

## Dear Friends,

It is with joy that we start a new year of ministry at MDPC! Each year, we create this week-by-week prayer guide of our MDPC Outreach Ministry Partners and hope it will inspire you in both your prayer life, as well as in how you might participate in God's Kingdom work.

The ministries and organizations listed in this book serve individuals and communities that have great physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. As we seek to support our partners, we hear their requests for our prayers and our help. Whether it's by volunteering at a food pantry, mentoring a middle schooler, serving at our apartment ministry, writing letters to encourage those serving overseas, or countless other service opportunities available to us, I invite you to get in the game to demonstrate God's love and share the hope found in a redemptive relationship with Jesus Christ.

As you pray for and learn about our ministry partners, we encourage you to listen for where God might be calling you to go deeper in what He is doing in our neighborhood, our city, and around the world. And throughout the year, we hope you will remember this booklet to either share with someone in need or to find a place where your gifts might be a blessing.

May God be glorified in the year ahead and may you be blessed in a growing relationship with Christ.

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#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

## **Agape Development**

agapedevelopment.org

Agape Development is a community development ministry grounded in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ in the OST/South Union neighborhood. Using various programs for neighborhood children, youth and families, Agape's mission is to address the specific brokenness of the community and transform their neighborhood by preparing Christ-following, independent, community leaders.



Agape Development

## Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse

avda-tx.org

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) works to end family violence by providing victims with legal defense, advocating for the safety and self-determination of victims, educating and promoting accountability for abusers, training law enforcement agencies, and fostering a community response to abuse.

## Missionary Partner: Couple Serving in the Middle East

This MDPC missionary couple supports communities of Arab, Persian and Turkish believers from a Muslim background. Through their Christian center in Tbilisi, Georgia, they disciple and equip maturing believers to be a light in their community of origin and shepherd Christ-centered, biblically based, multiplying churches.

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

## AlphaUSA (Houston)

alphausa.org/houston

AlphaUSA (Houston) trains, equips, and encourages Christian communities to effectively utilize the Alpha Course as an evangelism tool. This discipleship program is taken to churches, homes, businesses, and, more recently, prisons and jails with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## **Amazing Place**

amazingplacehouston.org

Amazing Place, a faith-based organization, empowers lives disrupted by dementia, with the vision of ending the stigma of dementia. Their Day Program, for adults with mild to moderate dementia, enriches the lives of participants on a daily basis, while their Connections Program provides essential knowledge, tools, and support for families, caregivers, health professionals, congregations, and the community at large.

## Missionary Partner: Dan McNerney

frontierfellowship.com

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Dan McNerney works with Frontier Fellowship, which seeks to bring the Gospel to unreached people groups all over the world. His ministry includes teaching, preaching, and mobilizing local churches on the principles of frontier mission. He has led MDPC members on mission in Egypt and other areas of the Middle East. Dan also leads friendship groups in Chicago, gathering Christians, Muslims, and Jews to dialogue on Kingdom life, reconciliation, and the teachings of Jesus.

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

## **Archway Academy**

archwayacademy.org

Archway Academy is a nonprofit independent school that provides a sober learning environment for high school students who are recovering from substance use disorders and mental health issues. Students are able to continue their education in an environment that encourages their recovery process and promotes spiritual growth.

## **Bayou City Blessings in a Backpack**

bayoucityblessings.org

Bayou City Blessings mobilizes the local community, individuals and resources to provide food on the weekends and during school breaks for Houston children who might otherwise go hungry. Their mission serves to raise awareness of childhood hunger by building community and establishing relationships with educational partners to improve the lives of Houston children.

## Missionary Partner: Family Serving in Jordan

MDPC Field Partners C and J have lived in the Middle East for over 10 years where their goal is to mobilize disciple-making movements within the communities that they live and work. Pray for C, J, their three children, and their team to be strengthened by God as they seek opportunities to share their faith in Jesus while building relationships with their neighbors, co-workers, and those placed in their path.

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

## Be An Angel

beanangel.org

Be An Angel improves the quality of life for children with multiple disabilities and/or profound deafness by providing needed adaptive equipment and select services. They strive to use all available means to create a world where every child with a disability can experience improvement in their personal quality of life.

Bo's Place

#### Bo's Place

bosplace.org

Bo's Place exists to enhance the lives of those

who have experienced the death of a loved one. They offer grief support groups for children, families, and adults, special programming for support group participants, and bereavement-specific workshops for professionals supporting the bereaved.

## Missionary Partner: Family Serving in Saudi Arabia

This family lives in Saudi Arabia where they seek to introduce college age students to Jesus and build intentional relationships. Through teaching at a university and leading workshops and webinars, they have the opportunity to meet college students as well as their friends and families. Pray that the students they disciple will be a light in their country and will influence their society as they become leaders.

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

## **Boys and Girls Country**

## boysandgirlscountry.org

Boys and Girls Country provides a Christian home for children from families in crisis and ensures their care, welfare, safety and security. In doing so, they work with each child toward building healthy relationships, acquiring responsibilities, and setting realistic short- and long-term goals. Spiritual formation, family life, education, physical and mental health, and preparation for life beyond high school make up their core services.



Boys and Girls Country

## **Bridges to Life**

## bridgesto life.org

Bridges To Life connects communities to prisons to reduce the recidivism rate (particularly that of violent crimes), reduce the number of crime victims, and enhance public safety. Their spiritual mission is to minister to victims and offenders to show them the transforming power of God's love and forgiveness.

## Missionary Partner: Family Serving in SE Asia

MDPC Field Partner Dr. M and his family show God's compassion to the unreached by meeting physical needs through dental health. Dr. M practices and teaches dentistry while sharing the Good News of Jesus with tribes living in abject poverty in Southeast Asia. There, the 98% Muslim population has the least amount of dental care in the world.

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

## **Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine**

### buckner.org/houston

The Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine is a child-centered, family-focused place where families go to find hope, support and empowerment to reach their full God-given potential. The key to the Family Hope Center's success is found in combining effective programs and passionate people to help families that are experiencing poverty, family issues and a lack of services.

### Camp Aranzazu

#### camparanzazu.org

Camp Aranzazu (pronounced Ah ran' zah zoo), located on Copano Bay near Rockport, is dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults with special needs and chronic illnesses by providing unique camping, environmental education, and retreat experiences.

## **Missionary Partner: Jeff Burns**

MDPC Field Partner Jeff Burns has a call on his life to reach North American Muslims with the love of Jesus Christ. He and his family live near Wilmington, North Carolina, where Jeff teaches Christians ways to reach out in friendship to Muslims in peaceful, respectful witness. He has trained Presbyterian Church members in the U.S. and around the world.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

## **Camp Blessing**

### campblessing.org

Camp Blessing, located in Brenham, makes the childhood experience of camp available to campers whose challenges prevent their participation elsewhere. They are a Christian summer camp offering love, acceptance and fun to children and young adults with special needs and their siblings.

