

MISSION PARTNERS

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Our Mission Partners fall into four categories based on the focus of their organization. Those categories are Youth, Disabilities, Education and Overlooked People.

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BEYOND OUR DOOR GLOBAL

Category: Education

Contact: Al Schuck

Beyond Our Door Global (BODG) seeks to respectfully see the ignored and overlooked, and then wisely offer care based on recommendations of our local partners in Haiti, Kenya and Uganda. Their vision is a world where the most oppressed and vulnerable are valued and transformed by the love and compassion of Christ and his people. BODG supports a home in Kenya for abandoned and traumatized children, a compassion/restoration center for exploited girls in Uganda, and a special needs home for children in Haiti with Pastor Dio.

Website: beyondourdoorglobal.org/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/beyondourdoor/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/beyondourdoorglobal/

Vimeo: vimeo.com/beyondourdoorglobal

DISABILITY MOTIVATIONAL NETWORK

Category: Disabilities

Contacts: Prince and Agnes Cole

Disability Motivational Network seeks to motivate, inspire and educate children and youth with disabilities, equipping them with knowledge and resources to overcome poverty and make a positive impact in society. Knowing firsthand the struggles that people with disabilities face in underdeveloped countries, Prince and Agnes are committed to caring for the victims of homelessness, hunger, and public humiliation. DMN partners with other organizations in providing food, medical supplies, and education.

Prince and Agnes Cole founded Disability Motivational Network, which seeks to “see a society that accepts every child, no matter their ability; and believes in creating opportunities for those children to pursue their dreams”. They empower people with disabilities locally and in Liberia at the largest home for people with disabilities, called Mission of Hope for the Disabled. Please pray for the many needs at Mission of Hope, for wisdom and protection for the director, Victor, and other leaders.

Website: www.disabilitymotivationalnetwork.org/

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ELIKYA CENTER- CONGO

Category: Education

Contacts: Jerry and Nancy Hibma

The Elikya/Hope Training Center is a place that loves and supports orphans and widows in the northwest corner of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Jerry and Nancy Hibma are the on the U.S. side of supporting and encouraging our friends at Elikya through daily communication, prayer, fundraising, and bi-annual visits. This training center gives older (17–23 year olds) Congolese orphans and widows a loving and safe place to learn a practical income-making vocation, everyday life skills, while seeing and hearing about the deep love and grace of Christ for them. Currently in 2023 there are 47 orphans and 18 widows receiving food, education, and the hope & love of Jesus at this place of Elikya or Hope.

Website: the-elikya-center.mailchimpsites.com/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/elikyacenter/

EMERGE MOTHERS ACADEMY

Category: Education

Contact: Becca Erickson

Emerge Mothers Academy (EMA) is a Twin Cities non-profit providing support services to equip single mothers to emerge as confident women and caring moms. Becca Erickson is the co-founder and Executive Director of EMA. Through living a "beauty from ashes" story, she empowers solo moms with her lived experience as a single mom herself. Services include work preparation, financial literacy, an annual micro-loan grant program, social services & advocacy, and parenting support. EmERGE Mothers Academy encourages and teaches single moms skills to equip them to be the confident women they are.

Website: emergetwincities.org/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/EmergeMothersAcademy/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/emergemothersacademy/

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Category: Education

A long-time mission partner teaching in a restricted country, whose identity needs to remain anonymous.

ELIC proudly recruits, trains, and sends hundreds of people each year to teach in long-term and short-term programs throughout Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa. Our long-standing partnerships with universities and governments around the globe open doors for us to make a deep and significant impact on students, colleagues, and neighbors. People come to ELIC from a variety of backgrounds including engineering, executive leadership, sales, medicine, and education. Our comprehensive training prepares new teachers to be world-class educators and helps veteran teachers as they transition overseas.

Open Door has a long-time mission partner teaching in a restricted country, whose identity needs to remain anonymous. Teaching is this person's passion and gift, along with loving people with Jesus' love, even when His name can't be shared in the cultural context, God's Spirit is moving! Please pray for good relationships with new students and other teachers, and for Jesus' love to spread through restricted countries.

