

MOUNT VERNON *on* MISSION



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You'll be my witnesses...

As summer winds down, the opportunities to be Christ's witnesses continue to grow. This month, we celebrate the seeds planted through our VBS/VBX Missions Offering, the faith bracelets and encouragement cards our children created for children in Brazil. August also reminds us that everyday moments can become mission opportunities. Whether you're taking advantage of back-to-school sales to pack a OCC shoebox, or encouraging new IMB missionaries. Thank you for being a church that prays, gives, serves, and goes. Together let's continue sharing the hope of Christ - across the street & around the world.

MISSION Emphasis



School Supply Sales = Shoebox Blessings

Back-to-school sales are here, making **August the perfect time** to stock up on school supplies for your **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes! Packing your shoeboxes early this year? We've got you covered! We have empty shoeboxes available if you'd like to start packing early. Just let **Annette Miller** or **Paige Smith** know how many you need.

Start shopping now, pack with purpose, and help to share the love of Jesus with children around the world- **one shoebox at a time!**

MISSION Reflections

VBS/VBX Missions Offering

Our VBS/VBX Missions Offering was collected each day in Worship Rally (1st-6th grade) & in the classrooms (Kindergarten & younger).

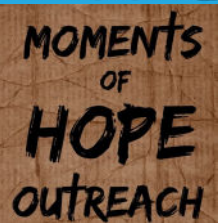
This year the offering collected will benefit Mount Vernon Mission Partners in Brazil, in cooperation with Mount Vernon's two mission trips to Brazil this summer. We encouraged the kids to complete chores at home to help earn money to bring as offering. For added fun, we kept track of how much money was brought in by boys vs girls for 1st-6th grade. The winner of the boys vs girls challenge was announced at Worship Rally on Friday.

And the winner is **boys!**

Offering total was \$4,070.66

In addition to giving financially, our VBS/VBX (1st-6th) students also participated in hands on missions by creating faith bead bracelets - one for themselves and one for a child in Brazil. Our Jr. VBS students colored encouraging "Deus Te Ama" (God Loves You) cards for our August Brazil team to distribute.

MISSION Partner Spotlight



Moments of Hope mountvernon.church/missions

Moments of Hope operates a homeless outreach & food pantry. They provide emergency shelter to our homeless neighbors, and hosts weekly community outreach lunch, rain or shine with mobile pantry, health screenings, bike shops, clothing ministry, homeless services, and prayer.

They serve Hanover & Henrico counties, and Richmond north of The James River.

Interested in this ministry?

Check out momentsofhopeoutreach.org

MISSION NARY of the Month

IMB Missionary Outreach Opportunity

This August, Mount Vernon has the privilege of partnering with the **International Mission Board (IMB)** as new missionaries complete part of their stateside training right here in our community.

We're looking for Mount Vernon Outreach Encouragers to accompany these missionaries as they engage our neighbors in gospel conversations.

This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage new missionaries, build relationships, and learn practical ways to share your faith.

Volunteer Dates

August 26 & 27 • 2pm-5:30pm

August 29 • approximately 3 hrs (morning or afternoon: TBD)

Whether you serve one day or all three, we'd love to have you!

Contact Pastor Gary Robertson, Associate Pastor for Missions & Evangelism (grobertson@mountvernon.church)

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Prayer

Porto Alegre Brazil Mission Team
July 31-August 9
Members on Mission • Summer 2026

Tuesdays • 3:30PM-4:30PM • M106
Praying for missions & ministries of the church.
Everyone is welcome.