

Digging Faith Ditches: Across the World



Welcome to Faith Promise 2024

Faith Promise is our time to celebrate what God is doing both here in the South Bay and around the world through our partners, supported organizations and missionaries.

It's also our annual pledge drive where we ask church family to give above what they would normally give. This can be a one-time gift or a monthly commitment. It's one of our ways that we support The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20). This is a promise to God—a commitment between you and the Lord. Your Faith Promise commitment says that you believe:

- Missions are vital to accomplishing The Great Commission of the church and that the Gospel can change lives.
- · Giving, although important, is secondary to faith and praying.
- God will help you give the amount you have promised.

At Trinity Church, we believe that we are called to serve the world with passion and purpose because that is what Jesus did. The theme for this year is "Digging Faith Ditches Across the World". Three kings with three armies well-skilled at war were gathered to subdue Moab but there was a major problem... they ran out of water. They had no more water for themselves and the animals with them. They turned to the prophet Elisha who gave them this word from the Lord in 2 Kings 3:16-18. He said,

Thus says the Lord, 'Make this valley full of trenches.'

For thus says the Lord, 'You shall not see wind nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you shall drink, both you and your cattle and your beasts. This is but a slight thing in the sight of the Lord; He will also give the Moabites into your hand.'

What? Make this valley full of trenches? Remember they were hot, they were tired, they were thirsty, the ground was dry and hard and yet God tells them to dig ditches. They had to make a choice. Do we trust God by faith and do what He is saying even though it doesn't seem to make sense? Or do we do what we think is best? Thankfully they trusted God by faith. They dug ditches and the next morning water came flowing.

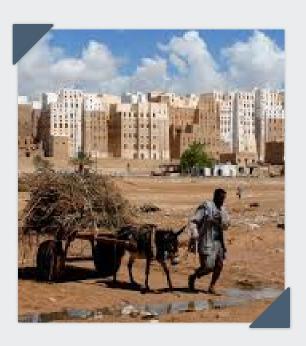
Often God will ask us to do something by faith <u>before</u> He answers our prayers. What is God asking you to do by faith?

This book is designed to be a prayer guide so you can pray for our partners and missionaries. We encourage you to use this as a way to get to know the people you have supported and to pray for them a few minutes each day as they serve Jesus and reach the lost and hurting.

Global Impact Team







Kamel and Badia Shalhoub

Middle East + North Africa

navigators.org

Kamel and Badia dig ditches by advancing the Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom through laborers and leaders living and discipling among the lost.

Missionary update

For the last couple of years my Regional Leadership Team (RLT) and I have been focusing on creating a culture of prayer and worship among all our laborers and staff as springboards for advancing a Missions culture. As Navigators, we are a mission organization, but the issue of creating a culture of mission until it becomes a household thing in our people is crucial for the further advance of the Gospel. This takes faith and Jesus will move in these Muslim countries!

- 1. Pray that Jesus will be made known in Lebanon, Iraq, Beirut, Turkey, Syria, Qatar, Dubai, Abu Dhabi, etc.
- 2. Pray for the leaders that the Lord will grant them stamina and perseverance.
- 3. Pray for the "demonstration of the Spirit and of power."







Rich and Jo Ann Davis



davis.abwe.org/news

Rich and Jo Ann dig ditches by mentoring and training church planters and also teaching seminary students at a local university.

Missionary update

They have gone back and forth because of the war between Russia and Ukraine. This year they had to make some faith decisions about their future believing what the Lord was asking them to do. In Mark a leper knew that Jesus could heal him but wondered if Jesus would heal him. Then Jesus says the words, "I AM WILLING." Jo Ann experienced a faith moment where she had been physically hurting and was not sure if they were supposed to return to Moldova and asked the Lord, "Are you willing?" He said yes "I AM WILLING" and helped make a way for her to go back. The next faith moment

came when they had to see if they were going to be able to teach at the university. Again Jesus said, "I AM WILLING" and made the way. Then a third faith moment came where they needed to see if they would be able to expand the Institute of Church Planting. Jesus answered "I AM WILLING" and they are moving forward once again. These are "ditch-digging" moments where they stepped out in faith first and God made the way.

