



Advent Offering²⁰²⁰



the **district** church
A CHURCH FOR THE CITY

Each year we take up a special offering that we give away to the cause of Christ here in DC and across the world. We give to our mission partners that we work with throughout the year to help meet critical social needs and proclaim Christ.

The Advent season, our theme is "A Child is Born." We will be looking at Isaiah 9:6 where the prophet tells us that Christ will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

Last year, we raised \$160,105 through the generosity of hundreds of people in our church who gave sacrificially to bless our neighbors here in DC and across the world.

This year, due to the pandemic, the needs are more urgent than ever. We are hoping to be able to meet all the needs among our mission partners.

In this year's booklet, we are highlighting our global partners and how you can pray for them.

As you pray through this booklet, would you ask God what He is leading you to give, above your regular giving to our 2020 Advent Offering?

Together in the gospel,



Pastor Aaron Graham

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6



Wonderful Counselor



Creative Hands, Athens Greece



Families at workshop, Athens, Greece



Woman loomng, Athens, Greece



Pencil Bag, Athens, Greece

Creative Hands is a ministry that exists to create business opportunities for displaced and vulnerable women to receive training in textile production and access to sustainable employment within the industry.

PRAY for a space big enough to incorporate both the continuation of weaving classes to new and existing students as well as create a separate space for the production of items for sale by Creative Hands employees.

New Generation, Burundi



Girl doing a craft, Burundi



Kids at school, Burundi



Young women smiling, Burundi

New generation is a Christian ministry started by Pastor Dieudonné Nahimana focused on training, ministering and equipping street children to become the future leaders of Burundi.

PRAY for the youth in Burundi, and the many challenges that COVID-19 has brought. May God continue to provide for them and their communities.

World Relief



Woman cooking, Photo courtesy of World Relief



Abed-Family, Photo courtesy of World Relief



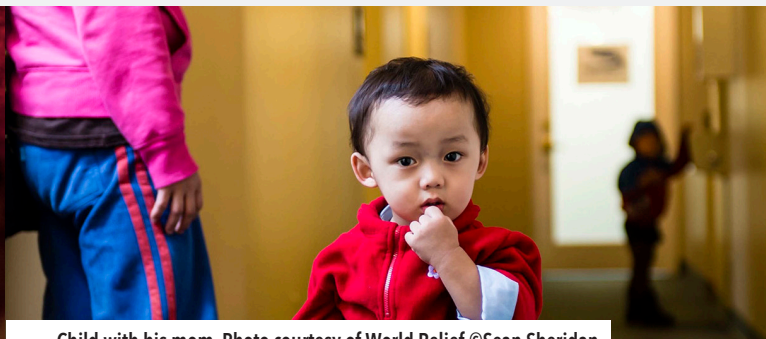
Moms-Group, Photo courtesy of World Relief ©Sean Sheridan

World Relief provides urgent legal services to those filing for asylum.

PRAY for the many families that have been separated to be reunited. Pray for the sponsoring of legal services from start to finish for the families claiming asylum.



Photo courtesy of World Relief ©Sean Sheridan



Child with his mom, Photo courtesy of World Relief ©Sean Sheridan



Kids playing, Photo courtesy of World Relief ©Sean Sheridan



Mighty
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Mavuno Church, Nairobi, Kenya



Pastor Kimberly Williams at Mavuno's Fearless Summit, Kenya, Nairobi

Mavuno's vision is to "Plant a culture defining church in every capital of the city of Africa and the gateway cities of the world by the year 2035".

PRAY for Pastors Muriithi & Carol Wanjau as they lead Mavuno and multiply leaders to continue to plant culture defining churches throughout Kenya and Africa.

The Second Evangelical Church, Athens, Greece



Feeding ministry during COVID-19, Athens, Greece



Outreach at Koukaki playground, Athens, Greece

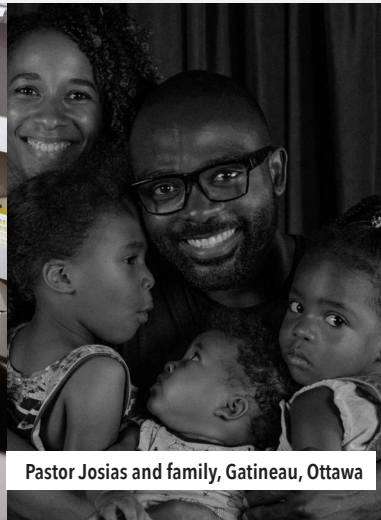
The Second Evangelical Church serves homeless, refugees, women and children at the church's premises, through "Symparastasi"; a ministry that runs a Coffee House and a Youth Center providing meals, clothing and Bible studies as well as community outreach bringing Matthew 25:31-46 to life.

PRAY for God to give the staff and leaders continued wisdom and grace as they continue to serve the needs of the people during this pandemic.

