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**MISSIONS**

Jesus tells us, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded." That is missions.

First Presbyterian Church's Mission Statement says, "We will present the Good News of Jesus Christ, encouraging people to repent and accept Him as Savior, leading to a life of discipleship and service."

We hope this booklet will help us better understand how our church mission program works and help us to come to know, if we don't already, how we individually can fit into the mission program. There is a place for each and every one of us to use the gifts God has given us to help spread the Gospel.

We at First Presbyterian Church help to support missionaries who do the Lord's work in a variety of locations and in a variety of ways. Three families from our church heard the call to go out into other parts of the world to serve the Lord. We who stay home support them through prayer, finances, and personal contact with them. We also are all missionaries and go to our individual mission fields every day.

The following information has been prepared in an effort to make it easier for us to do just that. The amount the church contributes to each missionary or mission agency also is included. This gives us an opportunity to refresh our memory regarding what mission giving looks like at First Presbyterian.

One of the good things we who stay at home can do to be helpful is write to the missionaries we support. They love to hear from us. Sometimes trying to send packages out of the country is not all that good since they are slow in arriving and many times the missionaries have to pay duty tax before receiving the packages. When we send mail out of the country we need to remember that postage varies from country to country, so we really need to call the post office to get the correct rate.

Missions at First Presbyterian Church are supported from two separate funds.

The first is with 10% of the regular church budget which supports the Presbyterian denomination mission program, our own missionaries, local missions, and those missionaries who are related through our church family.

The second is the Faith Promise fund which is a program that gives people the opportunity to go the second mile in supporting missions. The fund helps to support missionaries who do not serve through the Presbyterian Church USA and who have no family ties to First Presbyterian. The fund is supported by gifts over and above a member's regular church budget pledge.

The first section of the booklet gives information about those supported from the regular church budget. The second section about those supported from the Faith Promise Fund.

We would welcome any questions, comments or assistance with the missions program of the church and invite you to become personally involved.

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION BUDGET FOR 2002**

### **PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS**

**General Assembly - John and Gwen Haspels** are Presbyterian missionaries who have served the Lord in Africa for several years and most recently in Ethiopia, ministering to the Surma people. It's wonderful to hear about their experiences and how God works in very unexpected ways. Their mailing address is 216 E. 6th, Halstead, KS 67056.

Support for 2002      \$3,000.

**Synod - Buckhorn Children's Center of Ohio** is a fairly new facility and is a part of the Buckhorn Children's Foundation which also has the facility in Kentucky which we have known about for years. The Foundation's mission is one of alleviating the suffering of children and families and bringing hope to otherwise hopeless lives. The agency actively seeks out the most troubled and troubling children and the Ohio facility has nine girls in their care who are housed in a beautiful new cottage on a large amount of acreage near Chesterville. A new boys' cottage is to be dedicated sometime this year. Their mailing address is Gary R. Ulrich, Presbyterian Child Welfare Agency Family and Children services of Ohio, P. O. Box 49, Chesterville, OH 43317-0049.

Support for 2002      \$1,500.

**Presbytery - Meigs or Vinton County** - The Presbytery of SciotoValley does ministry in the financially depressed areas in both Meigs and Vinton County located in Southeastern Ohio. We have asked that the Church's contribution to the Presbytery Mission budget be used in those ministries.

Support for 2002      \$1,000

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY MISSIONARIES**

**Robin Balderston** helped to establish and nourish new churches in Croatia for several years under the auspices of Operation Mobilization. In 1999 Operation Mobilization closed their administrative headquarters in Croatia because of the lack of someone to oversee the office. Robin and Carol were then faced with making their own arrangements before they could return to Croatia. They have finalized those plans and will return to Croatia soon. Their address at the present time is 1667 Welsh Hills Road, NE, Granville, OH 43023; e-mail: CBalderston@juno.com

Support for 2002      \$2,670

**Paul and Christy Knudson** work in Bolivia with the SIM USA mission agency. Paul is preparing to assist churches in leadership development and in developing a strong commitment to the Word of God and they recently have moved to the city of Sucre. Paul is teaching at the San Juanillo Bible Institute and in local churches. Christy is busy getting them settled in their new home and helping with the missionary team. She is the daughter of Leonard and Judy Phelps. With their infant daughter Abby they live at Casilla 575, Sucre, Bolivia, South America; their e-mail address is Knudson@pelicano.cnb.net

Support for 2002      \$2,888

**Mike and Nancy Mahon** are a part of South America Mission and they and their two children Annette and Daniel live in Pucallpa, Peru. Mike is an airplane mechanic and helps keep the small airplanes in good running order as well as doing administrative work. These planes are vital to the missionaries who work among the tribes in that part of the world. Mike also helps to keep the Sam Air and school computers up and running and Nancy is teaching grades 8-11 English grammar and literature at the school. Mike is the son of Pat and Joe Mahon. Their e-mail address is mnmahon@samlink.org

Support for 2002      \$3,927.

