

MOUNT VERNON *on* MISSION

You'll be my witnesses...

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This month, we're celebrating the many ways God is using Mount Vernon to make an impact **across the street and round the world!** From looking ahead to our OCC shoebox season and serving our neighbors alongside the Northside Outreach Center, to partnering with Send Relief and celebrating the many Mount Vernon members carrying the gospel to the nations, there are so many ways to be part of God's mission. As you read this month's newsletter, we hope you'll be encouraged to **pray, give, serve, and ask God how He might use YOU to be His witness right where He has placed you.**

MISSION *on* Emphasis



**Small Box.
Big Mission.**

A shoebox may seem like a simple gift, but God can use it to make an eternal difference. Toys, school supplies, & personal items bring joy to a child, while the Gospel brings hope that lasts forever. Through Operation Christmas Child (OCC), **you can be an international missionary without ever leaving Virginia!** Your shoebox can travel thousands of miles, cross cultures and languages, and open the door for a child to hear about Jesus. So pack a box. Pray over it. Give generously.

What goes into the box is fun - but what comes out is eternal!

Packing early? We have shoeboxes ready for you!

MISSION *on* Reflections

Afterglow ABF Project with NOC

The Afterglow ABF routinely assists the Northside Outreach Center (NOC) with various needs & events they host for the Highland Park community. On August 21, they volunteered with NOC for one of their summertime *Takin' It to the Streets* events, which brought together community members for food, games, and fellowship. Throughout the year, MVBC and the Afterglow ABF assists them by donating food and working at their food pantry, donating items for their thrift store, participating in numerous ways with the Youth Impact Northside Outreach Center (YINOC), a youth development and workforce readiness program for local high school students, the Christmas Toy Drive, and various other programs and/or needs as they arise. The NOC is very thankful for the support we provide to their community.



MISSION *on* Partner Spotlight

SEND Relief

SendRelief is the Southern Baptists humanitarian organization that provided financial assistance to Baptist churches & missionaries to be used in diaster relief efforts in the United States & around the world.

Over the past few months there have been major earthquakes in South America, refugee needs in West Africa and most recently a devastating flood in northern Nepal. In each of these places, SendRelief has given critical assistance to be used by our missionaries & Baptist churches to meet an urgent need and to provide opportunities to share the gospel.

Mount Vernon has recently given \$15,000 to assist in some of these locations.

To give personally to SendRelief: sendrelief.org

MISSION *on* NARY of the Month

From Mount Vernon to the Nations



At this year's Ministry Fair, our Missions Ministry display gave us a beautiful picture of what it means to live out Jesus' words, "You'll be my witnesses..." The lines stretching from Mount Vernon across the map remind us that God has called people from our own church family to carry the gospel to places

near and far. Each photograph represents more than a location on a map-it represents people who said YES to God's call. From our community to countries around the world, Mount Vernon missionaries are serving, sharing Christ, building relationships, and making disciples.

This month, rather than highlighting just one missionary, we celebrate ALL of our Mount Vernon missionaries. As you look at the faces & places represented on our Ministry Fair map, take a moment to pray for those who have been sent out - and ask God how He might use you as His witness right where He has placed you.

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Prayer

VA Saints Softball Crusade in WV
Planning for future mission trips

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



Activities Calendar

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Every Month

- Food Pantry
 - Every Saturday 10am-11am
- Feeding the Hungry
 - 1st & 2nd Friday and 3rd Monday

September

- 6-20 Va State Missions Offering
- 12 Va Saints – Deerfield
- 25-27 Va Saints WVa Crusade - Beckley

October

- 10 Fall Festival
- 24 Mission Saturday
- 25 Operation Christmas Child begins

November

- 1 Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church
- 7 International Gathering
- 8 Diwali Prayer Emphasis
- 11-12,14 IMB new missionary evangelism
- 15-22 OCC Collection week

December

- Nov29-6 Week of Prayer for IMB Missions
- Nov 29-Jan 10 Lottie Moon IMB Emphasis
- TBD Charlotte OCC warehouse trip
- TBD Baltimore OCC warehouse trip

January

- 24 Sanctity of Human Life Day

February

- 18-20 IMB Missions College at MVBC
- 8-Mar 8 Ramadan Prayer Emphasis

March

- TBD Week of Prayer - Annie Armstrong offering
- TBD Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 28 Easter

June

- 5-13 Student Mission Trip – Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 21-25 Youth Camp

July

- 12-16 VBS
- 26-30 KampJAM