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FIRST METHODIST HOUSTON
MISSIONS
REACHING HOUSTON AND THE WORLD

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about us

The Missions Ministry of First Methodist Houston exists to help meet the needs of the poor and needy in Houston and around the world and to share Christ with them. We commit to assisting people with basic needs, telling them about God's love for them, bringing them hope and praying for them.

Whether befriending a homeless person across the street or supporting a sister church on the other side of the globe, we seek to reach out in a meaningful way with the love of Jesus Christ.

Every church member is called to be involved and has a significant role in our mission work. No matter the age, experience or talents, we can partner with God to change the world around us. Join us as we reach Houston and the world with the love, grace and good news of Christ.

local ministries

Our local ministries consist of church-based outreaches and organizations whose mission and service efforts align with those of the Missions Ministry at First Methodist Houston.

Many of these ministries are supported financially and with First Methodist members and friends serving on a regular basis. Both individual and group volunteer opportunities are available at the following agencies/ministries.

Assistance Ministries
- Emergency Aid Coalition
- Helpline West Ministry
- House of Amos
- Wesley Community Center
- West Houston Assistance Ministries (WHAM)

Construction
- Home Repair

Health and Healing
- Medical Apartment Ministry
- Source for Women

Homeless Services
- The Beacon
- Life Center for the Homeless
- Lifeline Ministry
- Open Door Mission
- SEARCH

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Inner-city School Outreaches
- Bush Elementary (Alief ISD)
- Gregory Lincoln School
- Port Houston Elementary
- Small Steps Nurturing Center

Jail/Prison Ministry
- Jail Ministry
- Innerchange Freedom Initiative
- Skills for Life

Emergency Aid Coalition

Emergency Aid Coalition provides food and clothing to low-income individuals and families in Harris County.

How You Can Help

interview clients • pack groceries • make sandwiches • pick up bakery items/ produce from Houston Food Bank • stock food pantry shelves • sort items in clothing center • deliver groceries to the elderly/disabled

Contact Information

5401 Fannin, 77004 | 713.528.3663 | www.eachouston.org

House of Amos

House of Amos provides assistance to people in need through emergency food pantry operations and other services designed to assist individuals in gaining healthy families, meaningful employment and achieving self-sufficiency.

How You Can Help

client intake and grocery distribution at monthly Food Fair • sort and stock items in food pantry • teach ESL, civics or computer literacy classes

Contact Information

8030 Boone Road, 77072 | 281.495.9061 | www.houseofamos.org
Carole Brubaker| 281.596.8003 | carole.brubaker@hotmail.com

Wesley Community Center

Wesley Community Center provides comprehensive services to children, youth, adults and seniors to help achieve self-sufficiency, provide children with a safe and nurturing learning environment, redirect youth from juvenile delinquency and mold them into productive adults and tomorrow's leaders.

How You Can Help

mentor students and help with homework in Wesley's after school program • help kids develop reading and math skills in Early Childhood Education program • assist with grocery packing and distribution at food co-op

Contact Information

1410 Lee Street, 77008 | 713.223.8131 | www.wesleyhousehouston.org

West Houston Assistance Ministries

WHAM is an assistance ministry that provides food, clothing, household items, financial aid, transportation and job assistance to needy children, individuals and families in West Houston.

How You Can Help

Second Blessing cashier • computer repair • data entry • ESL instructor/assistant • food pantry collection driver • food pantry sorter • job search facilitator • photographer • Second Blessing pricer • archive assistance • small electronic appliance repair

Contact Information

10501 Meadowglen, 77042 | 713.780.2727 | www.whamministries.org

Home Repair

Make minor home repairs for elderly members and friends of First Methodist Houston.

Contact Information

To volunteer with Home Repair Ministry, contact the Missions Office.

Medical Apartment Ministry

First Methodist Houston leases seven apartments in the Brompton Court Complex. These apartments are rented to out-of-towners whose loved ones are being treated at MD Anderson Cancer Center.