Camp Blessing

## Camp For All

#### campforall.org

Camp For All, located in Burton, Texas, is a sum-

mer camp ministry designed for children and young adults with special needs (physical/developmental/intellectual disabilities) to experience a week-long residential, barrier-free camp while surrounding them with love, acceptance, and fun. The facility works in partnership with 65 non-profits to enrich the lives of campers and their families.

## Missionary Partner: Kim Zovak

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Kim equips high-level Kingdom leaders to multiply movements of the gospel and mobilizes the church for mission in less-reached and less-resourced parts of the world, particularly Asia. Through her strategic mentoring, training, and coaching, she helps missionaries and national leaders develop their personal and professional capacities to serve God, and to intentionally multiply themselves by developing more leaders to do the same.

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

#### **Cancare of Houston**

#### cancare.org

CanCare provides one-on-one, long-term emotional support to cancer patients and their families. Trained volunteers who have experienced the physical, emotional and spiritual turmoil caused by a cancer diagnosis, support the treatment and recovery of others.

#### CarePartners

#### carepartnerstexas.org

CarePartners provide support, education, resources and respite to family caregivers and quality care to those individuals living with memory loss, Alzheimer's or Dementia and other challenges of aging. They provide no cost support and respite to caregivers through the Gathering Place, Second Family, Common Ground and caregiver educational events. The Gathering Place meets at MDPC every 1st and 3rd Wednesday.



CarePartners

## Missionary Partner: Kristin Huffman

frontierfellowship.com

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Kristin Huffman serves with Frontier Fellowship, engaging in ministry to reach the unreached. She focuses on mobilizing congregations in mission, exploring diaspora ministry opportunities, working with global and local partners and serving with the Frontier Fellowship communications team.

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

## Casa de Esperanza

#### casahope.org

Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos strives to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect for at-risk infants, children and their families by providing comprehensive residential and family support programs that transform people and communities.

#### Casa el Buen Samaritano

#### casaelbuen.org

Casa El Buen Samaritano shares the love of Jesus Christ while providing whole-person (body, soul, and spirit) healthcare to low-income and uninsured families in more than 110 zip codes in Houston and surrounding areas. Volunteer nurses, doctors and dentists treat patients for a number of general health issues.

## **Missionary Partner: Kristin Jones**

MDPC Field Partner Kristin Jones is building relationships for the Kingdom and sharing the Gospel within the Bangladeshi community in New York City. After ten years living overseas in the Bengal region, she is fluent in Bengali and understands the culture. This allows her the opportunity to significantly impact Bangladeshis' lives as they adjust to America and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

#### **Child Advocates**

#### childadvocates.org

Child Advocates mobilizes court appointed volunteers to break the vicious cycle of child abuse. They speak up for abused children who are lost in the system and guide them into safe environments where they can thrive.

#### Child Builders

#### childbuilders.org

ChildBuilders promotes mental health and prevents abuse by empowering children, parents, and teachers with assertiveness skills, emotional control, empathy, resilience and the ability to resolve conflict non-violently. Programs involve training and building a community that protects children from bullying, Internet dangers, abuse, neglect and relationship violence.

## Missionary Partner: The Adair Family

#### theantiochpartners.org

Rev. Andrew and Teri Adair launched The Antioch Partners (TAP), a missionary-sending agency, in 2007 to train and equip cross-cultural servants, and send them into the world to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways. TAP's goals are to see people become followers of Jesus and to foster the formation of worshipping communities among the unreached and least-reached people groups throughout the world.

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

## **Cho-Yeh Camp & Conference Center**

#### cho-yeh.org

Cho-Yeh is a premier Christian summer camp and retreat center near Livingston. They are a place where Jesus Christ transforms lives through meaningful relationships and outdoor adventures.

# Christian Community Service Center - Martha's Way

ccschouston.org

Martha's Way is a vocational training program



Cho-Yeh Camp & Conference Center

offered by Christian Community Service Center that helps low-income men and women increase their earning potential through education and hands-on training. Programming helps those who face employment barriers to find gainful work in residential housekeeping.

## **Missionary Partner: The Hall Family**

send.org

MDPC Field Partners Steven and Natalie Hall serve with SEND International. Their strategic partnership ministry helps bring gospel transformation to unreached people groups throughout the world. The Hall's ministry spreads the light of Jesus into dark places to bring hope and healing.

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

## **Missionary Partner: Christy Engvall**

MDPC member and missionary, Christy Engvall stepped away from her career in education to faithfully follow God's call into missions. Most recently, she has been serving in ministry with Afghan refugee women through ESL classes here in Houston, as well as writing resources for a global organization serving orphans. Her passion is to serve those in the margins and to share the Gospel locally or overseas to grow God's Kingdom.

## **Cornerstone Family Ministries**

#### cfmhouston.org

Cornerstone Family Ministries is a faith-based organization, located in Spring Branch, that empowers at-risk students and their families to discover their God given purpose and calling. Programming encompasses ministry, education and social entrepreneurship.

# Missionary Partner: The Johnson Family

ywambudapest.org

MDPC Field Partners Steve and Barbara Johnson serve in Budapest, Hungary, through Youth With a Mission. The Johnsons operate a



Cornerstone Family Ministries

coffee house that serves as an evangelism center, reaching out to the Budapest community with music and conversation that sparks spiritual discussion. They also lead a discipleship training school and have formed a mercy ministries team that shares the love of Jesus with people that are homeless and refugee families.

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

## **Demand Disruption**

#### demanddisruption.org

Demand Disruption fights the demand for sex trafficking by eliminating buyer motivation and reducing access to the exploited. They offer community engagement programs about defending the home, loving people who are struggling with an unwanted addiction and educating about the connection to Human Trafficking. Demand Disruption also confronts the demand for sex trafficking through partnership with law enforcement and seeks to shut down illicit businesses.

## **East Spring Branch Food Pantry**

#### eastspringbranchfoodpantry.com

East Spring Branch Food Pantry is a client choice pantry serving residents in the Spring Branch area with fresh and shelf stable food. Nutrition classes, Food Fairs and Thanksgiving meals are other programs offered. ESBFP is led and run by a team of dedicated volunteers.

#### Missionary Partner: Urgessa Biru

frontierfellowship.com

MDPC Field Partner Urgessa works and serves in Ethiopia as the founder of Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia (LOHME). The vision of LOHME is to bring the Good News of God's love to the Arsi Oromo people, both in Ethiopia and in North America. LOHME carries out their mission through building village schools, church planting, Bible translation into local dialects, and the vision of establishing a Christian College to train teachers and nurses.



