

MISSION REPORT

2017 OGHS Disbursements

Thank you to everyone who so generously supported **One Great Hour of Sharing** during Lent! The Mission Committee made the following allocations to support our brothers and sisters in need here and around the world from your 2017 OGHS contributions:

1. **Christian Aid UK (\$500)** works in some of the world's poorest communities in @ forty countries at any one time. They act where there is great need, regardless of religion, helping people to live a full life, free from poverty and provide urgent, practical and effective assistance in tackling the root causes of poverty as well as its effects. .



2. **W.I.S.H. (\$500). (WEST INDIES SELF HELP)** works to "translate the truth of Jesus Christ into deeds that alleviate the needs of the poor, giving them opportunity to break their entrapping cycle of poverty." WISH has built on La Gonave (an island 15 miles off the Haitian coast) a dental clinic, an ice plant, several churches, a school, a hospital addition, a sewing school, several miles of roads, water lines, an airstrip, a soccer field, a basketball court and a co-operative "mall" with businesses owned by the villagers.



3. **Educational Concern for Hunger Organization (\$500)** ECHO is a non-profit, inter-denominational Christian organization that has been assisting a global network of missionaries and development workers since 1981. Based in North Fort Myers, Florida, ECHO is dedicated to providing agricultural solutions for families growing food under difficult circumstances and fighting world hunger through innovative ideas, information, seeds and agricultural training; they currently network with development workers and missionaries in over 180 countries. The ECHO vision is "to bring glory to God and a blessing to mankind by using science and technology to help the poor."



4. **Jubilee Partners (\$500)** is a Christian service community in Comer, Georgia; their primary on-site ministry is their Refugee Program, which offers hospitality to refugees newly arrived in the U.S. Since 1980, over 3000 refugees from more than 30 countries have come to Jubilee, eager for a new beginning but often scarred and exhausted by their ordeals. Anxious about how they will survive in this new culture, and frequently unable to speak English, refugees can study English, get acquainted with their new country, rest, play, regain their health, and begin their new lives in an environment of love and support at Jubilee.



5. **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) OGHS (\$500)** makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world suffering the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time.



6. **Samaritan's Purse (\$500)** is a non-denominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through Jesus Christ.



7. **Start Fresh, Inc. (\$500)** Start Fresh, Inc is a refugee settlement program in the New London, CT area. Start Fresh, Inc. is an outreach of the New London Area Clergy Association in cooperation with **IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services)** of New Haven, CT. Former Greenwood member Evelyn Ferguson gave a presentation about the work and mission of Start Fresh at a recent Presbyterian Women's gathering.



8. Finally, gifts of **\$1,000 & \$750** were (respectively) designated/directed by donor to (a) the mission and relief agency **World Relief**, and (b) Greenwood's **Board of Deacons** for their relief efforts through cooperation with Deacon-supported agencies of our community, such as the Salvation Army, Amos House, Tanner House, West Bay Community Action, the Kent Center, the MacCauley House, the Elizabeth Buffum Chace House, and Habitat for Humanity.



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