

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

FRIENDS OF SAMBURU

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The mission of Friends of Samburu, Kenya is embodied in its name - "Friends" - friends care! Its focus is on improving the lives of the Samburu children and their families. The Samburu are a pastoral, nomadic, tribal community numbering over 250,000 people who live in north central Kenya. This charity will raise funds to meet identifiable and well-defined needs of their villages. It seeks sustainable ways to alleviate their poverty and to provide for their future while preserving their culture.

FRIENDS OF WESTCHASE

WALNUT BEND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND PAUL REVERE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Over the years, through Project 180, Grace Presbyterian Church has developed a lasting relationship with these schools. Grace members tutor, provide after school activities, collect school supplies and clothing, and donate money to these schools.

GRACE GIRL'S SCHOOL / KENYA CARING COINS

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 a 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: education gives them a hopeful future. In their classrooms, they are taught the same courses that students here in the U.S. would be learning. Alongside mathematics, physics, biology, geography and other classes, they are taught the word of God. They have a Christian education class; their music class is led with a hymn book. The focus on education and spiritual growth will have an impact on their lives, their families' lives, and those in their community.

HOLLY HALL

This is a Christian retirement community located near NRG stadium (the Astrodome) and is supported by various denominations. Individual support also comes through ticket sales for the book reviews and events. A "Silver Tea" in December at a private residence gives additional opportunities for support. Women of Grace are invited and encouraged to attend these activities. At this time, no activities are being planned at Holly Hall due to the pandemic.

HOMEBOUND AND PRAYER MEMBERS

These are women who are either homebound with 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.

JUAN CONSTANTINE SANTIAGO & FE MAYA

Constantino currently lives in Guatemala and is part of the Grace en Español ministry called “Fe Maya”. He is a retired teacher of 27 years in Guatemala and 5 in Colorado. While working as a teacher in Colorado, Constantino received God’s call on his heart to reach children in his homeland and provide them with school supplies, while presenting the Gospel. The “Fe Maya” mission was born! He works hard to serve the extremely poor Mayan children in the rural mountains of western Guatemala.

LILY’S TOY BOX

Contact: Jessica DuBose (832) 372-7369 / lilystoyboxtexas@gmail.com

Wanting to help her community after Hurricane Harvey, Lily DuBose started collecting toy donations to give to kids whose belongings were lost in the storm. Since then, over 2,000 toys have been given to more than 500 kids in Texas.

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.

MISSION OF YAHWEH

Contact: Tami Jeffers (713) 466-4785 ext 105

The Mission of Yahweh offers many life-changing programs focused on ending the cycle of homelessness and dependency for women. The Children’s Program includes social skills development, educational programs and development of character traits such as self-esteem, honesty, self-control, forgiveness, etc. An important part of the Mission’s objective is providing outreach services to low-income families that live in our surrounding neighborhoods.

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 a twelve-step program.

STEPHEN MINISTRIES

Contact: Denise Phelps (713) 267-5063 / dphelps@gpch.org

This one-to-one caring ministry offers consistent support and on-going presence to those who are dealing with transitions, loss or a particular crisis. Grace members who are Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training and then are supervised monthly as they serve.

WHAM (West Houston Assistance Ministries)

Contact: Verita Duncan (713) 502-7330 / verita.duncan@whamministries.org

This mission runs a resale shop which always welcomes donations. They also provide food, employment services and financial help for families in need.

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, Presbyterian Children's Home and Services, Christian Veterinary Mission, and Living Water International.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES SCHEDULE

The following is a listing of the specific mission opportunities targeted for the 2021-22 year.

August	Family Fun & Fundraising Night
September	Paul Revere
October	Open Door Mission
November	WHAM
December	Missionaries / Christmas for the City
January	Mission of Yahweh
February	No Mission Project this Month
March	Medical Center Apartments
April	Lily's Toy Box
May	Bake Sale