How You Can Help

deliver groceries/other needed items to families • take family members on a grocery run • visit and pray with families

Contact Information

To volunteer with the Medical Apartment Ministry, contact the Missions Office.

Source for Women

Through therapeutic counseling, enrichment educational services and reproductive health counseling, Source for Women seeks to empower women to make informed choices in their lives.

How You Can Help

answer phones • counsel with clients • organize Blessing Room • prayer warrior • discipleship teacher • administrative volunteer • newsletter publisher • host a baby shower for clients

Contact Information

6009 Richmond, Suite 130, 77057 | 713.780.0030 | www.thesourceforwomen.org

The Beacon

The Beacon, a day facility for Houston's homeless, offers a hot meal, clothing, private shower/lavatory facilities, laundry services and a pastoral outreach/care to people living on the streets of Houston.

How You Can Help

meal preparation • meal service | client reception | volunteer reception | laundry services | mentors to work with women served by transitional residence program | attorneys, paralegals and law students interested in donating their time and services

Contact Information

1212 Prairie Street, 77002 | 713.590.3303 | www.chomhouston.org

Life Center for the Homeless

Life Center provides a short-term residential facility, education program, in-house work program and group counseling in hopes of imparting sufficient work and life skills to homeless individuals so they can take their proper place as productive and stable members of society.

How You Can Help

prepare and serve a meal (weekday evening or Sunday afternoon) | grounds maintenance | landscaping | light construction projects to improve facilities

Contact Information

4516 Old Yale, 77019 | 932.292.3235 | www.lifecenterhouston.org

Helpline and Lifeline Ministries

Helpline, a ministry of hope and healing at the Westchase Campus, serves those in need and financial crisis, providing assistance for those threatened with eviction or loss of vital utilities. One-time payments are made directly to the entity on the client's behalf. Food, spiritual guidance, additional resource information and prayer are also provided.

Lifeline, a ministry to Downtown's homeless and transient population, aims to provide dignity and honor to each client. The ministy provides lunch, socks, a clean shirt and toiletries to care for client's physical needs. Lifeline ministers listen to and pray with ecah client, as well as refer them to local agencies that provide additonal resources.

How You Can Help

become a Lifeline Minister • donate to the Third Sunday Food Drive • donate financially to Lifeline or Helpline Ministries

Contact Information

To volunteer with Helpline or Lifeline Ministries, contact the Missions Office.

Open Door Mission

Open Door Mission is a faith-based recovery and rehabilitation shelter dedicated to transforming the lives of the addicted, destitute, homeless and disabled.

How You Can Help

prepare and serve a meal • tutor in math or adult literacy • mentor a man in the Open Door Way recovery program or job training program

Contact Information

5803 Harrisburg, 77011 | 713.921.7520 | www.opendoorhouston.org

SEARCH

SEARCH, one of the leading homeless service providers in the Downtown area, serves more than 10,000 men, women and children per year. The program offers job training, job placement, housing, education, medical support, outreach and childcare to Houston's homeless.

How You Can Help

landscaping • administrative support • assist clients with job searches • client intake • clean SEARCH vehicles • deliver sack lunches to the homeless

Contact Information

2505 Fannin, 77002 | 713.739.7752 | www.searchhomeless.org

Christian Alliance for Humanitarian Aid

Christian Alliance, a disaster relief organization with a goal of humanitarian aid, works with churches and missionaries around the world to provide food, water and medical supplies to those in need.

How You Can Help

office administration • grant writing • pick up/deliver food to ministry sites • sort food, package beans and rice • accompany relief trucks to distribution sites • doctor/nurse to volunteer at medical clinics • pharmacist to identify/sort donated medicines

Contact Information

2339 Commerce, 77002 | 281.412.2285 | www.christian-alliance.org

Disaster Relief Services

Disaster Relief Services aims to provide support to those suffering from natural or man-made disasters. The team provides primarily manual labor to support the needs of these individuals in a manner that shows Christ cares for them.

How You Can Help

Join the First Methodist Houston Early Response Team. Early Response Teams are trained and equipped to enter a disaster site soon after one strikes, bringing immediate assistance in making the area safe, sanitary and secure.