Website: www.elic.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WeAreELIC

Instagram: www.instagram.com/weareelic/

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Category: Overlooked People

Food for the Hungry seeks to end ALL forms of human poverty by going to the hard places and walking with the world's most vulnerable people. We're moved and inspired by our Christian belief that every person has intrinsic value, and that it's our responsibility to advocate for the poor and marginalized without regard to race, creed or nationality and without adverse distinction of any kind. We serve on the basis of need alone. We strive to respect the culture and customs of the people we serve in order to preserve their humanity and dignity.

Open Door partners with a community called Caserio Lopez in Guatemala. We partner with this community to listen to their dreams, vision and partner with local leaders of the community to work towards their development and community goals. We also partner through mission trips, child sponsorships and annual project funds and will continue to partner with the community for 8-10 years, until they are totally self-sustaining, which is Food for the Hungry's model.

Website: www.fh.org/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/foodforthehungry

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GOODSPORTS INTERNATIONAL – SLOVAKIA

Category: Youth

Contacts: Roman, Katka, Maja, Robo, and Ada

GoodSports Slovakia builds relationships with families so they can experience the transforming love of Jesus. Youth centers in two locations serve kids all year long through tutoring, English classes, service projects, camps, growth groups and sports, lots of sports! The Slovak staff seek to be salt and light by leading with action rather than words.

Website: www.Go4SK.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/7654863061/

HAVEN OF LIGHT- UK

Category: Overlooked People

Contacts: Ali and Nate Ussery

Haven of Light CIC is a non-profit organization based in New Wales, UK, focusing on prevention, awareness raising and support for survivors of modern slavery and human trafficking. Ali and Nate Ussery are a couple living in New Wales who work to advocate for the poor, fight injustices, disciple individuals and work with government officials to bring awareness and partner with God in changing hearts. Ali created Haven of Light to help fight to end all forms of modern slavery.

Ali and Nate are an essential part of the efforts to support Ukrainian refugees who are coming into the UK during the war that is currently happening. Her efforts along with government officials help prevent human trafficking for these vulnerable people and support them while they are displaced through language education, assist with getting housing and resources, and host healing retreats.

Website: www.havenoflight.co.uk/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HavenofLightCIC/

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR REFUGEES (IAFR) - BOSNIA

Category: Overlooked People

Contacts: Bri Bulman

The International Association for Refugees seeks to help people survive and recover from forced displacement. We partner with local churches, refugee's churches, and the church-at-large to provide a holistic response focused on meeting the unique physical, spiritual, and relational needs of people at each stage of a humanitarian crisis.

In Bosnia, IAFR, in collaboration with local churches and Christian mission organizations, serve displaced people in temporary reception centers through a refugee outreach center that offers educational resources, compassionate care and relationships to build hope which transforms a person and their journey.

Website: www.iafr.org/

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INVERTED ARTS

Category: Youth

Contact: Mark Collier

Inverted Arts is helping young people discover and unleash their creative voices for the good of their communities. We teach students that they are “created 2 create;” made in the image of God with incredible value, worth and creative potential! Our programs help these young artists discover and unleash their creative voices in everything from fashion to filmmaking, song- writing to storytelling, and drawing to design. When their ideas and imaginations are nurtured, it’s good for the whole community!

We develop partnerships with organizations in underserved communities in Minnesota, California, Kenya, Liberia and the Dominican Republic, offering Art Camps and Art Exploration Programs led by professional Artist Mentors. These programs end with Showcase events where students present their masterpieces to the world. We collaborate with partners and youth to create documentary films, recording projects and visual art exhibits. We offer internships and scholarships to students who want to grow deeper. When our scholarship students graduate, we offer three to five year investment plans for their small business ventures that become a sustainable means of community development.

Website: www.invertedarts.org/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/invertedarts

Instagram: www.instagram.com/invertedarts/

Vimeo: vimeo.com/invertedarts

SETTLED

Category: Overlooked People

Contacts: Gabrielle Clowdus and Rose Larson

The standard approach to homelessness is called Housing First: “providing four walls and a roof” and offering professional services. This approach falls short because the problem of homelessness is not a lack of housing and professional help alone, but just as critically, a lack of integration into a supportive and nurturing community. A “community first” approach is an alternative that focuses not only on providing shelter but on meeting relational and social needs in a holistic way. This approach is an innovative way to address long-term homelessness by developing Sacred Settlements on available religious land in cooperation with a faith community.

