

## International Outreach Opportunities

**NICARAGUA PROJECT** - Ministry Coordinators: *Gene & Marnie Cotton*

We are a community-to-community outreach program of Christ UMC that seeks long-term relationships in Nicaragua. The project supports "Centro Alternativo Projeto 19 de Julio", a local school in Managua, Nicaragua. While mission trips are currently suspended due to political unrest, we welcome help mentoring Nicaraguan families who are recent immigrants. Donations of hardback Spanish or Spanish/English children's books are also needed, as are donations for education scholarships.

**RAISE THE ROOF ACADEMY** - Ministry Coordinators: *Marcia & Randy Stoner*

We develop high-quality education centers, provide community health programs, create income generating opportunities, and grow alongside local leaders in three districts of central Uganda. We welcome volunteers willing to sponsor students, help with mailings in our Nashville office, prepare for summer mission trips, and/or travel with us on summer mission trips to Uganda.

When hit with the glint of love's light,  
even ordinary things become holy.

Richard Rohr

God will turn our ordinary into God's holy.

Richard Rohr

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# Outreach Volunteer Opportunities

Fall 2024

Outreach connects people to people. And real connection develops relationships. Below is a glimpse of some of the relationships built through Outreach and other Christ UMC groups:

- Three hundred hours each year tutoring Johnson Elementary School students at GEF
- Providing winter shelter and a hot meal for unsheltered people through Room in the Inn
- Cooking and delivering meals to homebound Franklin residents with Franklin Community Meals on Wheels
- Partnering with Franklin Pride in spring event
- Helping Habitat build a home for a family in need
- Mentoring local Nicaraguan families who are recent immigrants
- Filling weekend "fuel bags" for Williamson school children with food insecurity

Listed inside are more upcoming opportunities to show God's love to our neighbors and the world, and get involved in our church life.



## Local Outreach Opportunities

**CENTER FOR LIVING & LEARNING** - Ministry Coordinator: *Bryan Richardson*  
We are a private, non-profit, residential, supportive living facility that houses adults who experience severe and persistent mental illness. Volunteers are welcomed spring & summer to help with the organic gardening vocational program.

**FRANKLIN COMMUNITY MEALS ON WHEELS** - Ministry Coordinator: *Becky Calvin*  
We are a partnership of local churches working together to cook and deliver hot, nutritious meals to 130 homebound, food insecure Franklin residents 3 days/week. Be part of a team of cooks and drivers from our church 3-4 hours monthly.  
**AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup>, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>, NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

**GENTRY'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION** - Ministry Coordinator: *Katie Higgins*  
At Johnson Elementary School, we provide after-school tutoring and enrichment programs for young students who benefit from one-on-one instruction that leads to academic success. Tutoring requires no advance preparation.  
Volunteer Orientation - **SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

**GRACEWORKS MINISTRIES** – Ministry Coordinator: *Shelly Bleistein*  
We offer support to low-income residents of Williamson County by providing food, clothing, housing support, and direct financial assistance. Teams volunteer 3 hrs. the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month to pack food bags for Williamson County students in need.  
**SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup>**

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** - Ministry Coordinator: *Cal Cobb*  
We seek to put God's love in action by bringing people together to build affordable homes, communities, and hope. We believe that everyone, everywhere should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. **Next build SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

**LAST MINUTE TOY STORE** – Ministry Coordinator: *Lisa Spencer*  
As our name suggests, we provide a LAST CHANCE for families to receive Christmas toys who have not been helped by or missed the deadlines for other local Christmas charities and organizations. Come volunteer with us in **DECEMBER**.

**MIRIAM'S PROMISE** – Ministry Coordinator: *Julia Bergonzi*  
We build bridges through crisis pregnancy counseling and child placement services. We welcome volunteer help with two annual fundraisers – a dinner/art sale in the spring and a golf tournament. Mary Cooper Memorial Golf Challenge - **SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>**.

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**ROOM IN THE INN** – Ministry Coordinator: *Donna Hudson* One night each week our church hosts 10 unhoused men. We provide a warm place to sleep, a shower, two hot meals, and lunch. **THURSDAY NIGHTS, NOVEMBER through MARCH**.

**SOCIETY OF SAINT ANDREW POTATO DROP** - Help sort 40,000 pounds of sweet potatoes into 10 lb. bags to deliver to local food banks. Annual church wide, child friendly event. **MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>**

**PRAYERFUL HANDS** - Ministry Coordinator: *Cheryl Stanley*  
We are a group of people who enjoy knitting, crocheting, or sewing. We gather once a month to work on projects such as prayer shawls for people experiencing difficulties, sleeping mats for the homeless, and other items.

**PRISON MINISTRY** - Ministry Coordinator: *Jeff Williams*  
We seek to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with those in and released from TN prisons through worship, Bible study, correspondence, and Christian mentoring. We seek to address the spiritual needs of inmates, as well as the spiritual, emotional, physical, material, and financial needs of returning citizens as they re-enter society. Volunteer at any time. Holiday Dinner at Riverbend Prison in **DECEMBER**

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH** - Ministry Coordinators: *Marnie Cotton and Jan Phelps*  
We provide opportunities for all women to grow spiritually and to put faith into action in our neighborhood & around the world on behalf of other women, as well as of children and youth. Six meetings per year.

**GLENCLIFF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - Christ UMC partners with this mission congregation church which works toward achieving mercy and justice for all. Attend worship, concerts, and other events throughout the year.

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