Urgessa Biru (left)

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

#### Easter Seals - Adults with Disabilities Program

#### eastersealshouston.org

Adult Programs of Easter Seals Houston offer recreational opportunities to promote physical, mental and spiritual health to adults with disabilities through bi-weekly meetings, bowling, fields trips, education, self-advocacy, skills training, and touch-based technology training. These programs offer many clients their only opportunity for socializing and provides respite for the adult participants' caregivers. One group meets at MDPC every Monday.

## **Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services - ECHOS**

echos-houston.org

Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS) connects people in need with health, social and educational resources that improve lives. Collaborating with over 30 organizations, ECHOS offers benefits application assistance and education for Medicaid, CHIP, Harris Health System, and SNAP benefits; health screenings; food from a food pantry; and more for families in Houston.

## **African Enterprise**

#### africanenterprise.org

African Enterprise (AE) is a global partnership that focuses on proclaiming the Gospel to the residents of Africa's major cities, making a special effort to reach the continent's leaders, since Godly governance can result in major transformations of whole countries. AE has played a pivotal role in Africa for the past 60 years by bringing peace and reconciliation during conflict, introducing hundreds of thousands of people to church, training pastors, and providing vulnerable people with new life opportunities through apprenticeship programs.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 14**

#### Faithful Fathering

faithfulfathering.org

Faithful Fathering encourages and equips dads to be faithful fathers who prioritize physical presence, are engaged emotionally and lead spiritually by example. Programming helps to engage dads in raising a Godly generation that reinvigorates the Church on the fathering front.

#### **Family Point Resources**

familypointresources.com

FamilyPoint Resources engages the West Houston community in supportive relationships that meet needs, build hope, and transform lives. Programs include a community library, after-school educational enrichment, art, theater and dance classes, and a full schedule of summer activities and camps.

#### Berea Bible Institute

This small Bible college began as one family's dream to educate young leaders in Scripture and prepare future ministers to serve God in areas of great need in Mexico. Students are ingrained with a love for serving and for teaching their communities to reach out in service to their neighbors. Each year, graduates are sent into remote parts of Mexico where they lead churches and teach the sacrificial love of Christ through the way they live.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

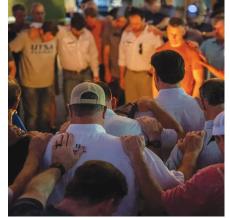
## Fellowship in Discipleship (FinD)

finddiscipleship.org

Fellowship in Discipleship (FinD) is a fellowship of Christian men who are serious about authentic discipleship. They challenge each other daily to believe the incredible news that God actually knows us, loves us, and wants to transform us into spiritual maturity.

## **Fuente Food Pantry**

MDPC's Fuente Food Pantry provides bagged groceries and produce to those considered food insecure in the community. This pantry is located at the southwest corner of the Commu-



FinD

nity Life Building (CLC), and serves 400+ families every Saturday from 8:00 to 11:00am. Fuente partners with the Houston Food Bank and relies on individual donations of bagged beans and rice. The organization and distribution of food is led by a team of dedicated volunteers.

## **Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo**

etsc.org

Almost all the leaders of the Evangelical Church in Egypt have graduated from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (ETSC). The most exciting aspect of the seminary is how it equips students to witness to the Gospel of Jesus in and beyond Egypt amid political and cultural transitions, especially throughout the Middle East and Arabic-speaking world. Pray

for the Body of Christ in Egypt, and for ETSC's leadership and the students as they share the love of Jesus.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

## **Fuller Theological Seminary**

fuller.edu/texas

Fuller's Houston campus was founded to bring the rich programs of Fuller Theological Seminary to Texas. Scholarships to seminarians help ensure these future leaders in the Body of Christ may complete their seminary education without the burden of significant debt.

#### **Galveston Urban Ministries**

galvestonurbanministries.org

Galveston Urban Ministries (GUM) is a Christian community development ministry transforming the North Broadway neighborhood in Galveston. They focus on teaching kids how to read, helping adult neighbors prepare to enter the work force, educating work groups from all over Texas and sharing the abundant love of Jesus!

#### **Faith in Practice**

faithinpractice.org

Faith In Practice works to improve the physical, spiritual, and economic conditions of people living in poverty in Guatemala through short-term surgical, medical, and dental mission trips and health-related education programs. The doctors, nurses, and dentists who volunteer on these missions are called by God to demonstrate the love and compassion that is an outward sign of God's presence among us.



SUNDAY, MAY 5

#### **Generation One**

generationone.net

Generation One, located in Houston's Third Ward, works to address educational, emotional, and spiritual development needs of children and families who experience generational poverty, high stress, and unstable homes. Programs include a year-around preschool for children ages 3-5, a tuition free after-school and summer program for youth K-8th grade, and programs to support families, including counseling, case management, and parenting classes. Generation One is developing an evidence-based framework of high-quality early childhood development that can be replicated in other low-income communities.

#### Gracewood

gracewood.org

Gracewood is a transitional housing and family care program for single mothers in crisis and their children. Their Family Assistance Program helps relieve extreme financial burdens for single mothers in residence while they work to meet critical employment and/or education and training goals that will permanently stabilize their families.

### **Faith Ministry**

#### faithministry.org

Faith Ministry aims to meet the basic physical needs of families living in poverty on the Mexican border and, in doing so, share the love of Jesus Christ. Through home construction, a medical clinic, food programs, child sponsorship, and skills training programs, it cares for the community and makes Christ's Name known.

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 12**

#### **His Grace Foundation**

#### hisgracefoundation.org

His Grace Foundation provides physical, emotional, and financial support to children receiving bone marrow transplants at Texas Children's Hospital, as well as critical support to patients' families during the 100-day post-transplant phase.

## **Home Encouragement**

#### homeencouragement.org

Home Encouragement strengthens marriages and encourages strong families in the Greater Houston area. They offer dinner dates for married couples, premarital training classes, as well as relationship coaching, marriage retreats, and other enrichment programs.

## **Far East Broadcasting Company**

#### febc.ora

Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) seeks to make Jesus known among the world's least reached people by sharing the Good News through various media. It broadcasts in 152 languages in 50 countries. For over 75 years, FEBC has been focusing on meeting the spiritual needs of their listeners and inspiring them to follow Jesus Christ.

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 19**

## **Hope and Healing Center**

#### hopeandhealingcenter.org

Hope and Healing Center is a comprehensive mental health resource serving the Greater Houston community and beyond. In an effort to remove barriers to accessing high quality mental healthcare, HHCl provides all services free of charge.

## **Hope for Youth**

#### hopeforyouth.org

Hope for Youth builds and maintains long-term Christian mentoring relationships with at-risk urban youth from shelters, various inner city neighborhoods, and housing projects around Houston. These programs center around Large Group Outreach, Small Group Discipleship, Camps and Retreats, and Summer Programs and are designed to open the doors of hope to youth in need of the compassionate leadership necessary to foster spiritual, academic, and social growth.