Open Door has built a tiny home for one of Open Door’s pastors, Rose Larson, who lives in a tiny home community (Sacred Settlement) at Mosaic Christian Community, church land in the eastside of St Paul. One third of the tiny homes are “intentional neighbor,” and two thirds of the homes are people who have come out of chronic homelessness. Open Door is continuing to explore how God would lead our community to partner more with Settled in the future.

Website: settled.org/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Settled.org

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TIMBER BAY

Category: Youth

Contacts: Wayne and Paul Thyren

At Timber Bay we believe the best way to make a positive impact in the lives of youth is through stable, long-term mentoring relationships. Timber Bay is an organization of dedicated youth workers committed to personal, ongoing mentorship with young people. Since 1970, Timber Bay has accomplished this through a combination of camping retreats and community group gatherings throughout the upper Midwest.

Their focus is to help teens discover the emotional and spiritual healing that Christ can bring to their lives. For youth, real impact that takes time and nurturing happens when a well-developed support system is in place. One-time events may be beneficial, but they are not nearly as effective as the teens having a safe, healthy community, where long-term mentors walk with them through their everyday lives. The mentors of Timber Bay are present to help teens overcome obstacles and grow toward positive choices and behaviors.

Wayne and Paul Thyren are a father and son who serve Timber Bay at-risk youth in Brooklyn Center, with their team Nate, Christina, Erica, Renee, key volunteer Cheryl and many others. “Offering hope one kid at a time, in the community and at camp.” They build relationships with young people in Brooklyn Center, taking the youth camping, having Bible studies, game nights, and going into schools to have lunch and watching sporting events.

Website: www.timberbay.org/

THINGS THAT REMAIN

Category: Education

Contact: Dave Johnson

Dave Johnson spent over 4 decades in senior leadership at a church, with all of its complexities and demands. Managing expectations — and not always meeting them. Maintaining his faith — and not always feeling it. But his years in ministry, as a leader, teacher, preacher, author, and mentor were marked by his impact.

And upon retirement, having experienced what it takes to stay in it for the long haul, he’s moved into a new type of ministry — helping others stay in it for the long haul to build Things That Remain. By “it,” we don’t mean the ministry — because you don’t have to be in vocational ministry to have a Kingdom of God impact in the world. We mean the faith. And by “faith,” we don’t mean orthodoxy — because believing the right things about God isn’t the same thing as being a person of faith and hope and confidence in God.

Website: thingsthatremain.org/

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TREEHOUSE

Category: Youth

Contact: Scott Volltrauer

Treehouse is on a mission to end hopelessness among teens. They offer grace-based programs and environments where teens learn to know a loving God, build resiliency, develop healthy relationships and plan for the future. Through mentorships, retreats, and other off-site activities, teens have the opportunity to build even deeper relationships with peers and caring adults.

Scott Volltrauer has worked for TreeHouse for 28 years, spending most of his time in Brooklyn Park working with at-risk youth. Building relationships with beloved young people through fun, caring support, and studying God's word, they learn "they are loved, feel hope and realize life transformation". Teens are transformed by God's love through caring support as they experience "love without strings."

Website: treehousehope.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/treehousehope

Instagram: www.instagram.com/treehousehope/

YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/TreeHouseyouthhope

YWAM - MAUI

Category: Education

Contacts: Tom and Hoku Osterhus

Youth With A Mission (YWAM) seeks to teach youth to know God and make Him known through Discipleship Training Schools, international outreach, and helping them discover God's calling on their life. Tom and Hoku Osterhus are serving at YWAM in Maui through Discipleship Training Schools, seminary classes, surfing ministry and outreach to restricted countries. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as they pursue a new YWAM property in Maui.

Website: www.ywammaui.org/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/YWAM-Maui-37005233831/

Instagram: www.instagram.com/ywammaui/

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ARRIVE MINISTRIES

Category: Overlooked People

Arrive Ministries is dedicated to living out God's command to welcome refugees and immigrants in Minnesota. They seek to love refugees and immigrants practically, socially and spiritually by providing direct program services, mobilizing the Church, and calling our communities to respond biblically. We value the Gospel shared in word and deed, refugees and immigrants created in God's image, the local Church as God's agent for transformation, justice and mercy for the vulnerable, and empowerment and learning from each other.

Open Door is seeking to build a Good Neighbor group, who would wrap their arms around a refugee family to support them as they transition to live in Minnesota. This group would spend time with the family, support them by helping supply some basic needs and help walk them through the culture differences with love and compassion.