Contact Information

To volunteer with Disaster Relief Services, contact the Missions Office.

Bush Elementary

Bush Elementary has a high minority population. 89% of its students are considered economically disadvantaged. Stitches of Glory and other First Methodist volunteers work with Communities in Schools, a dropout prevention program aimed at keeping kids in school by meeting the needs of students and their families. Volunteers help students with their homework and spend some time in recreation.

How You Can Help

mentor a student • tutor a student in reading, math or science • special events

Contact Information

9730 Stroud, 77036 | 713.272.3220 | www.bush.aliefisd.net

Gregory Lincoln Education Center

Gregory Lincoln is a K-8th grade fine arts magnet school in the heart of Houston's Fourth Ward. Many factors contribute to a high dropout risk percentage, including language barriers and home/family situations. First Methodist helps tangibly meet school-related needs of students by providing school supplies, gym and school uniforms, shoes, hygiene items, etc. Volunteers also mentor students and take time to help them progress academically.

How You Can Help

mentor a student • tutor a student in reading, math or science • donate school supplies • donate funds for school uniforms, gym uniforms, other needed items

Contact Information

1101 Taft, 77019 | 713.942.1400 | www.ms.houstonisd.org/GregoryLincoln

Small Steps Nurturing Center

Small Steps Nurturing Center provides early childhood education and nurtures the social, emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual growth of economically at-risk children in the inner city of Houston, Texas.

How You Can Help

be a buddy • read to kids • assist in classroom • help students in computer lab • volunteer on playground • assist with art classes • chaperone a field trip

Contact Information

1709 DePelchin, 77007 | 713.862.1020 | www.ssnc.org

Port Houston

Port Houston is a community located four miles east of Downtown. The majority of its residents are Hispanic, and many live below the poverty line. It is plagued by tough issues such as violence and prostitution. Wednesday evenings throughout the school year, volunteers run a program that includes dinner, recreation, arts and crafts and Bible study for the children and youth of the Port Houston neighborhood.

How You Can Help

be a teacher, game leader or help with meals on Wednesday evening • tutor students in preparation for TAKS • be a mentor • special events

Contact Information

Neighbors in Action | 1320 Main, 77002 | 832.668.1884 | neighborsinaction.org

Innerchange Freedom Initiative, Jail Ministry and Skills for Life

Innerchange Freedom Initiative is a holistic program that provides educational, values-based program services to prisoners on a voluntary and non-compulsory basis to help prepare them for reentry to society, employment, religious and community service and family/social relationships.

Through Jail Ministry, deliver Bibles and other materials to inmates in Houston and Harris County jails.

Skills for Life, using the Toastmasters International curriculum and goals program, provides inmates with the communication tools they need to live lives of excellence upon release from prison.

How You Can Help

mentor an inmate (males only) • participate in the Sunday evening Gavel Club (Skills for Life) • assemble care bags for recently released inmates • deliver Bibles

Contact Information

IFI: 281.277.8707 | www.ifiprison.org
Jail Ministry: Contact the Missions Office
Skills for Life: PO Box 38553, Suite 113, 77238 | 281.931.9122 | www.skillsforlifepm.com

Mother's Day Collection

First two Sundays in May

Collect food and baby items for neighborhood ministries and mission trips. Volunteers needed to sort and deliver collected items.

Back to School Drive

Mid-July through Mid-August

Collect school supplies. Volunteers needed to sort and deliver collected items.

Thanksgiving in a Bag

Mid-October through Mid-November

Groceries and supplies collected to help needy families have a memorable holiday. Volunteers needed to sort and deliver collected items.

Adopt-a-Family

Mid-November through Mid-December

Sunday School classes and individual families give Christmas gifts to needy families/clients of budget-supported partner agencies. Volunteers needed to contact/track needy families, encourage participation of church members, make sure all families are adopted.

Angel Tree

Mid-November through Mid-December

In cooperation with Prison Fellowship, we sponsor local children of inmates at Christmas by providing gifts from the parent in prison. Volunteers needed to connect angel children with church members, make sure all gifts are delivered.

