

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." reminds us that our witness is often found in simple acts of love and care. Through our Food Pantry, the generosity of ABF classes, our pregnancy center partnerships, and a missionary story from the field, we see God working through His people. As we prepare for **Sanctity of Life Sunday on January 18**, we give thanks for the opportunity to support and celebrate the value of every life. *Together-through praying, giving, and serving* - our church family is sharing the hope of Christ both globally and right here in our community.

MISSION Partner Spotlight



Bloom by The Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond is committed to providing compassionate care to women & men unprepared for pregnancy by offering resources & practical assistance for life-affirming choices. Their intervention services include options of counseling & professional medical services, offering alternatives to abortion which affirm the lives of women, men, & their pre-born babies. The Seeds of Success (SOS) program helps expecting parents navigate the journey of parenthood by providing emotional, spiritual, & material support through parenting classes & moms support groups.

From November 2024-October 2025, Bloom had **2,254** total visits offering **437** free ultrasounds. **95** moms who were at risk for abortion changed their hearts and felt empowered to carry to birth & parent their child after receiving their services.

1603 Santa Rosa, Suite 202 • bloomrichmond.org

Upcoming MISSION Opportunities



Christmas Dinner Bags Missions Outreach for Food Pantry

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Thanks to the generosity of our church family, Christmas dinner bags brought joy & practical help to many this season. **36** families received bags, along with **8** additional families served through our Benevolence Ministry.

Each bag included a \$40 grocery gift card, dinner essentials, and a small gift with a card from our church, reminding each family they are seen, loved & supported. Through these simple yet meaningful gifts, families were able to enjoy a warm meal & feel the care of their church community during the holiday season.

MOUNT VERNON *on* MISSION ABF Mission Activities

ABF Christmas Outreach Highlights

During the Christmas season, **ABF** classes joined together to share Christ's love through Christmas outreach. Here are two examples of the many ways our church family blessed others during the holidays.

The **Faith ABF** adopted a Spanish-speaking mother & her seven children, providing a true Christmas blessing. The family received clothing, toys, & even a Christmas tree with decorations - with funds remaining to meet additional needs.

The **Journey ABF** assisted two families in need, gave to Send Relief to purchase farm animals through global mission efforts.

These acts of generosity are a powerful reminder that when God's people come together, hope is multiplied.

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East End Pregnancy Center (EEPC) is a Christ-centered, nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the unborn & promoting life affirming choices by providing counseling for those facing crisis pregnancies, abuse of any kind & post abortion trauma. They strive to faithfully share the gospel with every client offering hope, healing & love to hurting women through God's word. Because of faithful support, lives were touched-and lives were saved- in 2025.

EEPC served **668** patients through compassionate, no-cost care, offering medical services & vital support during critical seasons of life.

Through loving, holistic care, **86** babies were given the chance to live as their mothers courageously chose life. In addition, thousands of essential items were provided to families in need.

Every appointment was more than a number - it was a moment of *hope, dignity, and transformation*.

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MISSION NARY of the Month



Kari Stanley IMB Nurse Missionary in Tanzania

Kari Stanley is from Virginia Beach and serves with the IMB. Here is a recent story she shared from the field...

One morning, God nudged me to bring a Bible in the Kirundi (Burundi) language. I argued a little bit about carrying the extra weight, but God's persistence won out. It was for His good purpose because at one house, several young adults were from Burundi and able to communicate with only minimal Swahili. One person on our team was able to speak a near language to theirs, and because of God's nudging they were able to read about God's love for them in their own language. Four young men in that household gave their lives to Christ that day and now have the promise of eternal life. Meanwhile that same morning, at another house, three women were also saved. We continue to visit them, invite them to a church in a nearby village, and have plans to start up a discipleship class. Pray that the local leadership would allow us to utilize one of their primary school classrooms to meet in as we continue with Bible Studies for these new believers and others who are seeking to know God. Please pray especially for Ibrahimu and Masudi to have renewed passion, vision, and consistency to go weekly. These are our two main evangelists/teachers who have committed their time and efforts to see Kigalye know and love the Lord.

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Prayer

Sanctity of Life Sunday
January 18

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