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Missions UPDATE

LFC MISSIONS Supports 27 Missionaries in 14 countries

NEW MINISTRY SUPPORTED:



TEACHAITI

In October of 2022 the Missions Team approved support for a new ministry called *TeachHaiti*. Founded in 2007 by Miquette D. McMahon, a long-time friend of Stephanie Kuiken, the ministry empowers Haitian children to emerge from poverty through education.

TeachHaiti has established two schools since 2010. For more information check the website, [about \(teachaiti.org\)](http://about.teachaiti.org) or contact any member of the LFC Mission Team.



Schuit Retirement: One of our long-term missionaries retired in December after 38 years of ministry. Don Schuit and his wife Gail served at Rift Academy in Kenya for 23 years with *Africa Inland Mission*. Their duties included dorm parenting, teaching.

Don was recruited by AIM to be the Executive Director of the Missionary Retreat Fellowship in Pennsylvania which provides homes for missionaries who are either on pre-field ministry or home assignment. Besides office responsibilities, Don is responsible for the upkeep of the grounds. He also keeps in regular touch with the missionaries in residence which enables him to understand their needs and concerns.

Don lost his wife, Gail, to cancer in 2018. Though he has officially retired from his position at Missionary Retreat Fellowship, he plans to stay on as a volunteer to serve this important ministry. We thank him for so many years of service and we wish God's blessings on Don as he continues to serve the kingdom of God.

SPECIAL DONATIONS in 2022

From Church	
Ukraine	\$12,600
Kenya	\$12,500
From Missions Budget	
Ukraine	\$1,000
Kenya	\$1,000
Christmas gifts to all Missionaries:	\$100 per family

LFC MISSIONS

Supports 27 Missionaries in 14 countries in these areas:

Children's Camps	Church Planting
Discipleship	Education
Evangelism	Literature
Medicine	Outreach
Training Pastors	Youth

LFC TEAM MEMBERS: Janet Neidhardt, Chairman, Sue Oberg, Secretary, Peggy Drew, Treasurer, Terri & John Coerts, Jim Drew, Don Johnson, Diane Klemm, Stephanie Kuiken, Dennis Larsen, and Janice Mitchell.

LOOKING BACK: 2022

VISITS FROM MISSIONARIES: In the past year, ten of our 28 Missionaries visited our church. During their time in New Jersey, all except two enjoyed the accommodation of staying at our special Missions House called the *Braendel House* in Lafayette. The following partners who visited were:

Zala Cempre (Slovenia)
Leroy and Kay Lindsey (FL/World)
Russ and Beth White (Kenya)
Ken and Ashley McDonald (VA)

Greg and Juliann Allen (FL/world)
Hannah Johnson (Slovenia)
Reed and Sarah Schaaf (NH)

Julian and Serina Arias (Colombia)
Jose Alonso (Puerto Rico)
Michael and Nicole Gilchrist (NH)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ADOPT MISSIONARIES

For the 2022 – 2023 year, the following classes have “adopted” one of our missionaries.

Pre-K	Zala Cempre
Kindergarten	Julian and Serina Arias
Grades 1-2	Hannah Johnson
Grades 3-4	Russ and Beth White
Grades 5-6	Sammie Sickle
Grades 7-8	Justin and Lluvia Hoste
Sr. High	Noah and Noelle Cramer

The Braendel House:

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Braendel were very active in our church years ago. After they died, the family requested that their house be given to our church, particularly to be used for missions. Over the ensuing years, the house has become a home-away-from-home for many of our own missionaries. What a blessing it has been...thanks to the Braendels!



KENTUCKY MISSION TRIPS

Since 2009 our church has sent teams annually to Lynch, Kentucky, to work on projects for Heritage Ministries under the leadership of Jeff and Linda Sim.

This year two teams went. In March a team of 12 repaired a bathroom and floors in a home for a woman and her 12-year-old son. Also another house was repaired for a woman raising several grandchildren. Over \$7,000 was donated to cover expenses and materials.

In October, Bob and Janice Mitchell and Jim and Jerrine Drew delivered donated materials for another house and worked on repairs to a house that had been flooded in July.

MISSIONARIES SERVING OVER 25 YEARS:



Greg & Julieann Allen
29 yrs.



John & Lydia Apeh
30 yrs.



Carlos & Yolanda Gomez
35 yrs.



John & Ruth Madsen
36 yrs.



Don Schuit
38 yrs.



Russ and Beth White:
26 yrs.



Dan & Sue Wicher
40 yrs.