MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN OF GRACE

“Through Jesus,...let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise...and do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

I Peter 4:15-16

BOYS AND GIRLS COUNTRY
This is a Christian home that provides children from families in crisis with love, security, a sense of self-worth, and opportunities to prepare them for a successful life. The children are primarily from the greater Houston area.

CARING COINS is a monthly love offering collected at circle meetings which will support a ministry selected by the mission chair and her committee.

CELEBRATION OFFERING is giving in honor of Women of Grace and Grace Presbyterian Church to help support missionaries around the world that partner with Grace Presbyterian Church. These gifts may be collected at our Spring Luncheon/Meeting.

COPE WITH HOPE
In times of crises or unexpected challenges, there is someone to walk beside you and help you through it. “HOPE”, a benevolence of Women of Grace, will help any Presbyterian woman (based on financial need) to receive counseling in order to meet life’s challenges.

HOLLY HALL
This is a Christian retirement community located near the Astrodome and is supported by various denominations. Individual support also comes through ticket sales for the four book reviews held each year at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church. A bazaar in April at Holly Hall, and a “Silver Tea” in December at a private residence give additional opportunities for support. Women of Grace are invited and encouraged to attend these activities.

HOMEBOUND AND PRAYER MEMBERS
These are women who are homebound due to caring for a family member or are too ill or infirm to attend circle meetings. The members are assigned to circles. Each circle prays for and contacts their Prayer Member by telephone, greeting cards, or visits.

MEDICAL CENTER APARTMENT MINISTRY
Grace Presbyterian Church provides financial support for several apartments in the Medical Center. Out-of-town residents who are in Houston for extended medical treatments occupy these apartments. MONTHLY Cards will be sent and “welcome gift baskets” prepared.

MISSIONARY AND SEMINARY STUDENT CARD AND PRAYER SUPPORT
Grace Presbyterian Church contributes financial support to several foreign missionaries and often to seminary students. Cards of gratitude for their service and for encouragement will be sent monthly by appointed circles.
OPEN DOOR MISSION
This mission is located in Houston’s East End and offers a drug and alcohol recovery program, convalescent care, educational and vocational opportunities and low-income housing for men. An intensive Christ-centered program to overcome drug and alcohol addictions is offered over a nine-month period. It includes a curriculum of self-discovery, life-skills, spiritual renewal, Bible study, mentoring counseling and twelve-step program.

STAR OF HOPE MINISTRY
Star of Hope is a Christ-centered community dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women, and their children in the Houston area. Positive life changes are encouraged through structured programs which focus on Spiritual growth, education, employment, life management, and recovery from substance abuse. An emergency shelter for women and children is provided and child care and after-school programs for children are offered. Along with a development center for men, there are 111 single and family apartments.

WALNUT BEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND PAUL REVERE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Over the years, through Project 180, Grace Presbyterian Church has developed a lasting relationship with these schools. In August, a church-wide collection of school supplies and monetary donations for school uniforms is conducted. In December cookie packages are assembled and delivered to the teachers and staff.

GRACE GIRL’S SCHOOL
Grace Girl’s School in Kenya, Africa has a vision to provide a future of hope for high school age girls and their families. It is a Maasai custom to betroth young girls to older men. Often girls are sent to their husband as soon as they reach puberty because of the money given to the family. Women have few or no options in the Maasai culture. Grace Girl’s School is a boarding school that offers them safety from early marriage and education gives them a hopeful future. In their class rooms, they are taught the same courses that students here in the U.S. would be learning. Alongside their mathematics, physics, biology, geography and other classes they are taught the word of God. They have a Christian education class and their music class is led with a hymn book. Their focus on education and spiritual growth will have an impact on their lives, their families’ lives, and those in their community.

ADDITIONAL MISSIONS SUPPORT
Through our pledges and individual financial contributions, other missions receive the support of Women of Grace. These include Grace Minister’s Discretionary Fund, Traveling Teapot Ministry, Presbyterian Children’s Home and Services and Christian Veterinary Mission, and Living Water International.