Christmas Fun Festival

Early December

Volunteer needed to organize the Missions area – contacting ministries, arranging booths, entertainment, etc.

global ministries

Because God's heart is for the entire world to know Him, we participate in key ministries abroad who are preaching the Gospel to the lost, the oppressed and forgotten. By providing opportunities for our members to travel to other parts of the world to serve, we are partnering with the Lord in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Global Ministries
- Becas Con Bendiciones
- Bishram Ministries Nepal
- Faith Comes by Hearing
- Global Media Outreach
- His Voice for Sudan
- International Leadership Institute
- Mission of Hope Haiti
- Mission on the Move
- Prince of Peace Home for Girls
- ZOE Ministry

Continuing National/ International Outreach
- Acuña, Mexico
- Buckhorn Camp, Colorado
- Burmese Refugee Ministry
- Cuba
- Eagle Pass, Texas
- Honduras

Missionaries
- Scott and Monti Channon
- Henry and Sara Clines
- Jim and Kay Hines

Becas con Bendiciones

Public schools in Honduras are "free," but many children are unable to attend because of entry fees, uniforms and school supplies they are required to buy. Becas Con Bendiciones or "Scholarships with Blessing" is designed to help the poorest of the poor get an education by providing support for children.

Contact Information

www.gbgm-umc.org/hondurasini/becasprogram.htm | becascb@aol.com

Bishram Ministries Nepal

Bishram Ministries Nepal is an indigenous ministry in Nepal that is dedicated to providing love, food and care to the poor, unwanted and oppressed; and answering God's call to spread the Gospel and build new churches throughout Nepal.

Contact Information

903.299.8571 | www.oasisinternationalmissions.org

Faith Comes by Hearing

Faith Comes By Hearing is committed to reaching the nations with the Word of God in audio, offering the Bible in a format that will connect with the world's 50% illiterate population.

Contact Information

2421 Aztec Road, Albuquerque, NM 87107 | www.faithcomesbyhearing.com

Global Media Outreach

Global Media Outreach, a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, presents the gospel message online 24 hours a day, seven days a week. By staying on the cutting edge of global communication technologies, Global Media Outreach shares Jesus and helps believers worldwide grow in their faith. Through GMO, First Methodist has a small community of online missionaries who are responding to emails from seekers, new believers and struggling Christians all around the world.

Contact Information

www.globalmediaoutreach.com | www.greatcommission2020.com

His Voice for Sudan

Through a partnership with Evangelical Presbyterian Church in southern Sudan, Vernon and Amber Burger hope to strengthen the local Sudanese church by empowering orphans, widows and church leaders to make disciples of all nations.

Contact Information

www.hisvoiceforsudan.com | vernon@hisvoiceforsudan.com

International Leadership Institute

The International Leadership Institute accelerates the spread of the Gospel around the world by training and mobilizing leaders of leaders to reach their nations with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Contact Information

770.832.1244 | www.iliteam.org

Mission of Hope Haiti

Mission of Hope serves the people of Haiti daily, seeking to see the hopeless find hope through Jesus christ, and empower future generations, through education, to bring their country out of poverty.

Contact Information

239.791.8125 | www.mohhaiti.org | info@mohhaiti.org

Mission on the Move

For more than 20 years, Mission on the Move has followed the command of Christ, “GO,” feeding, clothing, giving dental and medical care and refuge to deserted, abused or neglected children. Mission on the Move serves children in Mexico, Honduras, Africa and the United States.

Contact Information

912.754.3349 | www.missiononthemove.org | missiononthemove@windstream.net

Prince of Peace Home for Girls

Prince of Peace provides Guatemalan girls who have been abused, abandoned or neglected, a safe and nurturing home, health and dental care, educational opportunities and spiritual guidance and growth.

Contact Information

859.408.9611 | www.princeofpeacegt.com | popgua@gmail.com

ZOE Ministry

In many African countries, orphaned children are raising their brothers and sisters due to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. In response, ZOE Ministry shares the love of Christ and gives hope to vulnerable children in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya and Rwanda.