**Joyce Weekly**, daughter of Paul and Lena Mae Weekly has ministered to college students for several years under the auspices of Campus Crusade for Christ. Her first assignment was in Michigan where she worked directly with college students in that area.. Now she is in Indianapolis where she has an administrative position and helps train other workers who minister directly with students. Her address is 4850 E. 62nd St. #F, Indianapolis, IN 46220, and her email address is: joyce.weekly@uscm.org

Support for 2002      \$3,377

**Short Term Mission Projects - Youth** - The church has included \$1,000. in the 2002 Mission Budget for Short Term Youth Mission. We believe it is very important for the youth of our church family to personally be involved in reaching out to the world in God's name. This amount of money will start the fund which we hope will make it possible for this to happen this year.

Support for 2002      \$1,000

## **LOCAL MISSIONS**

**Habitat for Humanity** is a national organization which helps build houses for people who are unable to afford the total cost of a home but are willing to physically help with the building of a house in an effort to make it possible to purchase it. Two new houses will be built in Newark this year for two fortunate families. The building construction class from the local vocational education school began construction of the first house and it is being completed by volunteers with Habitat for Humanity. The second house will be built by volunteers. Any person who has the desire to help is urged to become a volunteer.

Support for 2002      \$1,000

**Heartbeats of Licking County** is an agency which counsels and works with girls and women who are in an unplanned and sometimes unwanted pregnancy. They have an extensive abstinence program called Abstinence 'til Marriage which goes into most high schools in the community in an effort to avoid the pregnancies. They also do adoption counseling and information distribution. They have been able to acquire and renovate a much more suitable building for their ministry and moved there this year. Address: 336 East Main St., Newark, OH 43055.

Support for 2002      \$1,000

**The Licking County Jail Ministries** ministers to and counsels jail inmates and their families. Licking County is fortunate to have a full-time chaplain at the jail, thanks to community funding. The money we contribute to the organization helps to keep that program going.

Support for 2002      \$1,000

**Newark Area Campus Ministry** employs a person who ministers to local college students.

Support for 2002      \$ 250

## **PROGRAM EXPENSE**

**Mission Conference** is held each year in an effort to help the church family become more involved and acquainted with missionaries who are supported by the church. A large conference will not be held this year, but three missionaries who are supported by the church will make individual visits and share their ministry in a more detailed way than is possible in a larger conference.

Allowance for 2002      \$1,000.

## FAITH PROMISE COMMITMENTS FOR 2002

Faith Promise is a program which gives people the opportunity to do second mile giving in supporting missions and missionaries who have no ties to First Presbyterian Church. Giving to this program is over and above an individual's regular tithe to the church. The following missionaries and missions will be included in gifts made from this fund this year:

**Mabel Bahler and Phil and Ruth Saksa** work with International Friendships in Columbus, Ohio. They minister to international students who attend college in Columbus. Their address is 195 Chittenden Avenue, Columbus, OH 43201; e-mail: international-friends@postbox.acs.ohio-state.edu

Support for 2002      \$480. each - Total \$960.

**Dan and Karen Bunn** serve with New Tribes Missions in Bolivia. When they returned there two years ago after being in the United States on furlough, they began a new job of training and counseling new missionaries. They have set up a language/culture learning program to help new missionaries with the new language and cultural differences. They and their daughter Erica live at Casilla 522, Cochabamba, Bolivia, South America and their two sons are in college. e-mail: danbunn@tambo.scz.net

Support for 2002      \$2,760.

**Rick and Laura Leatherwood** work with Kairos International. The Leatherwoods have been instrumental in translating and printing scripture booklets - and now the entire Bible - into Mongolian language and the response there has been great. Through Faith Promise First Pres. has been able to help pay for the printing of 19,000 of those Bibles. How awesome it is for people to be so hungry for just one Bible when many of us think nothing of owning several! Rick and his family are now living in Amman, Jordan and do not have a published mail address. Surface mail can be sent c/o Kairos International, P.O. Box 15455, Rio Rancho, NM 87174. e-mail: Snowflakes@Kairos.cc

Support for 2002      \$2,500.

**Rick and Shannon Mckee** work with Campus Crusade for Christ at Kent State University doing the same kind of work that Joyce Weekly did when she first started. Their address is 414 Bowman Drive, Kent, Ohio 44240; e-mail: rick.mckee@uscm.org. shannon.mckee@uscm.org

Support for 2002      \$600.

**David and Joy Miller** work with Far East Broadcasting and presently they and their two children, Ian and Lausanne, live in England. David is a research consultant and in this role he will be traveling quite a lot as he helps stations in Africa/Asia research their audiences and potential audiences. David is the son of Gary and Peggy Miller. Their address in England is 9 Broadwater Way, Worthing, West Sussex, BN14 9LP, U.K. e-mail: miller@feba.org.uk

Support for 2002      \$2,760

**Leroy Peters** is a regional representative for New Tribes Missions and is responsible for a radio ministry in Columbia, South America. His address is Leroy and Mary Lou Peters, 8020 Brainard Woods Drive, Centerville, Ohio 45458; e-mail: Leroy Peters@NTM.org Support for 2002 \$ 384.

**Bevan and Laura Stein** work with International Messengers in Slovakia. They minister to the many displaced children in that country and Bevan also teaches in a seminary there. They have adopted six orphan children themselves! Laura is the daughter of Robin Balderston. Their address is Bevan and Laura Stein, Za Dolnym Mlynom 57, 04016 Kosice - Myslava, Slovak Republic. e-e-mail address is stein6382@aol.com

Support for 2002 \$1,200.

## ***FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

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***MISSION HANDBOOK***

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