

# MOUNT VERNON *on* MISSION

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## You'll be my witnesses...

In Acts 1:8, Jesus calls us to be His witnesses-near and far, in both word and action. This April, we have two powerful opportunities to live out this calling. Whether it's providing disaster relief to those affected by Hurricane Helene in Damascus, VA, or serving a community through Missions Saturday, we are stepping out in faith to show God's love in tangible ways. As we serve, may we be bold in sharing His hope, compassionate in our actions, and faithful in answering His call to go. Keep reading to find out how God is working in & through Mount Vernon and how you can be involved.

## Upcoming **MISSION** Opportunities



### Hurricane Helene Relief [mountvernon.church/missions](http://mountvernon.church/missions)

Our team of five will join the paint crew, helping to paint homes that have already been repaired. The weeklong effort will be lead by Elise & Sherwood Stroble. Please pray for safe travels and protection for the team as they serve. Pray that in every conversation and act of service, they would reflect Christ's love and live out the call of "You will be my witnesses."



### Saturday, April 26 Info & Registration [mountvernon.church/missions](http://mountvernon.church/missions)

**Rebuilding Together • 8am-5pm**  
Assist a homeowner with outdoor repairs & maintenance. Ages 11 & up.  
**Serving in Jesus' Name • 9am-12pm**  
Projects to benefit Kenyan orphans & impoverished school children.  
**Sign up is FULL for this option.**



### Saturday, May 10 5:30pm-8pm • Fellowship Hall Info & RSVP [mountvernon.church/events](http://mountvernon.church/events)

Bring & Share meal - Bring a dish from your home country to share with everyone else  
Music by Grace Notes  
Wear clothes representing your home country.  
Theme: The Church as the Body of Christ.  
Everyone is invited.

## MISSION *on* Partner Spotlight



### Serving in Jesus' Name Ministry [mountvernon.church/missions](http://mountvernon.church/missions)

Serving in Jesus' Name started in 2016 with the goal of sharing the love and Word of God with children in Kenya. Today, our Kenyan network includes 70 orphanages & schools which have 29,000 children. Our outreach includes distributing Bibles & other Scriptural materials, painting Scripture on buildings, establishing Bible clubs, and sharing the Gospel during every visit. Through our partnership with Child Evangelism Fellowship, we introduced the first Bible clubs to the Western Region of Kenya. Thank you for your incredible support of the recent Bible collection - thanks to your generosity these Bibles will be added to the 25,000 that have already been shipped to Kenya.

## MISSION *on* NARY of the Month

### Jerry & Kathy Parker

#### Retired IMB- Colombia, Middle East & Europe

##### What moment from the field most shaped your faith and ministry?

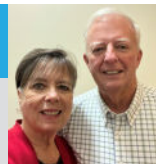
Serving as church planters in Bogota, Colombia deeply shaped our faith. From language school in Costa Rica to life in Colombia, we saw God at work in every step. Our kids grew in faith alongside us and quickly became fluent in Spanish-often better than us! It was a season of growth, challenge, and joy.

##### How did serving others strengthen your walk with God?

While in Bogota, we saw neighborhood women attend craft classes that led to Bible study groups-their faith grew, and so did ours! Later, serving in Member Care across the Middle East and Europe, we witnessed God's faithfulness as He protected and provided for workers in hard places. Though we didn't speak all the languages, His love and presence always connected us. Encouraging others deepened our trust in His direction and strengthened our walk with Him.

##### What does living the Great Commission look like now?

Though no longer on the mission field, we continue to follow God's lead. Jerry now serves as Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care and Kathy stays active with decorating for church events, serving in Children's Ministry and co-leading Wednesday morning Bible Study. Our mission to love, encourage, and share Christ remains unchanged.



**MOUNT VERNON *on* MISSION**  
**Prayer**

**Disaster Relief Trip  
And  
Missions Saturday**

**Wednesdays • 4pm-5pm • M106**  
Praying for missions & ministries of the church.  
Everyone is welcome.