- 1. Please pray for physical healing for Jo Ann.
- 2. Pray for Rich as he has gone back to school himself.
- 3. Pray for salvation for the people they are trying to reach.



John and Hortense Bullock

Bangladesh

aobbangladesh.org

John and Hortense are in their 90's and are still digging ditches in Bangladesh from their home in Georgia by training students remotely in Orthopedic Technician training.

Missionary update

Bangladesh is a land of surprises. Working at a Christian Hospital brings a lot of "faith" challenges because most of the doctors and surgeons are from other countries. There are always needs for nurses, short-term doctors, teachers and supervisors. When you think about digging a ditch, it's hard work but God always provides when we step out in faith.

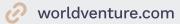
- 1. Pray for their health as they will both be 97 years old.
- 2. Pray that they introduce Jesus to their neighbors.
- 3. Pray for them to finish well as they know their time is short.





Eric and Beth Yodis





Eric and Beth work in the Kiev region to encourage and train leaders and pastors in regards to church planting.

Missionary update

Since the beginning of the war between Russia and Ukraine, there have been more than 20,000 children who have been abducted by Russia. Eric says, "we are fighting spiritual battles for the souls of Ukranians who have been terrorized the last year and a half." It requires a high level of faith to be able to minister or "dig ditches" during these times and trust that God will turn it to good and draw many to Himself.

- 1. Pray for more confessions of faith and baptisms in the churches they coach.
- 2. Pray for the repentance of Russia both corporately and individually.
- 3. Pray for scattered Ukrainians to take the Gospel to the uttermost parts of Europe, Canada, America and Japan.





The M Family



The M Family lead and oversee cross-cultural workers loving and serving Muslims in North Africa inviting them to follow Jesus.

Missionary update

Digging ditches in Muslim countries is one of the most challenging ministries that God can call someone to. It requires much faith to go out, start health initiatives and trust that God will use it to draw others to Him.

- 1. Pray for them as they have moved back to a city for the school year that they used to minister in.
- 2. Pray that they would maximize connection, impact and community.
- 3. Pray for their children to be tethered to the Father, to know the joy and intimacy of His presence, and to grow in trusting Him as the Good Shepherd.







Roger and Joanne Green





Roger works with Wycliffe as the scripture engagement coordinator in Thailand. Joanne teaches classes and disciples women and helps them grow closer to the Lord.

Joanne found out where she lived and visited her regularly praying for her each time she left. One time she brought a local pastor with her who shared the Good News with her and they prayed together. That is faith!

Missionary update

One of the ways Joanne digs ditches is through intentional prayers. When she first arrived in Thailand, she would go through a local market and ask God which vendor would be open to the Good News. As she walked down the rows, she would look at people's faces. Wanting to buy bananas, she chose one woman to buy bananas from. For months she would go buy bananas from Ula and pray for her continually. There was a period of time where she noticed that Ula was not there. A friend of Ula's told her that she was battling cancer.

- Ask God to bring healing and comfort to Joanne's friend Ula as she battles cancer. (Ula isn't her real name but God knows)
- 2. Pray for favor as they hold workshops and retreats and that the men and women would grow closer to Jesus.
- 3. Pray that God will bring peace between the military and militia groups.







Cathie Mompremier



Worldim.com #292

Cathie and her husband Edin lead Twa Grenn Ministries in a community where they feed the hungry and disciple men, women and kids.

- 1. Pray for continued protection over their lives and their community. Gangs are strong in Haiti and they are cautious when they go out.
- 2. Pray for those who gave their lives to Christ and for discipleship.
- 3. Pray that the youth continue to grow in the Lord.

Frank Schattner

Many countries

allegrosolutions.org

Since Covid, Frank and his wife have moved back to California but still have a major impact in many lives in many countries.

They train pastors and leaders all around the world through Fidelis International Seminary and the Zume Project.