#### Free Wheelchair Mission

#### freewheelchairmission.org

Free Wheelchair Mission (FWM) takes wheelchairs to developing nations around the world where people with disabilities do not have access to mobility. FWM ministers to each recipient and shares the good news of Christ's call - that we are free in Him! Pray that lives would be transformed with each chair given as God meets needs in tangible ways.

Free Wheelchair Mission

## **SUNDAY, MAY 26**

#### **Houston Achievement Place**

#### hapkids.org

Houston Achievement Place's Project CLASS (Children Learning Appropriate Social Skills), helps children who are disadvantaged, underserved and from low-income families find success at school, home and in the community. Social skills curriculum targets children's behavior and learning readiness and is implemented in many Spring Branch ISD schools.

#### **Houston Food Bank**

#### houstonfoodbank.org

In collaboration with a network of more than 1,600 community partners including pantries, schools, and multi-service centers the HFB helps thousands of individuals each week through innovative programming and services. In 2023, the HFB provided 5 million meals to kids and teens through programs that address childhood hunger. As one of MDPC's strategic partners, the HFB supports many MDPC supported pantry programs, including the Fuente Food Pantry, as well as SBISD's Backpack Buddy Program, and the Food for Change program that produced the Eagle Pantry at Houston Community College's Spring Branch campus.

## **Frontier Fellowship**

#### frontierfellowship.com

God is at work in the world in unprecedented ways, and Frontier Fellowship (FF) is privileged to help churches join in what He is doing. FF works with congregations and individuals to help them understand God's passion for unreached peoples, what God is doing in the world, and how they can be involved. FF's goal is to see every ethnic group have its own church, reflecting its own cultural characteristics.

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 2**

## **Houston International Seafarers Ministry**

#### houstonseafarers.com

Houston International Seafarer chaplains minister to seafarers from around the world on ships that dock in the Ports of Houston, Barbours Cut, Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Bayport. Chaplains minister to the seafarers at these centers and through ship visits.

#### **Houston Welcomes Refugees**

houstonwelcomesrefugees.com

Houston Welcomes Refugees (HWR) mobilizes our city to welcome refugees with compassion, hope, and honor as they resettle and start a new life in Houston. By providing movein teams and welcome kits, HWR fosters hope amidst crisis and offers friendship for refugees coming to Houston.

## **Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia**

frontierfellowship.com/light-of-hope-ministryethiopia

Led by MDPC field worker Urgessa, Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia is bringing the Good



Houston Welcomes Refugees

News of God's love to the Arsi Oromo people, both in Ethiopia and North America. Its mission is carried out through a holistic approach, focusing on literacy, building village schools, church planting, Bible translation into local dialects, and the vision of establishing a Christian College to train teachers and nurses.

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

#### Interfaith Ministries of Houston - Meals on Wheels

imgh.org

The Interfaith Ministries' Meals on Wheels program provides fully prepared, nutritious meals and other assistance to at-risk seniors in Harris, Galveston, and surrounding counties each weekday to ensure seniors remain healthy and independent.

## **JoyRide Center**

joyridecenter.org

JoyRide helps people with different abilities find more joy in life through equine-assisted activities and therapies along with functional/life skills education. Programming includes hippotherapy, therapeutic riding and a Day Habilitation Program.

## **Living Water International**

water.cc

Living Water International exists to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, and experience "living water"—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst. Mission teams work in impoverished communities to provide a water well and hygiene education, and to share the love of Christ.

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

## **Missionary Partner: Justin Elder**

MDPC Field Partner Justin Elder has a call on his life to reach Muslims in Houston with the love of Jesus Christ. Through House Church Collective, he seeks to plant multiplying House Churches who believe that by reaching neighbors, they reach the nations.

#### Kids' Meals

kidsmealsinc.org

Kids' Meals works to end childhood hunger by delivering free, healthy meals, year-round to the doorsteps of Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children. Additionally, they connect families to more than 50 vital community organizations and resources to help them break out of the poverty cycle.

#### Lulwanda Children's Home

ugandaorphans.org

Grace International Children's Foundation addresses the urgent needs of children who have been abandoned or left orphaned by east Africa's AIDS epidemic by providing a loving home for them at Lulwanda Children's Home (LCH). MDPC teams have served at LCH where over 125 children receive holistic care including housing, meals, health care, and education all within a loving Christian environment. The onsite Lulwanda Primary School provides education to the children at LCH, as well as children in the community.



Lulwanda Children's Home

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

## **Knitting for Missions**

Contact Sue Phipps (sbphipps@comcast.net) to get involved.

Knitting for Missions is a group of dedicated women who meet weekly at MDPC to knit items for global and local outreach partners. Knitted dolls distributed by Faith in Practice to pediatric patients in Guatemala, sweaters for Small Steps Nurturing Center, hats and cowls for seafarers, hats for men at Open Door Mission, and caps and scarves for Houston's homeless and hurting women are just a few items created with loving hands and prayer. Prayer shawls are also created by this dedicated group and distributed through Caring Ministries.

#### **LIFE Houston**

lifehouston.org

Local Infant Formula for Emergencies (LIFE Houston) operates Houston's only food bank for babies. Their Food for Babies program gives emergency infant formula to families with babies up to 1 year of age, and fills the gap left with federal programing, to ensure that cost is not a barrier for families with limited income.

#### **Mission JUVEP**

harvest100fold.com

MDPC's Brazilian congregation partners with Mission JUVEP. It works to advance the Gospel in the semi-desert region of Northeast Brazil, known as the Sertão, where many towns are less than 2% Christian. For hundreds of years, the people groups of this region have been neglected and faced discrimination. Mission JUVEP teams and missionaries preach the Good News in the Sertão, build up disciples, and plant churches to continue to share the light of Christ.

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 30**

#### LifeHouse Houston

#### lifehousehouston.org

LifeHouse is a Christ-centered ministry ensuring life for unborn children by providing opportunities for housing, help, and hope for women during their pregnancies and beyond. Programming includes maternity housing, aftercare housing, LifeLine (their alumni program), counseling services and social work.

## **Loving Houston**

#### lovinghouston.net

Loving Houston is advancing community transformation throughout Greater Houston by helping churches serve local schools. They inspire and equip churches to build long-term relationships with local schools so that every child, parent, and teacher can experience Jesus' love in a tangible way.

#### Nueva Vida

#### nuevavidaguatemala.org

Nueva Vida is a multifaceted ministry serving children affected by disabilities and their families through comprehensive therapy services,



Nueva Vida

grade school education, and intentional community outreach and collaboration in Santa Maria de Jesus, Guatemala. These children of God are rarely accepted in the public school and public square, but can find a loving family at Nueva Vida, sharing hope, sharing Christ, and supporting each child to achieve their God-given potential.

