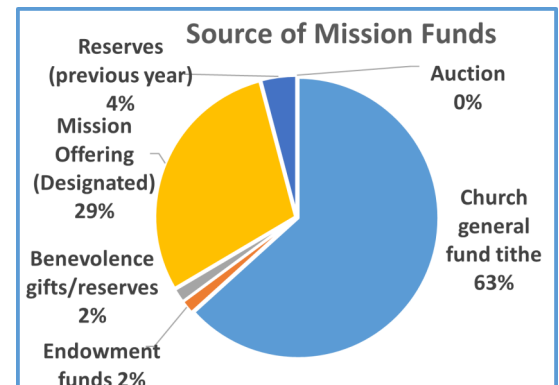
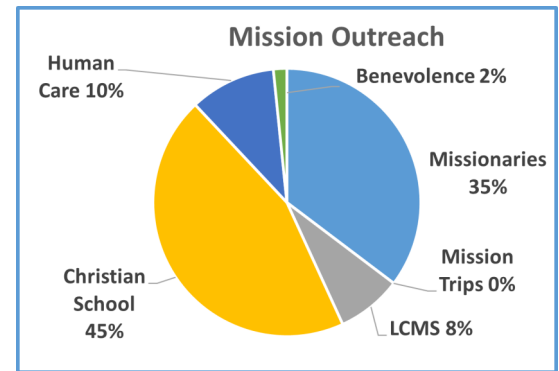
Members of Shepherd of the Hills recognize and actively support missions through prayer, involvement, and financial gifts. Our mission program in 2019-20 consisted of four major components: our School, our Missionaries, Human Care and our Rocky Mountain District and Synod support. With a focus on Witness, Mercy and Life Together, this “Faith in Action” overview provides an overall financial report, identifying the source and distribution of funds through the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Missions at Shepherd provide each of us with opportunities to “Witness” through our school, our missionaries, and our actions, show “Mercy” through actions and Human Care, and share “Life Together” by congregational involvement in sharing God’s word through our school, mission outreach and human care. Our church has recognized the value of educating our youth in a loving Christian environment and providing members with opportunities to share God’s word.

Throughout the past year Shepherd has:

- Supported our students through grant in aid
- Directly served 13 missionaries
- Hosted 4 missionary visits
- Directly served 5 Human Care agencies
- Hosted 2 Human Care agency visits
- Provided human care through in-kind gifts and benevolence
- Supported District and Synod programs

God has blessed Shepherd through a congregation and leadership of God’s children sharing His gifts with others. There are many seeking God as we support our missionaries, provide care and opportunities to share God, His love, and His gift of salvation through Christ.



Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Mission Outreach	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Missionaries	\$ 53,300 (35%)	\$ 60,681 (31%)	\$ 53,521 (30%)	\$ 37,920 (28%)	\$ 41,426 (24%)
LCMS	11,864 (8%)	11,821 (6%)	14,664 (8%)	5,856 (4%)	54,776 (30%)
Benevolence	2,449 (2%)	7,204 (4%)	3,215 (2%)	1,200 (1%)	8,655 (5%)
Human Care	15,674 (10%)	17,337 (9%)	11,577 (6%)	6,026 (5%)	13,745 (7%)
Christian School	67,724 (45%)	89,200 (45%)	85,078 (48%)	75,485 (57%)	46,835 (26%)
Mission Trip	0 (0%)	11,258 (6%)	10,250 (6%)	7,140 (5%)	15,671 (8%)
Total	\$151,011	\$197,501	\$178,305	\$133,627	\$181,108

Shepherd of the Hills Christian Day School: TOTAL \$67,724

Our school ministry was focused on helping families bring up children in the knowledge and applications of Christ's saving work while also learning from a first-rate academic program. Although the Shepherd of the Hills Christian Day School has been discontinued Shepherd will continue to seek and support opportunities to bring children to Christ.

Grant in Aid: provided financial assistance for families with financial need to address tuition for students attending Shepherd of the Hills. 60% of the mission tithes from the church was directly distributed to our school for Grant in Aid along with additional mission funds. \$67,724

Missionaries: TOTAL \$53,300

Shepherd of the Hills recognizes our role to Witness to others throughout the world. Shepherd has developed long-term relationships with missionaries, providing prayer, financial support and fellowship. These relationships have resulted in missionary visits to Shepherd and members of Shepherd joining the missionaries as they share Christ throughout the world.