Missionary update

There are many ways to dig ditches and step out in faith for God's Kingdom. Fidelis International Seminary has its largest enrollment to date with over 75 students from 20 different countries. Africa alone has 20 new students. However, there is a concern because Africa is notorious for bad internet connection. Frank developed the masters-level curriculum that focuses on being obedience based over the

knowledge-based education that we are used to. It works well for people of all ages especially for those who work full time or want to get a great education.

- 1. Pray for God's provision over their personal support as it has fallen over the last few years.
- 2. Pray for their leadership team as they shoulder the responsibility of preparing Fidelis International Seminary.
- 3. Pray that God will raise up key donors to help put Fidelis International Seminary of solid footing.





T Family and Two Nationals

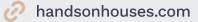


The T Family and two nationals work side by side with locals by developing relationships and eventually inviting them into a relationship with Jesus.

- 1. Pray for their safety as they sometimes minister in areas where the Gospel is against the law.
- 2. Pray that the Lord will strengthen them and that they will not grow weary in building His Kingdom.
- 3. Pray that they will continue to grow in their relationship with Him.

Pastor Jayaseelan, Don and Margie Cook





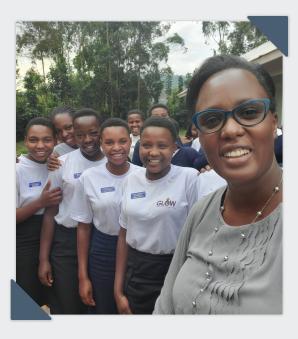
We're Hands on Houses - a small nonprofit with global construction experience. We team up with local leaders who understand their communities, builders in need of training and employment, and volunteers with skills to share... because we believe every family needs a home.

Missionary update

Sevatha is a 62-year-old widow, who is living in a village. She has one married son who is not looking after her. She is a daily laborer. She was living in a makeshift tent which was disintegrating. It would have been really helpful for her if she could have a small house and so they built her one. For the past 5 years, she has been attending their local {?} weekly fellowship.

- 1. Pray that the neighbors around the homes that are built will be open to the Gospel.
- 2. Pray for Pastor Jayaseelan and his family that the Lord will use him greatly.
- 3. Pray for God's provision for the materials needed to build the houses.







Ammabel Rushaju



glowuganda.com

GLOW's (Greater Life Options & Opportunities for Women) desire is to see social and economic transformation of vulnerable rural women and girls. These include widows, unemployed, female household heads, girls with no education support, and orphans.

Missionary update

This was a hard ditch to dig that God has blessed and provided for. Young girls usually hope to find a good man to marry so they can be a wife and a mom. GLOW shows young women that God may have another calling for them. They teach them skills that will help them start a business to be able to provide for themselves and their families. They invite them into a relationship with Christ and care for the women holistically.

- 1. Pray for the annual women's conference coming up.
- 2. Pray for our team who will be serving at the conference.
- 3. Pray for God's provision for the expenses of the conference.







JeanJean and Kristie Mompremier



Worldim.com #292

UCI has seen a tremendous impact in the lives of Haitians since 2005. UCI continues to grow, meeting the needs of the community, while touching the lives of Haitians through sharing, studying, and living out the Gospel. From small beginnings, the Gospel has turned a small village that was marked by vodou and hatred, into a community that works together.

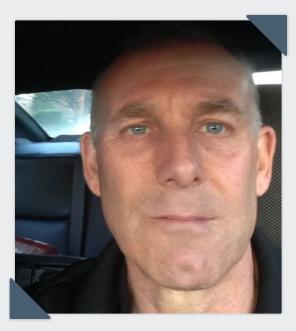
Missionary update

UCI opened our doors to over 2000 students from preschool to high school. Their university has become a haven for young people from all over Haiti who want to continue their education in safety. They see many opportunities to share about God's love and hope for those struggling to get by each day.

God is still the answer for all that the world needs and they want to continue to love people in Haiti and teach them the promises of God's Word that are true yesterday, today and tomorrow.