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 7**

## **Magnificat Houses**

#### mhihouston.org

Magnificat House is a safe and welcoming faith-based community offering alternatives to life on the streets for men and women in Houston. They have 15 neighborhood homes, an emergency shelter for women, a soup kitchen, vocational training, and a Clubhouse day program for those with a mental health diagnosis.

## **Med Center Apartments - InSpirit Patient Housing**

#### inspirithousing.org

InSpirit Patient Housing, a coalition of Houston churches, provides comfortable, affordable apartments to people traveling to the Texas Medical Center for medical treatment. The apartments are leased and furnished by Houston-area churches, including MDPC, and made available to patients, and their family or friends traveling with them, at a very low cost. MDPC currently oversees seven fully furnished apartments that provide a home-away-from-home where volunteers greet new tenants, help them move in, check on and pray with them during their stay.

#### One For Israel

#### oneforisrael.org

One for Israel began as a Bible college in 1990 and has since expanded to a multi-faceted ministry with the express goal of reaching Israelis with the Good News of Jesus, training and equipping the Body of Christ in Israel, and blessing the community with Jesus' love. 99% of Israelis don't know Jesus as their Savior and One For Israel seeks to introduce Him to both Jews and Arabs and unite the community in Christ. Their Bible College, Israel College of the Bible, is the only Hebrew-speaking evangelical bible college in the world, building up the next generation of spiritual leaders.

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 14**

#### **Memorial Assistance Ministries**

#### mamhouston.org

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) offers emergency help for rental assistance and other crisis situations, as well as educational programs such as ESL, employment services, citizenship, counseling and application assistance for public benefits. MAM Resale is a thrift store benefiting the mission of MAM and is open Monday-Saturday. MAM is integral to establishing healthy, supportive communities in north and west Houston.



Memorial Assistance Ministries

## Mentoring - IMPACT at Spring Woods Middle School

Contact Stewart Kepper at sjkepperjr@gmail.com or Susan Weinert at swienert@sbcglobal.net for more information.

IMPACT is a mentoring ministry at Spring Woods Middle School in Spring Branch ISD. MDPC members volunteer for a one-year commitment to visit a student weekly during the lunch period, but often end up staying connected with their students for years to come. In addition to mentoring, IMPACT leaders support students with uniform, food and Christmas needs while also supporting teachers with meals and encouragement.

## Pars Theological Center

#### parstheology.org

Iran is hosting one of the fastest growing churches in the world today. With this comes a critical need for training faithful and effective leaders who would shepherd the Iranian church into maturity in Christ and act as agents of change in all the spheres of culture and society across the Persian-speaking world. PARS Theological Center is a London-based ministry that provides theological education, leadership development, and broad support to the underground Iranian church.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 21

#### Mission Centers of Houston

#### missioncenters.org

Mission Centers of Houston provides for the physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Magnolia Park and Near Northside communities, and works to eradicate the effects of multigenerational poverty and homelessness. Through ongoing relationships, age-graded programs and mission partnerships they change lives with the love, mercy, and grace of Jesus Christ.

#### **Mission Increase**

#### missionincrease.org

Mission Increase (MI) equips givers and Christian nonprofits to transform their communities together. MI's program teaches nonprofits to embrace and deploy a biblical approach to fundraising so that they more fully achieve their God-given missions and engage more of God's people in the work. Programming includes teaching, coaching, consulting and leveraging grant monies all with the goal of transforming lives through Christ.

## **Renewing Our Minds**

### forumlr.org/ROM.html

Renewing Our Minds seeks to reconcile people of different faiths and cultures in the Balkan region by studying the teachings of Jesus. Participants are chosen based on leadership potential, with the hope they will return to their home countries and impact their spheres of influence.

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 28**

#### Mission of Yahweh

### missionofyahweh.org

Mission of Yahweh (MOY) is a faith-based shelter that empowers, enriches and restores the lives of homeless women and children and provides outreach services to low-income communities. MOY is the only emergency (up to 90 days) and transitional shelter (up to 2 years) for homeless women and children in the greater Houston area offering a unique continuum of services.

## **Nabor House Community**

#### naborhousecommunity.org

Nabor House Community invests in the growth and development of children from low-income families by providing quality, affordable early childhood centers in a Christian environment, enabling parents to pursue employment or education.



Nabor House Community

#### The Antioch Partners

#### theantiochpartners.org

The Antioch Partners (TAP) was launched in 2007 by MDPC members and field partners, Rev. Andrew and Teri Adair, to equip and send cross-cultural servants into the world who demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways. TAP's goals are to see people become followers of Jesus and to foster the formation of worshipping communities among the unreached and least reached people of the world.

#### **SUNDAY. AUGUST 4**

#### Newspring

#### newspringcenter.org

NewSpring is a faith-based, community non-profit serving Houston students and their families through the tools of art, vocational and business mentoring to encourage, uplift and inspire historically under-served individuals to achieve a better life. Offerings includes the Visual Arts program, The College Launch Program, The Student Art Auction, Business Edge and the Flight 25 program for rising high school students.

## **Open Door Mission**

#### opendoorhouston.org

Open Door Mission is a faith and evidence-based recovery and rehabilitation facility dedicated to transforming the lives of men who are severely addicted, destitute, homeless, and disabled in our community. They work to repair lives and families, thus interrupting the cycle of abuse, poverty, and violence.

## The Micah Project

#### micahprojecthonduras.org

The Micah Project ministers to young men and boys who have spent anguished childhoods in impoverished homes or on the streets of Tegucigalpa. The "Micah boys" are provided a loving home and learn to become Christian leaders through discipleship, education, and service to others. The Micah Project supports these young men as they learn to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God." -Micah 6:8



The Micah Project

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#### **SUNDAY. AUGUST 11**

#### **Outreach Center of West Houston**

#### oc-wh.org

The Outreach Center of West Houston is a low- to no cost facility for local non-profit organizations. They serve a vital role in the community by providing an affordable home and gathering space to partners that provide life-changing and life-saving programs in west Houston. Cur-

rent MDPC partners implementing programming here include, Family Point Resources and Young Life Westside.

### Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy

parentprojectmd.org

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy serves the Duchenne community in the U.S. and around the world. They are committed to finding a long-term treatment and cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy through research funding, advocacy efforts, raising awareness, and annual conferences for parents, families, and medical professionals. Connect South Texas Family Camp brings local families with Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophies together for a weekend of connection and fun at Camp for All.

#### The Outreach Foundation

theoutreachfoundation.org

The Outreach Foundation is an independent Presbyterian global mission organization that connects congregations and people in the United States with church partners around the world in Christ-centered evangelistic mission. It seeks to build the capacity of the global church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by sending missionaries, building relationships, expanding mission support, and equipping their global partners.

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

## **Piney Point Elementary - Panther Pals Program**

Contact Judye Hart judyehart@gmail.com for more information.

