

MOUNT VERNON *on* MISSION



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You'll be my witnesses...

Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth." As we step into November, our hearts turn toward *serving & sharing*. From filling Christmas Dinner Bags for our Food Pantry to collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, this month is filled with ways to show Christ's love in tangible ways. We're also spotlighting our community partner, **Northside Outreach Center (NOC)**, as they bring hope & transformation to families in Richmond's Highland Park neighborhood. Keep reading to see how you can pray, give, and go - joining together as witnesses of God's love in our neighborhoods and beyond.

Upcoming MISSION Opportunities



International Gathering

Fun, Fellowship & Community

International Gathering
Saturday • November 8 • 5:30pm-8pm
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This special evening is a time to celebrate the beauty of cultures from around the world. We invite you to bring a dish to share from your home country and, if you'd like, wear attire that represents your heritage. It will be a night of fellowship, food, & fun as we come together as one church family while honoring the diversity God has created. Don't miss this chance to share a taste of home and enjoy the richness of our international community!



Christmas Dinner Bags
Missions Outreach for Food Pantry
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Help us bless local families this Christmas! A tree in the church lobby will be decorated with tags listing food items for Christmas Dinner Bags. Simply take a tag, purchase the item, and return donations by December 14. Let's share the love of Christ and make this season brighter for our community.



Collection Week

Sunday, November 16-Monday, November 24

Operation Christmas Child
Collection Week
November 17-24
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It's almost time for one of our favorite outreach traditions-**Operation Christmas Child Collection Week**! From **November 17-24**, we'll be receiving shoeboxes packed with gifts and prayers that will travel around the world to share the love of Jesus with children in need. Volunteers are needed throughout the week to help welcome donors, pack cartons, and load the truck for shipment. Let's make every box a blessing!

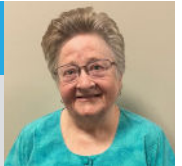
MISSION Partner Spotlight



Northside Outreach Center (NOC) is an on the ground non-profit organization located in Richmond's Highland Park neighborhood. NOC is compelled by the love of God and the compassion of Christ to help others. NOC unites those working in the community to bring positive and lasting change to the Highland Park area. This is done through dynamic partnerships. NOC provides tutoring, mentoring, intentional discipleship and community outreach programs. NOC's goal is to meet the holistic needs of those they serve.

MISSIONARY of the Month

Winnie Minear
Former Missionary to Honduras



What initially led you to serve in Honduras, and how did you sense God calling you there?

In 1978, during a mission conference at my church, God used Revelation 5:9-"Worthy are You... for You were slain, and purchased for God with your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation" - to stir my heart for missions. I sensed He was asking if I was willing to go wherever He wanted. I said yes and later trained with Practical Missionary Training, serving summers in Guatemala and Honduras. In 1984 I moved to Honduras full-time to teach and serve with CAM International.

What was one of the biggest challenges you faced during your service, and how did you see God's faithfulness through it?

One of my biggest challenges in Honduras was adjusting to a culture very different from my own. I often made cultural "goofs", but God gave me His love for the Honduran people, and they graciously accepted me. Over time, the cultural barriers faded, and I saw God's faithfulness as genuine relationships grew - I truly felt at home there.

How did your time in Honduras shape your view of missions & God's heart for the nations?

Serving alongside Honduran believers showed me that God's plan is for every nation to reach their own people. I learned the importance of empowering local Christians to continue the ministry rather than depend on missionaries. God's heart is for all believers to work together to share His love and truth with the world.

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Prayer

OCC Collection Week in November
Pray for God's provision for our
Food Pantry Recipients amid increased need.

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