- 1. Pray for food relief as food in Haiti is difficult to find and expensive to buy.
- 2. Pray for the 2000 kids in their schools and the 450 kids in the nutrition centers.
- 3. Pray for the Christian leaders who will change Haiti one community at a time.







Jim Asselin

Local Organization

infaith.org/jim-asselin

Jim is a Chaplain for the first responders of the City of Sunnyvale and the Department of Corrections of California

Missionary update

When Jim started as a Chaplain for the city it was digging a ditch where no one had ever dug before. God had put it on Jim's heart to volunteer as a Chaplain for the City of Sunnyvale and he started from ground zero. He had to step out in faith to build relationships. He had to step out in faith financially knowing that in the beginning he would be donating his time. He had to step out in faith, trusting that God would build his ministry as he moved forward. Jim stepped out in faith and he has been able to see the hand of God move in his life and in the ministry.

- 1. Pray that God continues to give Jim influence with the first responders and their families.
- 2. Pray for the team of four chaplains and their families.
- 3. Pray for God's provision as Jim tries to fulfill His purpose.







Scott Dixon

Local Organization

goldenheartdove.org

Scott is the founder of Golden Heart Dove whose mission is to bring awareness to individual causes through the power of media, which empowers society to help create a better tomorrow.

Missionary update

Golden Heart Dove tackles world global challenges through traditional and non-traditional media avenues, resulting in major financial support for a cause.

- 1. Pray for the feeding center that Scott supports in Nicaragua.
- 2. Pray for the children who are becoming orphans because their parents leave them by themselves while they come to the United States.
- 3. Pray for provision and more projects for Golden Heart Dove.







RealOptions





RealOptions' purpose is to ensure that women, men, students and families have a safe place to turn when facing pregnancy decisions, making sexual health choices, and seeking emotional healing from pregnancy loss, abortion or miscarriage.

Missionary update

At 19, when Emily discovered she was pregnant, she was happy, surprised, and scared all at the same time. A freshman in college and living at home, she feared her parents' reaction. Although her sister and her best friend built her up with encouragement, her exboyfriend, the father of her baby, responded with anger. "[He] told me I deserved it, it was my fault, and I was a horrible person who he wanted nothing to do with...I decided abortion was my only choice," Emily wrote in a reflection. At four weeks pregnant, she made an appointment at Planned Parenthood. "They rushed through my appointment and gave me the first abortion pill," she wrote. "I felt horrible being at Planned Parenthood. They treated me as if nobody cared about me."

Then, Emily had an idea: Maybe she could "reverse" the abortion. "I know God put it in my mind because I had no idea what that was previously or if it was possible," she writes. With her sister at her side, she did a Google search and found a hotline number, which she dialed immediately. The woman that answered her call connected her to a local pregnancy help center where she made an appointment for early the next morning. I heard the heartbeat in November right before Thanksgiving and I was so happy to know the reversal worked! I thanked God so much as I continue to everyday for my blessing. At nineteen weeks I discovered I was having a boy. I named him Ezekiel, which means 'God Strengthens.'

- Pray that God will shed light over the lies being told about RealOptions.
- $2.\ \mbox{Pray}$ that God will draw women and families to their locations.
- 3. Pray for pastors to have more courage to talk about the sanctity of life so that those in the church can find healing.







Cityteam

Local Organization

cityteam.org

Cityteam offers help and hope to those struggling with poverty, homelessness, and addiction. Programs vary from city to city to provide immediate care physically, emotionally and spiritually. They provide meals, shelter, life transformation programs, groceries, showers, clothing and more for men, women and children.

Missionary update

In the past 13 years, Kayla has experienced multiple family shelters, survived domestic violence, and fought for her children with limited family support. She was caught in a viscous cycle of instability, but she has persevered, even when possibility of homelessness weighed heavily on her shoulders. After finding CityTeam Grace Village, Kayla has

finally been able to breathe. She now has free access to a support system dedicated to finding the family permanent housing job stability. With courage, faith, and inspirational positivity, Kayla is breaking the cycle and living in a "season of breakthrough."