MDPC partners with the children and staff at Piney Point Elementary School in support of student needs, teacher projects, staff appreciation events, outreach workdays at the school, field trips, classroom help, and more.

## **Prayers of the People**

popministry.org

Established in 1974 from MDPC, POP provides spiritual care and prayer for all faith traditions in the midst of crisis, disease and suffering. Over 135 Lay Chaplains visit patients in over 60 hospitals and healthcare settings across Houston and around the world.

## Youth With a Mission (YWAM) **Budapest**

ywambudapest.org

Youth With A Mission serves through evangelism, mercy ministries, and leadership and discipleship training. MDPC field partners Steve and Barbara Johnson created a coffee house that serves as an evangelism outreach tool — a place where music and good coffee help spark spiritual discussions. MDPC members are always welcome to visit when traveling through Budapest.



Youth With A Mission

#### **SUNDAY. AUGUST 25**

## **Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly**

moranch.org

Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly is a conference and retreat center, located on 500 acres along the Guadalupe River. Since 1949, Mo-Ranch has served as a sacred and transformative place for those who retreat to the Hill Country for worship, fellowship, relaxation and renewal.

### **Prestige Learning Institute**

prestigeinstitute.org

Prestige Learning Institute exists to glorify God by educating, equipping and ministering to immigrant and refugee families. This ministry is designed to meet the unique needs of our marginalized Muslim immigrant and refugee neighbors by empowering them to overcome social inequalities, while sharing the limitless love and resounding hope of God. Programming includes both Women and Men's ESL classes and after-school enrichment for kids.

## Missionary Partner: Couple Serving in the Middle East

This MDPC missionary couple supports communities of Arab, Persian and Turkish believers from a Muslim background. Through their Christian center in Tbilisi, Georgia, they disciple and equip maturing believers to be a light in their community of origin and shepherd Christcentered, biblically based, multiplying churches.

#### **SUNDAY. SEPTEMBER 1**

## **Prison Entrepreneurship Program**

pep.org

Prison Entrepreneurship Program (PEP) is a pioneer to innovative programs that connect the nation's top executives, entrepreneurs, and MBA students with convicted felons. Their entrepreneurship boot camp and re-entry programs are proven solutions for preventing recidivism, maximizing self-sufficiency and transforming broken lives.

## RaiseUp Families

raiseupfamilies.org



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## Missionary Partner: Dan McNerney

frontierfellowship.com

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MDPC Field Partner Rev. Dan McNerney works with Frontier Fellowship, which seeks to bring the Gospel to unreached people groups all over the world. His ministry includes teaching,

preaching, and mobilizing local churches on the principles of frontier mission. He has led MDPC members on mission in Egypt and other areas of the Middle East. Dan also leads friendship groups in Chicago, gathering Christians, Muslims, and Jews to dialogue on Kingdom life, reconciliation, and the teachings of Jesus.

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

#### **REACH Unlimited**

reachunlimited.org

REACH Unlimited provides support services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. With 22 group homes, an educational/relational day program, nursing care, and supported employment, they foster growth and independence so every individual has the opportunity to be all they were created to be.

## Salvation Army - Shelter Food and Meal Programs

salvationarmyhouston.org

The Salvation Army is an evangelical Christian ministry that operates shelters and transitional housing facilities, community care centers, disaster services, and programs for veterans. They provide nutritious meals for individuals who are homeless but sheltered at The Family Residence (shelter for families, young adults, single women and trafficking victims) and Center of Hope (emergency shelter/recovery program for single men). In addition, they operate food pantries at local community care centers.



Salvation Army

## Missionary Partner: Family Serving in Jordan

MDPC Field Partners C and J have lived in the Middle East for over 10 years where their goal is to mobilize disciple-making movements within the communities that they live and work. Pray for C, J, their three children, and their team to be strengthened by God as they seek opportunities to share their faith in Jesus while building relationships with their neighbors, co-workers, and those placed in their path.

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

#### Santa Maria Hostel

santamariahostel.org

Santa Maria Hostel is one of Texas' largest multi-site residential and outpatient substance use disorder treatment centers for women, and one of a very few to offer a full continuum of services for women who are pregnant or parenting. By providing a safe, home environment, they allow mothers to stay with their young children while receiving care and treatment. Santa Maria Hostel partners with more than 130 community based organizations to provide a full spectrum of care and support to women in recovery.

## **SEARCH - House of Tiny Treasures**

searchhomeless.org

The House of Tiny Treasures is a preschool for SEARCH Homeless Services that serves children ages 2 to 5, whose families are homeless, at risk of homelessness or living in deep poverty. They offer full-day, year-round program for families. While the children are being cared for, parents are able to focus on getting back on their feet and regaining a stable, self-sufficient life for their family.

## Missionary Partner: Family Serving in Saudi Arabia



This family lives in Saudi Arabia where they seek

to introduce college age students to Jesus and build intentional relationships. Through teaching at a university and leading workshops and webinars, they have the opportunity to meet college students as well as their friends and families. Pray that the students they disciple will be a light in their country and will influence their society as they become leaders.

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

#### Senior Rides and More

seniorridesandmore.org

Senior Rides and More is a faith- based nonprofit whose mission is to promote senior independent living, health, and safety by providing free transportation and other services to the frail and elderly in our communities. Senior Rides and More accomplishes its mission by organizing volunteers to provide one-on-one individualized services, especially free transportation to doctors and clinics, to grocery shop, to pick up prescriptions and to accomplish other transportation-dependent needs.

## **Small Steps Nurturing Center**

ssnc.org

Small Steps Nurturing Center is an exemplary early childhood program that fosters the social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth of children from low-income families in a nurturing Christian environment. With locations in Houston's Fifth Ward and Sharpstown/Gulfton areas, they provide high-quality education, transportation, nutritious meals, and social and emotional therapy to economically at-risk children.

## Missionary Partner: Family Serving in SE Asia

MDPC Field Partner Dr. M and his family show God's compassion to the unreached by meeting physical needs through dental health. Dr. M practices and teaches dentistry while sharing the Good News of Jesus with tribes living in abject poverty in Southeast Asia. There, the 98% Muslim population has the least amount of dental care in the world.

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

## **Spring Branch Community Health Center**

sbchc.net

Spring Branch Community Health Center provides high quality, comprehensive health services for low-income, uninsured and medically underserved patients in West Houston, Katy and Cypress. Services include behavioral health, dentistry, family medicine, laboratory, pediatric services, prenatal and postpartum care, telemedicine, women's health and housing support.

## **SpringSpirit**

springspirit.org

SpringSpirit provides safe pathways for underserved youth to realize life opportunities through sports, education and mentoring programs that are based on Christian principles. They offer a variety of recreational and competitive sport opportunities, reading intervention and large and small group bible teaching.

