

Sunset Missions Connection

As the Sunset family and many around the globe continue to grapple with the unprecedented challenges of 2020, we thank and praise God for the opportunity to demonstrate His love and continue His mission. We wrap up this year with a focus on two ministries that have been steadfast in serving the least of these amid the pandemic. We are the hands and feet of Jesus. We thank each of you for your time, diligence and financial support of our M.A.G.I. box preparations and our annual Orphan Sunday Contribution. As we close this year, remember to keep all our mission efforts in your prayer as God utilizes each of us to spread the love of Christ. May God continue to guide, protect and fulfill the needs of our local and global missionary families and partners.

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Healing Hands International (HHI): M.A.G.I. Box Project- Nashville, TN

Background: In 1991, Dr. Randy Steger, marketing professor at Lipscomb University, presented a proposal to his students to do a different type of project for the end of the semester. He suggested they seek to meet the mounting needs for medical supplies and equipment in the former Soviet Union and other Eastern European nations. This humanitarian work would utilize the energy and abilities of the students to make a significant difference in the lives of others. They determined to secure three to four suitcases filled with medical supplies and equipment to send overseas with missionaries. They were so successful that Lipscomb finally had to ask them to leave campus because the donated supplies were taking over the auditorium! Through this urgent need for humanitarian relief, the students organized the Healing Hands ministry, which was later incorporated as Healing Hands International in 1993. <https://www.hhi.org/>

Mission: To aid, equip, and empower those in need around the world in the name of Jesus Christ so they might experience God's healing grace. In 1997, The MAGI Box Project, a ministry of HHI, started with the first gift boxes delivered to children in Romania. MAGI stands for Making A

Godly Impact and that is the mission of the MAGI Box Project. Christians from all over the United States pack gift boxes to be delivered to children in need both physically and spiritually. HHI's partnership with local churches like Sunset and missionaries is the key to Making A Godly Impact with a shoe-size gift box.

Over 250,000 MAGI boxes have been delivered to children living in poverty. For over 20 years the MAGI Project has been blessing the lives of kids in impoverished communities around the world. Each box is filled with daily essentials, a Bible, small toy,



and an invitation to learn about Jesus. Whether it's a remote village in Honduras or a local community in our area, such as Mexican town, in Detroit, your impact makes a difference and expresses Jesus'

love for each child. We thank Judy Krapohl for her diligence each year in leading this ministry and to everyone who made donations and/or packed boxes. This year our Sunset family provided donations and packed 102 M.A.G.I. boxes. Glory to God!



Orphan's Lifeline International, Kalispell, MT

Background: In the late 90's missionaries, Jim & Elma Miller

traveled to Far East Russia to evangelize, establish and support the Church of Christ. While there, they visited numerous orphanages and witnessed heartbreaking conditions. During one of these visits, they were prompted to send information about a little girl living in one of the orphanages, to a newly-wed couple Greg & Laurie Timmons, who decided to adopt the little girl. Upon traveling to Russia to meet the girl and complete the adoption, they witnessed the deplorable living conditions of the orphan children. Not long after, friends of the Timmons' would also choose to adopt and travel with them to Russia. These couples were haunted by the vision of suffering orphans in Russia and where moved to take action beyond their feelings of compassion for the children. In 2009, that action came in the creation of a non-profit organization. The ministry began doing business as Orphan's Lifeline International; the scope expanded the scale of their work in several countries where thousands of orphan children receive daily care in their Christian family-style children's homes.

Mission: To bring hope to the orphans of the world by providing food, shelter, medical care, children's Bibles, educational assistance, adoption advocacy and more in a manner that breaks the cycle of dependence and promotes individual and societal productivity as well as charitable character within the community.

Each November, Sunset joins other congregations around the country for a special Orphan Sunday in which donations are collected to continue the effort to feed and share the gospel with hundreds of fatherless families with children and provide the

necessities of life...food, medical, clothing, education, Biblical teaching, love, hope, and a real home all year long. To learn more go to <https://www.orphanlifeline.org/>

Mission Field Updates:

Central America Hurricane Relief Fund: Javier Cuarezma, of the Mexican town Church, recently issued a petition for help in the collecting of donations for an Emergency Fund to aid fellow Christians in Nicaragua and Honduras in the recovery efforts following Hurricanes Eta and Iota; these storms severely devastated the region and the road to recovery amid a pandemic will take time. To learn more about these efforts contact Javier at 313-282-7432 and/or make a donation via check or online; designate your donation to Help for Emergency in Central America.

Church of Christ at Boa Vista, Recife, Brazil
While practicing safe protocols, the congregation has resumed assembly at 50% attendance. Their orphanage, Lar Mana, has been recognized as a prized jewel in the community. And joint congregations have provided rental housing for the Venezuelan refugees. This year also marked the 40 year milestone in which a team of missionaries from Sunset School of Preaching arrived in Recife to begin the mission work; Learn more about these efforts and the video testimony of members as they express their thanks to God for the team that introduced them to Jesus at <https://www.redeemingrecife.org>

Shults-Lewis Thanks to all who donated paper goods and crackers for the families and staff. It fulfills a great need and it is much appreciated.

To donate, write a check to Sunset Church of Christ or donate online with the designation for Missions and it will be distributed accordingly.