- 1. Pray that God will continue to provide food to Cityteam and their partners.
- 2. Pray that God will protect the disciple making movements from attacks of the enemy.
- 3. Pray those in programs that they will receive the love and healing of Jesus.







Reach Silicon Valley

Local Organization

reachpotential.org

At Reach, we believe every person is full of purpose and potential. Often they just need a circle of care and Community to come alongside them so they may successfully access support and services to gain the knowledge they lack so they may thrive, eliminating poverty in their households and in the generations to come.

Missionary update

We are delivering Hope and removing barriers to access.

And for any one individual/household that looks very different;

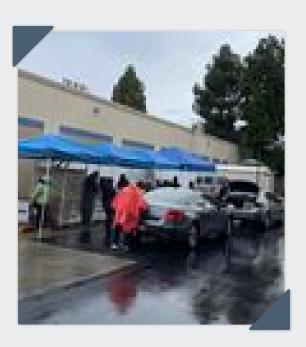
- The senior who is isolated and needs a ride to pick-up groceries or access public assistance.
- The woman who wants to open her own food services business out of her home but lives in an RV.

- The youth who can't properly read and their grades are affected because the waiting list to get an eye exam thru MediCal is 4 months out or their family doesn't have the funds to pay for glasses.
- The single mom who doesn't know how she is going to pay rent and that there are affordable housing options available to her.

- 1. Pray that God will help them remove barriers to access.
- 2. Pray for them as they accompany neighbors on their journey to wholeness.
- 3. Pray for them as they address generational poverty.







Gateway Neighborhood Center Food Pantry



Gateway Neighborhood Center is part of Trinity Church and is the home for several non-profit organizations that serve the needs of Sunnyvale. Twice a month there is a food pantry where 150+ families come to pick up groceries.

Missionary update

Four years ago we started this ministry by faith not knowing what to expect. Jan Ramirez stepped up to lead because the Lord had placed this on her heart. There have been many volunteers that have made this happen. Since then we have given away over 700,000 pounds of groceries with a value of over \$2,000,000. We dug a ditch and the Lord filled it with families that were in need.

- 1. Pray that God will bring the families who need food.
- 2. Pray that we can find ways to introduce those families to Jesus.
- 3. Pray for more volunteers.







Downtown Streets Team



DTS is an organization that is working to end homelessness through the dignity of work. DTS believes that treating people with dignity and empowering them to be a part of the solution to their struggles is a major factor in their ultimate success.

Missionary update

Everyone deserves to feel clean and warm. Hosting a kit drive is a perfect activity for families, friends, schools, and offices. We distribute hygiene kits to Team Members and to others experiencing homelessness as part of our outreach efforts. Hygiene kits contain essentials like soap, deodorant, shampoo, tooth brushes, and feminine products.

In the winter time, we collect warming kits that contain rain ponchos, warm socks, and blankets. Go to the website for a list of what is included in a kit.

- 1. Pray that God will help them overcome the stigma that comes with being homeless.
- 2. Pray that God will draw them to Himself as the ultimate healer and provider.
- 3. Pray that God will set them free from hurts, addictions, etc.





Venture Church Network

Local Organization

venturechurches-ncnv.com

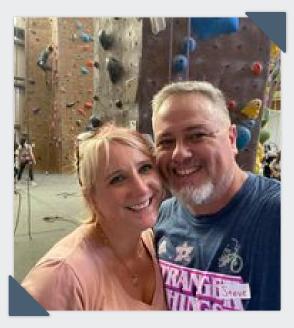
Venture Church Network is an association of churches serving throughout Northern California and Nevada. Their vision are missional churches networked together, transforming lives in their region and beyond with the grace and truth of Jesus Christ.

Missionary update

We exist to honor God and serve churches by helping every fellowship to take BOLD next steps. Our region supports 130+ churches and seven church plants in partnership with colleges, seminaries, missions organizations, chaplaincy, and ministries supporting the local church.