## **Missionary Partner: Jeff Burns**

MDPC Field Partner Jeff Burns has a call on his life to reach North American Muslims with the love of Jesus Christ. He and his family live near

Wilmington, North Carolina, where Jeff teaches



SpringSpirit

Christians ways to reach out in friendship to Muslims in peaceful, respectful witness. He has trained Presbyterian Church members in the U.S. and around the world.

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

## Star of Hope

sohmission.org

Star of Hope is a Christ-centered community dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women, and their children. In addition to housing, food and clothing, positive life changes are encouraged through structured programs that focus on spiritual growth, education, career/workforce development, life management, counseling, computer training, mental and physical health, and recovery from substance abuse. Operations include a men's facility near downtown Houston, and the Cornerstone Community, for women and children on Reed Road.

## **Steiger International**

steiger.org

Steiger is a rapidly-growing, worldwide mission organization that is called to engage and disciple the unchurched global youth of today. Steiger is targeting Houston as a strategic US city with opportunities for our volunteers to train and serve with them to reach young adults in Houston with the Gospel.

## Missionary Partner: Kim Zovak

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Kim equips high-level Kingdom leaders to multiply movements of the gospel and mobilizes the church for mission in less reached and less resourced parts of the world, particularly in Asia. Through her strategic mentoring, training, and coaching, she helps missionaries and national leaders develop their personal and professional capacities to serve God, and to intentionally multiply themselves by developing more leaders to do the same.

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

## **Stoney Creek Ranch**

stoneycreekranch.org

Stoney Creek Ranch is a Christian Camp, located in New Ulm, dedicated to serving urban youth. They serve young people in ways that will allow them to come to know Christ, His role in their lives and to develop an authentic personal relationship with Him. They work with organizations that target urban youth, who rarely experience the beauty of God's creation through a life-changing camping adventure in the great outdoors.

#### **Street Grace**

streetgrace.org

Street Grace is a faith-based organization that utilizes evidence-based demand reduction strategies to eradicate the commercial sexual exploitation of children through prevention/protection, policy and pursuit. Street Grace is collaborating with faith, business and community leaders providing a comprehensive path to end domestic minor sex trafficking in Atlanta, Houston and throughout the United States.

## Missionary Partner: Kristin Huffman

frontierfellowship.com

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Kristin Huffman serves with Frontier Fellowship, engaging in ministry to reach the unreached. She focuses on mobilizing congregations in mission, exploring diaspora ministry opportunities, working with global and local partners and serving with the Frontier Fellowship communications team.

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20**

#### The Beacon

beaconhomeless.org

The Beacon serves Houston's homeless community through daily services, civil legal aid, counseling and mentoring and access to housing. They provide essential and next-step services with programming including The Day Center, Brigid's Hope, Beacon Law, COMPASS and The Way Home.

#### The FORGE For Families

forgeforfamilies.org

The Forge for Families fosters a fun, Christ-cen-



The Beacon

tered environment through strategic investment and collaboration, to help families in Houston's Third Ward grow educationally, economically, and spiritually. Programs include after school enrichment, mentoring, summer day camp, athletic discipleship, family life and parent enrichment nights.

## **Missionary Partner: Kristin Jones**

MDPC Field Partner Kristin Jones is building relationships for the Kingdom and sharing the Gospel within the Bangladeshi community in New York City. After ten years living overseas in the Bengal region, she is fluent in Bengali and understands the culture. This allows her the opportunity to significantly impact Bangladeshis' lives as they adjust to America and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

#### The Gathering of Men

houstongathering.org

The Gathering of Men brings disciples to maturity in Jesus Christ through outreach and service. Formats for gathering include small groups and large outreach breakfasts.

## The Get Together

thegettogether.org

The Get Together is an open network of businesspeople who gather over lunch to collaboratively use their business expertise, resources, and networks to meet significant needs of local, Christ-centered nonprofits.

## Missionary Partner: The Adair Family

theantiochpartners.org

Rev. Andrew and Teri Adair launched The Antioch Partners (TAP), a missionary-sending agency, in 2007 to train and equip cross-cultural servants, and send them into the world to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in tangible



The Get Together

ways. TAP's goals are to see people become followers of Jesus and to foster the formation of worshipping communities among the unreached and least-reached people groups throughout the world.

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

## The Landing

thelanding.org

The Landing serves survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Offerings includes the Outreach Program, where survivors are met on the street, in court or online; the Drop In Center, where survivors access basic needs including food, clothing and a resting room; and the Youth Advocacy Program, which provides 24/7 and crisis support for trafficked children and youth.

#### The Rose

therose.org

The Rose saves lives through quality breast health services, advocacy and access to care for all, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. The Rose offers same-day diagnosis, on-site physi-

cians dedicated to breast health care, advanced digital technology, and collaboration with the best medical organizations in Texas.

## Missionary Partner: The Hall Family

send.org

MDPC Field Partners Steven and Natalie Hall serve with SEND International. Their strategic partnership ministry helps bring gospel transformation to unreached people groups throughout the world. The Hall's ministry spreads the light of Jesus into dark places to bring hope and healing.

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

## Theology by the Pint

theologybythepint.org

Theology by the Pint invites believers and the spiritually curious to explore big questions of life and faith. They host monthly events that gather people from all worldviews together to talk about the interesting and often controversial topics around Christian Theology, Philosophy, Faith, and Culture. By offering a diversity of perspectives, they can showcase Christian charity in disagreement over non-essential views and a united voice telling people who might be otherwise disillusioned by the church,



Theology by the Pint

the hope and peace that comes from knowing and following Christ.

## Missionary Partner: The Johnson Family

ywambudapest.org

MDPC Field Partners Steve and Barbara Johnson serve in Budapest, Hungary, through Youth With a Mission. The Johnsons operate a coffee house that serves as an evangelism center, reaching out to the Budapest community with music and conversation that sparks spiritual discussion. They also lead a discipleship training school and have formed a mercy ministries team that shares the love of Jesus with people that are homeless and refugee families.

## **African Enterprise**

africanenterprise.org

African Enterprise (AE) is a global partnership that focuses on proclaiming the Gospel to the residents of Africa's major cities, making a special effort to reach the continent's leaders, since Godly governance can result in major transformations of whole countries. AE has played a pivotal role in Africa for the past 60 years by bringing peace and reconciliation during conflict, introducing hundreds of thousands of people to church, training pastors, and providing vulnerable people with new life opportunities through apprenticeship programs.

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

## **Together At Mikey's Place**

together-mp.net

Together at Mikey's Place provides a long-term solution for young adults with disabilities confronted with a lack of meaningful opportunities after high school. Participants receive vocational training, dignified work, and purpose in a supportive environment. The artisans of Together at Mikey's Place have their workshop at MDPC.