Contact Information

1.800.951.0234 | www.zoeministry.org

Acuna, Mexico

Acuña, Mexico is located just across the border from Del Rio, Texas. It is a relatively clean and quiet border city. Migrant farm families from the south move to Acuña to work in factories. Many, though, do not find work and live without running water or electricity, creating houses with the scraps they can find. Those who do manage to obtain a job in one of these plants make less than $10 a day and live with their families in a one-room dirt-floored hovel. We work with a local pastor to build houses and support ongoing ministry in the colonia of Martinez Martinez.

Alaska

According to the latest research, Alaska is the least churched state in the USA. Graceworks International works to take “church” to where the people are by working in some of the most disadvantaged neighborhoods, doing kindness and servanthood ministry and evangelical outreach.

Burmese Refugee Ministry

Thailand borders Burma (Myanmar) to the west and is home to more than one million Burmese refugees. Due to extreme poverty and genocide of Burmese minority gropus by their own government, one of every 10 children living in Burma will not live to see his fifth birthday. Prior to arriving in Thailand, the refugees and asylum seekers experienced several human rights violations. Many came to Thailand after having lived as internally displaced persons for long periods of time, and only after having exhausted all possible means of survival. First Methodist Houston supports a Christian school in one of the Burmese villages.

Cuba

Ninety miles off the coast of Florida, Cuba is a country that has been cut off from outside influence for more than 50 years. Although the limitations are great, the opportunities for evangelism through creative means are strong. Our sister church just outside Havana is reaching the island with the Gospel. Our teams work closely with the sister church to lead trainings for Cuban pastors and do community outreach.

Eagle Pass, Texas

Eagle Pass is a town of almost 27,000 people, and 38% of families live below the poverty level. Our teams work with a local church to do home repairs, light construction projects, and build homes for the very needy.

Honduras

We support two ministries in Honduras. With Mission on the Move, we support a Christian school and feeding program for children in a remote village in the mountains of northern Honduras. In Tegucigalpa, we support Becas con Bendiciones, a children's home for abandoned and abused children

Scott and Monti Channon
Mission Aviation Fellowship

Scott grew up at FIrst Methodist Houston where he received his call to missions. Scott now trains pilots flying into areas unreached by roads and trains. MAF primarily ministers in unreached countries.

Stay in touch with Scott and Monti:
www.maf.org/channon
schannon@maf.org

Scott, Monti, Bethany and Daniel

Henry and Sara Clines
Becas Con Bendiciones

Henry and Sara Clines are members of First Methodist Houston. The purpose of Becas con Bendiciones is to provide poorer children with the necessary items to attend school and introduce them to Christ or strengthen their faith.

Stay in touch with Henry and Sara:
becascb@aol.com

Jim and Kay Hines
Prince of Peace Home for Girls

Jim and Kay Hines provide medical care to the poor in Guatemala. They work with the medical clinics associated with Prince of Peace. Kay teaches the older girls in the home cooking classes. Jim and Kay both work in the medical clinic that ministers to the girls in the home and to a group of very poor Mayans who live around the home.

Stay in touch with Jim and Kay:
www.princeofpeacegt.com
popgua@gmail.com

Jim and Kay Hines

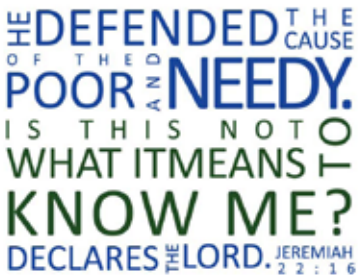
mission trips

Mission trip opportunities include:

- Alaska
- Buckhorn Camp, Colorado
- Cuba
- Eagle Pass
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Japan
- Honduras
- Nepal
- Nicaragua
- Russia
- Thailand

To receive more information about or register for a mission trip:

- Visit the missions webpage at fmhouston.com
- Contact the Missions Office (info on back of booklet)
- Look on the Missions Kiosk in the Lobby Downtown or Westchase Atrium



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