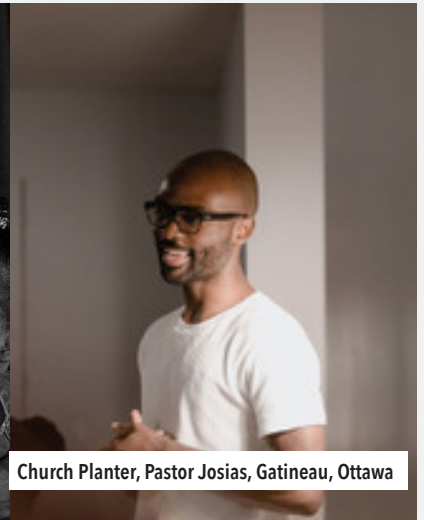
La Chapelle, Gatineau, Ottawa



TDC serving with La Chapelle, Montreal, Canada



Pastor Josias and family, Gatineau, Ottawa



Church Planter, Pastor Josias, Gatineau, Ottawa

La Chapelle is committed to reaching French speaking Canada. Montreal, where La Chapelle was first planted, is considered the most unchurched city in North America.

PRAY for Pastor Josias, his wife Deborah Laporte and their three girls as they launch La Chapelle in Ottawa that they would gain momentum even in the midst of the challenges of the pandemic.



Worship Service, Gatineau, Ottawa



Everlasting Father



Peace and Hope, Quito, Ecuador



Apoyo a familias venezolanas, Quito, Ecuador



Apoyo a migrantes venezolanos ancianos, Quito, Ecuador



Apoyando a familias con micronegocios, Quito, Ecuador

Peace and Hope's mission is to come alongside individuals, families and communities in Latin America who are living in poverty, so they can live with dignity, free from violence and injustice.

PRAY for the mobilization of local churches that help provide pastoral and practical support to Venezuelan migrants, most of whom are women and children, at risk of being trafficked and further abused.

Children Community Center, Transnistria, Moldova



Children opening bags, Transnistria, Moldova



Youth at the Center, Transnistria, Moldova



Girl holding boots, Transnistria, Moldova

Christina Community Center is dedicated to stopping orphanhood through the support of children and families in difficult life circumstances and through provision of financial, psychological and other necessary assistance.

PRAY for a Youth Center; a building that will provide a safe place for kids at risk and keep them off the streets, facilitating opportunities for godly adults to take part in the lives of kids and families of our community.

Christiana Children's Home, Bapatla, India



Children Learning, Bapatla, India



Breakfast before school, Bapatla, India



Hydroponics, Bapatla, India

Cristiana Children's Home provides food, education, medical care, and housing for over 260 children who have been orphaned or destitute.

PRAY for solar panels on the school and the homes in the community, as this will save money in electricity costs. These savings will allow them to restart the hydroponics system that was built a couple years ago, using solar power instead of electric pumps, to produce fish and vegetables for the children to eat.



Children at School, Bapatla, India



Prince of
Peace
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Fuel Youth, Liberia



Eddie Fahnbulleh speaks to village leaders, Messima, Liberia



Boat built from 2018 Advent Offering to transport over 50 kids, Messima, Liberia



Kids posing, Messina, Liberia

Fuel Youth is a ministry started by Eddie Fahnbulleh (of TDC) dedicated to the development of schools and educational opportunities across Liberia. Fuel Youth seeks to raise up the next generation in a country that is making a comeback from a long civil war and subsequent Ebola outbreak.

PRAY for the addition of new classrooms to accommodate more students.

Food for the Hungry Guatemala



Woman making candles, Guatemala



Children running, Guatemala



Woman teaching, Guatemala

Food for the Hungry seeks to end all forms of human poverty by going to the hard places and walking with the world's most vulnerable people.

PRAY for the Educational Project we are sponsoring in the Ixil Region of Guatemala which seeks to help middle and high school students with vocational and biblical worldview training.

Questscope, Jordan



Youth, Amman, Jordan



Girl with her schoolmates,
Amman, Jordan



Amman, Jordan

Questscope is dedicated to transforming the future of vulnerable youth and communities in the Middle East -- by equipping them with the resources and hope they need to become compassionate and productive citizens.

PRAY for Questscope's youth program that helps provide formerly incarcerated youth with a path to a positive and hopeful future. And for their programs at Za'atari Refugee Camp.



Viviana Coria and Lindsay Lucas visiting Za'atari Refugee Camp and their staff from Syria, Mafraq, Jordan

This Advent Offering will also support the following partners:

- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Washington, D.C.
- Thirst Church, Washington, D.C.
- Neighborhood Church, Washington, D.C.
- DC127, Washington, D.C.
- Just Homes, Washington, D.C.
- TDC Recovery Ministry, Washington, D.C.
- Apartment Life, Ballston, VA
- Little Lights, Washington, D.C.
- Samaritan Inns, Washington, D.C.
- Arrabon, Richmond, VA
- Langham Partnerships - global
- Kids Alive, Guatemala

Lord, we thank you

Lord, we thank you for the way you have connected our church to the world, and to our city through the many nations that worship with us. We pray for our partners, that you may give them strength and endurance to fulfill the calling that you have placed in their hearts during this tough season. Remind them that you are at work even when it is difficult.

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