- 1. Pray that God will use them as they counsel and encourage pastors.
- 2. Pray that churches will discover and achieve their Godgiven mission.
- 3. Pray that God will use them to develop current and future leaders.







Holly Hernandez

Heart For Youth empowers at-promise youth to reach their full potential by connecting them with mentors that provide on-going guidance and encouragement.

Missionary update

Mentorship Makes a Difference

55% more likely to enroll in college

78% more likely to volunteer regularly

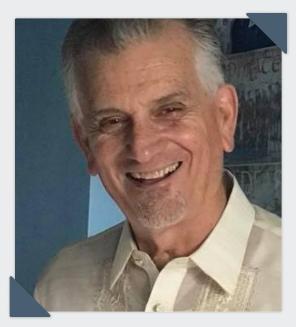
90% are interested in becoming a mentor

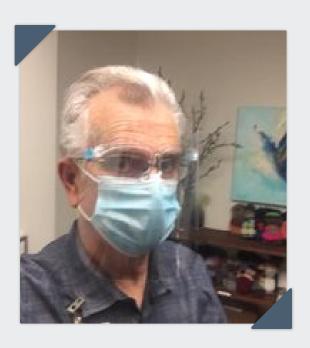
130% more likely to hold leadership positions

The data is undeniable-mentoring makes a huge impact on the lives of at-promised youth.

- 1. Pray that God will provide resources and funding needed to grow and impact more youth.
- 2. Pray that God will open doors for the mentees to know Him.
- 3. Pray that they will see God in tangible ways.







Larry Wildemuth

Larry is a Chaplain at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

He leads a volunteer staff of 50 Chaplains that average 285 hours
per month ministering to patients, families and staff members.

Missionary update

Everyday when Larry shows up to work, he never knows what he will encounter. During one month, each week he was called upon to be with families who lost their babies. He said that he understands that no one will ever be able to take the place of those precious ones. When he prayed for these families, he loved to picture in his mind that Jesus was there holding those little ones. He says the following, "I pray that you are aware of how much God loves you and cares for you. He will never forsake you. What a wonderful promise."

- 1. Pray for Larry as he mentors Chaplains and volunteers.
- 2. Pray that God will give Larry and his staff and grace and the words when he meets with patients.
- 3. Pray for opportunities for Larry to lead families to Christ.







One Eighty (Cameron and Tawney Davis)



Since 2002, One Eighty has been dedicated to the restoration of their city through 180 degree turns toward teens and families thriving physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Missionary update

The One-Eighty Teen Center

Our original facility and programming, est. 2002. Offers a cafe, computer & gaming attractions, a climbing wall, and more. Mobile Unit at Lodi Skatepark every Thursday. Mentoring programs, clubs, and our caring staff continue to provide a place of hope and refuge, and all are welcome.

One-Eighty Counseling & Resources

Providing comprehensive mental health services with an emphasis on adolescents and their families.

One-Eighty Community

Seeking in the peace and prosperity of the city into which we've been sent. Intentional Neighbors live and work in underserved communities.

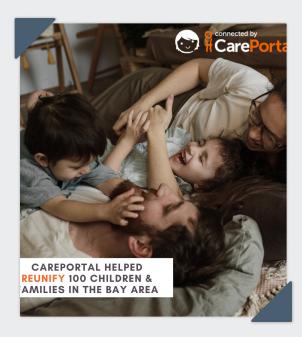
One-Eighty Adventures

Taking kids outside their normal environment to see a world that's bigger than the one they know.

- 1. Pray that Cameron and Tawney Davis will lead youth to Christ.
- 2. Pray that God will use all the leaders at One Eighty to impact their city.
- 3. Pray that they will have the resources to fulfill their God given purpose.







Help One Child

Local Organization

helponechild.org

Help One Child is committed to our unique, holistic approach, serving the full breadth of child welfare from prevention through emancipation or post-adoption. By offering support to the entire family we strengthen and encourage long-term placement stability and health.

- 1. Pray that all of these children would know the love of Jesus.
- 2. Pray that more churches would get involved.
- 3. Pray that more individuals will get involved.