Missionary Visits to Shepherd of the Hills

Reverend James and Angela Sharp - Uruguay, South America December 2019

Bill and Marci Hoover - Zambia, Africa December 2019

Greg and Sinuon Holz - Cambodia, Asia March 2020

Throughout the past year Shepherd of the Hills has provided allocated mission funds and designated funds to the following missionaries and organizations:

Doug and Tricia Stoner: Vienna, Austria, Europe, Pioneers. \$3,041

Pastor George Naeem: Colorado, North America *Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission (BOLM)* and LCMS. \$13,559

Gregory and Sinuon Holz: Battambang, Cambodia, Asia, *Crossing Cambodia.* \$6,144

Joe and Viya Stoltenow: Battambang, Cambodia, Asia, *Ray of Hope* through Global Lutheran Outreach (GLO). \$3,625

Pastor Joel and Clarion Fritsche: Dominican Republic, Central America, LCMS. \$3,055

John and Jenn Wolf: Kenya, Africa, LCMS. \$5,134

Dr Wilhelm and Angelika Weber: Wittenberg, Germany, Europe, LCMS. \$3,109

Sharron Wilen: Franktown, Colorado, North America *The Son and Reins Ranch.* \$2,800

Pastor Tim and Beth Heiney: West Africa, Global Lutheran Outreach (GLO). \$2,800

Pastor Tim and Heidi Norton: Navajo, New Mexico, North America, Lutheran Indian Ministries and LCMS. \$2,800

Pastor Dr. Bob and Kristi Roegner: Israel, Africa, Apple of His Eye and LCMS. \$3,368

Reverend James and Angela Sharp, Uruguay, South America, LCMS. \$3,274

Iantha Scheiwe: Hong Kong, China, Concordia Mission Institute. \$341

Pastor David Mahsman, China, LCMS one-time gift. \$250.

Additional information for each missionary and their mission is available at:
<https://www.shepherdhills-church.org/connect/shepherd-missionaries>

Note - all missionaries must raise their own living expenses, our financial gifts go directly to supporting their mission. It is also noted that their security is at risk and there are missionaries that we cannot publish their exact locations.

Human Care: TOTAL \$15,674

Shepherd of the Hills recognizes our role to Witness, show Mercy and Life Together through our actions in Human Care. This is focused on support for organizations and groups that provide aid and support to people with food, training, emotional and spiritual support. Local Human Care provide ways for members of Shepherd to get directly involved through personal action.

Human Care Visits to Shepherd of the Hills

Bill and Marci Hoover - Zambia, Africa, Christian World Outreach December, 2019

Reverend Robert Rohn - Lutheran Heritage Foundation February 2020

Bethesda, (Good Shepherd Homes - Littleton): \$2,800

Salvation Army: \$2,800

Christian World Outreach: Burkina Faso, Zambia and Zimbabwe in Africa and Haiti in Central America. \$3,050

Global Connection International – Our Kids-Their Targets: \$4,484

Breakfast with Babies: Shepherd of the Hills \$750

Food for the Poor: \$290

Anchor House, for Aging Out Foster Children: \$1,500

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LCMS/Rocky Mountain District: TOTAL \$11,864

Synod & Rocky Mountain District (RMD): Serving the Lord through missions and outreach, education, helping people and congregations and church wide initiatives. \$11,000

Lutheran Indian Ministries/Navajo: Lutheran Indian Ministries (LIM) has provided a leader for the Navajo Ministry, in Navajo, NM. Our partnership with LIM will allow the Navajo ministry to be revived, with the help of the Holy Spirit. \$535

Lutheran Women's Missionary League: Provide mites for mission programs across Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. \$329

Benevolence Assistance: TOTAL \$2449 (Includes \$1988 from Benevolence reserve)

The BENEVOLENCE Fund at Shepherd of the Hills exists to glorify Christ by sharing His love in a material way with needy people in and outside our congregation. Benevolence assistance will be given when it is determined that a person or family is truly "in need" and such individuals(s) demonstrate an effort to follow biblical money management principles and be accountable for their financial practices.

16 requests for financial assistance were received and 8 walk-ins received food assistance.

Disbursement of gifts are normally made to a third party (e.g. landlords, supermarkets, service stations, utility companies, doctors etc.)

Short Term Mission Trip: *Travel restrictions prevented Shepherd from conducting any short-term mission trips.*

In Kind Gifts:

Bethesda Giving Tree: Provides gifts for Bethesda residents during Christmas

Salvation Army Angel Tree: Christmas gifts are provided to the people served by Salvation Army

Salvation Army: Church members provide food for the Thanksgiving and Easter Food Drive during the year

Breakfast for Babies: Church members provide diapers and baby clothes

Eyeglass collection: 191 pair of eyeglasses were collected and given to the Lion's Club for distribution throughout the world. SOTH members have donated 1422 eyeglasses since 2010

Fleece Navidad: Gifts are provided to the folks at the Rowan Community at Christmas

Gateway Battered Women Shelter: A local shelter for adults and children suffering from domestic abuse. Supplies are collected for the shelter by Stephens Ministry

Prison Fellowship Ministry: Lead Bible study and prayer with individuals inside prisons in Colorado

Sandwich Sunday: Make and distribute sandwiches to the homeless in downtown Denver

Please continue to support our School, our Missionaries, our Human Care, and our Rocky Mountain District and Synod through your prayers, involvement, and funding.

For long-term funding through the Endowment Fund, a check may be written to Shepherd of the Hills Church and include Mission Endowment Fund on the memo line.

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