

As the Sunset family and many around us cope with the current pandemic, our brothers and sisters across the country and around the globe are facing challenges in ways that continue to show us that God is always at work for those that love Him and are called to His purpose. This quarter's update focuses on Shults- Lewis, a domestic mission that aids youth and their families. There is also insightful information on how the Sunset Family has been instrumental in supporting and helping serve the least of these during these uncertain times. We hope you see how the love of Christ is shining as you support the mission of spreading the Gospel to lost souls. May God continue to guide, protect and fulfill the needs of our global missionary families and partners.

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Greetings from Shults-Lewis- Child & Family Services-Valparaiso, Indiana

Background:

A land donation set the stage for the development of a campus with the sole purpose of providing Christian care for children in need. Since 1956, over

 1500 children have been served. To meet

the needs of non-traditional family settings in the 1970's and 1980's, Shults-Lewis identified professional counseling educational services for children. They are an accredited Christian education site by the State of Indiana in which students earn educational credits year around.

Today the campus has seven residential homes and a Youth Development center which allows Shults-Lewis to extend its services to troubled youth and their families as a residential treatment center. Shults-Lewis offers a wide variety of counseling services for kids from age 12-18. While the organization has seen a lot of change over the last 50 years, the mission to serve children in need has been a constant. The organization remains committed to carrying forward the tradition of excellence in Christian child and family care and in showing Christ to troubled teens.

Mission:

It is the mission of Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services to respond with God's love to serve and strengthen children and families by providing:

- safe, healthy Christian home with loving houseparents,
- an educational program to inspire students to achieve spiritual, emotional, and intellectual success in an academic setting,
- a therapeutic response to help youth develop healthy relationships coupled with responsible behavior with family, school, and community, and
- a total environment which promotes standards of living that are consistent with the Word of God

The Sunset congregation has supported Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services since 1980 and it is our goal to continue to support.

This year in lieu the annual commodity collection, the Sunset family made a donation of seven hundred and fifty dollars in which they have expressed their thanks for our generosity and shared the following from a 12 year old resident who had already experienced more trauma in her life than most will experience in a lifetime. *"This is the first placement I've had that people showed me so much love and care and didn't expect anything in return!"*

Know that your donation changes lives for it directly supports and fulfills their mission to respond with God's love and to serve and strengthen children and families.

Prayer Requests: Please keep the following requests in prayer as the Shults-Lewis Staff continues its mission:

1. Pray for the Shults-Lewis family in the recent loss of their dear Director of Development Beth Frump. They are requesting God's comfort and guidance as they continue to honor her and continue their commitment to the residents, supporting donors and churches.
2. Prayer Partners: to pray daily for the Staff as they carry out the mission to serve the children and their families through counseling and education.
3. Pray for open staff positions to be filled: They are currently in need of a Clinical Therapist, houseparent's, and a Director of Operations.

Learn more about Shults-Lewis by checking out their website: <https://www.shultslewis.org/>

Updates:

Mexicantown Church of Christ, Detroit, MI, Javier Cuarzema. As Sunset resumed its worship, our fellow brothers and sisters have also resumed worship services each Sunday at their building. They are currently making plans to virtually host the 20th Annual Great Lakes Spanish Lectureship September 4-5, 2020 via Zoom.

Javier has also been leading a call for action to help the church in Nicaragua. As the United States has experienced significant deaths due to COVID19, many lives have also succumbed to COVID19 in Nicaragua as well; including 10 members of the church. The economic impact of COVID19 has

severely devastated the community and left many communities without the means to obtain food. To meet this need, Sunset, along with other churches and individuals across Metro Detroit, contributed financially to this effort which has collected over five-thousand dollars. These funds were distributed to the church leaders of five churches in Nicaragua to purchase food to fulfill the needs of members and the nearby community. Your support has provided physical and spiritual sustenance to our brothers and sisters around the globe. Glory to God! Learn more about this effort at mission ministry tab on the Sunset website.

Church of Christ at Boa Vista, Recife, Brazil

Brazil's current state of COVID19 is about one month behind the United States. After eighteen weeks, the church at Recife resumed worship services in late July, while following their government safety protocols. The School of the Bible is planning new online courses in preparation for reopening. The Venezuelan refugees are doing well. And on a bright note, recently a little girl at the Lar Mana Children's home was adopted. Praise God for this loving family. Subscribe and stay up to date at <https://www.redeemingrecife.org/>

Continue to pray for all of our mission efforts amid the pandemic. May God guide, strengthen, and protect each one of them as they serve and spread the good news of Jesus' unconditional love.

If you desire to make a donation to the mission efforts at Shults-Lewis, Mexicantown or Recife, Brazil, you may write a check to Sunset Church of Christ or donate on line with the designation for Missions and it will be distributed accordingly.