## Missionary Partner: Urgessa Biru

frontierfellowship.com

MDPC Field Partner Urgessa works and serves in Ethiopia as the founder of Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia (LOHME). The vision of LOHME is to bring the Good News of God's love to the Arsi Oromo people, both in Ethiopia and in North America. LOHME carries out their mission through building village schools, church planting, Bible translation into local dialects, and the vision of establishing a Christian College to train teachers and nurses.

#### Berea Bible Institute

This small Bible college began as one family's dream to educate young leaders in Scripture and prepare future ministers to serve God in areas of great need in Mexico. Students are ingrained with a love for serving and for teaching their communities to reach out in service to their neighbors. Each year, graduates are sent into remote parts of Mexico where they lead churches and teach the sacrificial love of Christ through the way they live.

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

## **Tutoring - HUG program at Housman Elementary**

Contact Laura Bushong (Irbushong@att.net) for more information.

HUG volunteers provide one-on-one tutorial help to at-risk second grade students at Housman Elementary School in Spring Branch ISD. Volunteers also help teachers and staff, host appreciation events, and provide additional support for families in need.

#### The Antioch Partners

theantiochpartners.org

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The Antioch Partners

## **Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo**

etsc.org

Almost all the leaders of the Evangelical Church in Egypt have graduated from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (ETSC). The most exciting aspect of the seminary is how it equips students to witness to the Gospel of Jesus in and beyond Egypt amid political and cultural transitions, especially throughout the Middle East and Arabic-speaking world. Pray for the Body of Christ in Egypt, and for ETSC's leadership and the students as they share the love of Jesus.

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1**

#### **Urban Outreach**

urbanoutreachinc.org

Urban Outreach is a Christian apartment ministry with onsite locations at apartments in Spring Branch, Aldine, Alief, Gulfton, East-side, and Northside neighborhoods. They offer programs that address spiritual, physical, and social needs to help strengthen and preserve inner-city families. Offerings include the Christian Summer Camping Program, Character Development in Schools Program and area wide Summer Soccer Camps.



Urban Outreach

#### **Faith in Practice**

faithinpractice.org

Faith In Practice works to improve the physical, spiritual, and economic conditions of people living in poverty in Guatemala through short-term surgical, medical, and dental mission trips and health-related education programs. The doctors, nurses, and dentists who volunteer on these missions are called by God to demonstrate the love and compassion that is an outward sign of God's presence among us.

## **Faith Ministry**

faithministry.org

Faith Ministry aims to meet the basic physical needs of families living in poverty on the Mexican border and, in doing so, share the love of Jesus Christ. Through home construction, a medical clinic, food programs, child sponsorship, and skills training programs, it cares for the community and makes Christ's Name known.

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

#### Vita Living

vitaliving.org

Vita Living offers life-long services and support for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They offer residential programing at 18 group homes; a day program that offers residents an opportunity to engage in educational and social activities; and case management services including effective educational plans, lifelong homes, valuable therapies and adaptive aids.

### **Far East Broadcasting Company**

febc.org

Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) seeks to make Jesus known among the world's least reached people by sharing the Good News through various media. It broadcasts in 152 languages in 50 countries. For over 75 years, FEBC has been focusing on meeting the spiritual needs of their listeners and inspiring them to follow Jesus Christ.

#### Free Wheelchair Mission

freewheelchairmission.org

Free Wheelchair Mission (FWM) takes wheelchairs to developing nations around the world where people with disabilities do not have access to mobility. FWM ministers to each recipient and shares the good news of Christ's call - that we are free in Him! Pray that lives would be transformed with each chair given as God meets needs in tangible ways.

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

#### WorkFaith

workfaith.org

WorkFaith provides faith-based training and coaching for anyone who desires long-term employment. Their Christ-centered values, paired with a highly structured program, help students increase their value and the confidence necessary for a successful transition back into the workforce.

#### **Frontier Fellowship**

frontierfellowship.com

God is at work in the world in unprecedented ways, and Frontier Fellowship (FF) is privileged to



WorkFaith

help churches join in what He is doing. FF works with congregations and individuals to help them understand God's passion for unreached peoples, what God is doing in the world, and how they can be involved. FF's goal is to see every ethnic group have its own church, reflecting its own cultural characteristics.

## **Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia**

frontierfellowship.com/light-of-hope-ministry-ethiopia

Led by MDPC field worker Urgessa, Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia is bringing the Good News of God's love to the Arsi Oromo people, both in Ethiopia and North America. Its mission is carried out through a holistic approach, focusing on literacy, building village schools, church planting, Bible translation into local dialects, and the vision of establishing a Christian College to train teachers and nurses.

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

#### Yellowstone Academy

yellowstoneacademy.org

Yellowstone Academy offers an academically rigorous Christian education to children living in Houston's Third Ward. Academic excellence, spiritual growth and student support including social services, meals and transportation help students achieve their highest potential and fulfill their intended purpose.

#### **Living Water International**

water.cc

Living Water International exists to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities

Yellowstone Book Fair

Yellowstone Academy

acquire desperately needed clean water, and experience "living water"—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst. Mission teams work in impoverished communities to provide a water well and hygiene education, and to share the love of Christ.

#### Lulwanda Children's Home

ugandaorphans.org

Grace International Children's Foundation addresses the urgent needs of children who have been abandoned or left orphaned by east Africa's AIDS epidemic by providing a loving home for them at Lulwanda Children's Home (LCH). MDPC teams have served at LCH where over 125 children receive holistic care including housing, meals, health care, and education all within a loving Christian environment. The on-site Lulwanda Primary School provides education to the children at LCH, as well as children in the community.

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

## Young Life of Greater Houston

#### houstoregion.younglife.org

Operating on middle and high school campuses, Young Life introduces adolescents to Jesus Christ and helps them grow in their faith. Young Life's Urban Program has expanded to include chapters that minister specifically to unwed mothers, college students and students and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Developing Future Leaders (DFL) initiative is a comprehensive two-year leadership training program designed to recruit, train and deploy qualified Latino and African American Young Life staff throughout Greater Houston.

#### **Mission JUVEP**

#### harvest100fold.com

MDPC's Brazilian congregation partners with Mission JUVEP. It works to advance the Gospel in the semi-desert region of Northeast Brazil, known as the Sertão, where many towns are less than 2% Christian. For hundreds of years, the people groups of this region have been neglected and faced discrimination. Mission JUVEP teams and missionaries preach the Good News in the Sertão, build up disciples, and plant churches to continue to share the light of Christ.

#### Nueva Vida

### nuevavidaguatemala.org

Nueva Vida is a multifaceted ministry serving children affected by disabilities and their families through comprehensive therapy services, grade school education, and intentional community outreach and collaboration in Santa Maria de Jesus, Guatemala. These children of God are rarely accepted in the public school and public square, but can find a loving family at Nueva Vida, sharing hope, sharing Christ, and supporting each child to achieve their God-given potential.



Nueva Vida

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