Website: arriveministries.org/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/arriveministries

BUNCE PERFORMING ARTS

Category: Education

Contacts: Greg and Lori Bunce

Bunce Performing Arts brings stories of hope and encouragement to people of all ages through affordable, high quality theater productions. Lori and Greg Bunce's family birthed this out of love of musical theater and their desire to bring stories of hope and encouragement to the community. Local talented volunteer actors and musicians of all ages and experience levels participate in the productions and the community is welcome to attend the performances.

Buying an expensive ticket to a show is a luxury some cannot afford, therefore it is Bunce Performing Arts' goal to provide musical theater for free in the summer and at an affordable price at Christmas time. We also offer reasonably priced summer theater camps and after-school programs.

Website: bunceperformingarts.com/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BunceBackyardProductions

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HEARTS IN ACTION

Category: Overlooked People

Contacts: Del Spima and John McGowan

On the third Saturday of the month a group of men, desiring to help our church and local community go out serving single mothers, widows, and those with special needs through home projects, such as repair work, electrical, plumbing, etc. They meet for breakfast at the Original Pancake House, Maple Grove and then head out to the work site. Men of all ages welcome - bring your sons!

If you know of a widow, single mom, or those with special needs who could use some help, contact Maureen Pranghofer at maureensmusic@comcast.net.

Contact to Serve: Del Sipma at dsipma@comcast.net

JOSIAH VENTURE

Category: Youth

Contacts: Josh and Kristen Morneau

Josh and Kristen Morneau had been active in missions throughout their lives and then God led them to move and serve in Slovenia. We read in 2 Kings and 2 Chronicles that, at the age of 16, King Josiah sought the Lord and as a result of his faith there was revival, and the nation of Judah was brought back to the Lord. We believe God wants to raise up young Josiah's all throughout Central and Eastern Europe and has called us to be a part of His work there. Josh and Kristen moved to Slovenia in 2018 where they work with youth and partner closely with local churches to raise up, train, and equip disciples who make disciples. They invest in discipling relationships, evangelistic outreach through camps and weekly events, lead small groups, and also support different churches and ministries on a national level.

Website: www.josiahventure.com/people-and-places/slovenia/14737

Facebook: www.facebook.com/josiahventure

LIGHT OF HOPE KENYA

Category: Overlooked People

Contact: Gaylan Knuth

Light of Hope in Naivasha, Kenya, has the mission uphold a loving Christian environment, providing quality education, developing self-sustainability, and positively impacting our community. They seek to provide Refuge, Restoration and Redirection for the marginalized girls of Kenya. In 2005, we welcomed six girls to Light of Hope Home & School in Naivasha, Kenya. Today, they have cared for more than 150

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girls – and we are continuing to grow! In 2021 there were 119 girls at Light of Hope, plus 21 more girls in high school and another 14 girls attending university.

Gaylan Knuth has been a member Open Door for many years and had his heart transformed when he went to Kenya with Light of Hope. Gaylan is now on the board with the founders, Boni and Sandy Karanja.

Website: lightofhopekenya.org/

Facebook: www.facebook.com/LightofHopeHomeandschool

MOBILE HOPE

Category: Youth

Contacts: Jill and Brian Dejewski

Mobile Hope provides on-site direct services and resources for the residents of the mobile home parks we serve, to break the generational cycle of poverty and provide youth and families with tools to empower them toward upward mobility.

We assist students to excel in school, have healthy and challenging activities to engage in, and cultivate positive and meaningful relationships. Through this, hope and a vision for the future is developed. These priorities – education, connections to recourses, healthy activities, and faith development – are based in the community development principles of dignity, local leadership, empowerment, and justice, on the foundation of our Christian faith in action.

Website: www.mobilehopemn.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MobileHopeMN

PRISON FELLOWSHIP

Category: Overlooked People

Contacts: Charlie & Sally Bench

Prison Fellowship, along with Prison Fellowship academy, works to restore America's criminal justice system and those it affects. It helps men and women replace the cycle of brokenness that landed them in prison. It advocates for justice reform and activate grassroots networks to do the same. It equips wardens to bring restorative change to their facilities. It cares for prisoners' families and help strengthen the bond between children and their parents who are behind bars. It also invites the Church to lead the way in caring for those impacted by the criminal justice system. And it's all done from a biblical worldview.

Website: www.prisonfellowship.org

Charlie & Sally's Story [Read more here](#)