

DESTINATIONS

"go and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:19



ACT LOCALLY

VANGIE HENDRICKSON

Vangie, what initially inspired you to initiate local missions in Richmond?

God continues to use the New York City and Atlanta mission trips to spark a fire in my heart to show Jesus' unconditional love and to carry the life-transforming gospel message to those in our community. These trips have heightened my sense of urgency to love and serve those that need to know the hope and freedom we have in Christ. God uses these experiences as training ground for missions in our own backyard.

What kinds of missions and outreaches have you created?

God continues to break our hearts for what breaks His and as He does so, He reveals the limitless opportunities to serve the local community. Over the years, I have joined MCC Friends in giving our yes to local missions. What has this looked like? City prayer circles with gifts (Rose bouquets, Easter baskets, Christmas gifts, etc.) to women and children residing in the crisis shelters; Acts of Kindness (giving away flowers, balloons, cookies, candy, cards, coffee, and other surprise blessings scattered around the community); Preparing HOPE treat bags and delivering to homeless friends; Bringing joy to nursing homes and shut-in families by singing Christmas carols; Hosting Extreme Makeover Outreaches in which women from the RVA community are invited for a "Princess Party" Day of pampering; Having a Summer Sno-Cone Party with the Homeless Community; Hosting a Movie Night and Vacation Bible School at an emergency shelter; and so much more! Other times, local missions has looked like praying for a friend in the gym or in the grocery store, visiting a friend in the hospital, or bringing a meal to a neighbor.

Vangie is the Director of MCC Women's Ministries. Vangie, her husband, Aaron, and children, Jonah, Abram, and Annalynn have been attending MCC since 2002.



Share a significant God moment in your experiences with local missions.

I've had the privilege to serve at the Pregnancy Resource Center of Metro Richmond since 2004. There was a 21-year-old student who had made an appointment at a local clinic. Her plan was to have an abortion. She noticed, as she approached the entrance to the facility, someone holding a poster inviting her to consider a life-affirming decision. At that moment, she had wondered, "Is that message for me?" She was prompted to look in her purse, and in it was a pharmacy bag containing a prescription she recently picked up. She picked up the bag and behold, there was an advertisement for the PRC, describing its free services for women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. So she turned around, skipped her appointment, and visited the PRC. On that day, I had the privilege of serving this young lady. Her story was my story. That's not coincidence, rather a divine appointment. We talked. We cried. With her permission, I shared about the hope, grace, peace, and strength in Christ. We had an amazing conversation and discussed all options, however she decided that her only option is to choose parenting. I asked her to show me the PRC ad on the pharmacy bag because this was the first that I heard of this marketing strategy. When she left, I learned from the staff that at no point in their advertising history has the PRC ever posted ads on pharmacy bags. God was rewriting her story, and inviting me to be a small part of this story through a (cont.)

simple, but miraculous rewriting of words on the back of a paper bag.

How has serving this way affect your relationship with Christ?

Every 'yes' brings me closer to Christ. My faith is increased each time I see God's movement. It's a perspective-changer which prompts me not only to count my blessings, but to carry my cross with greater devotion according to His will and purposes.

Tell us something about the relationships you've formed with other volunteers.

It's a knitting of hearts. There are no words that can adequately describe what God does in the hearts of people working alongside each other for one common purpose. We operate as one unit, one family. There's tears, sweat, sacrifice, hard work, great courage, and a cost we share collectively. But on those frontlines, we have a front row view, and a privilege to witness and experience God's almighty power, presence, and victory. In those kingdom-impacting moments, God draws each of us closer to Him, and to one another.



What would you say to someone who was considering volunteering at a local ministry outreach?

It's a simple YES... a yes to "See" the need and then to "Meet" the need. There are needs all around us. Ask God to show you the need, and then ask Him how He will equip you to fulfill the need. And yes, it will cost you, but Jesus is absolutely worth it!

LOCAL & STATESIDE MISSIONS



Northside Outreach Center “Takin’ it to the Streets”

Northside Outreach Center (NOC) has been working in Highland Park in the northside of Richmond, assisting low-income families, providing opportunities for underprivileged children, and helping to revitalize the local economy. Join us for one of our “Takin’ it to the Streets” events, where we put out the grills, hand out delicious food, and share the love of Jesus with anyone who happens to be walking by. This free event gives us an opportunity to serve our neighbors in a fun and practical way. Also, volunteers are always needed at the NOC food pantry.

Cost: None **Ages:** All **Dates:** Friday TBD, September, 2017

Contact: Northside Outreach Center | Jo White | thenoc.rva@gmail.com

Richmond Women’s Ministries Extreme Makeover

Approximately 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. It is the third leading cause of homelessness among families. During the Extreme Makeover, MCC will be hosting multiple shelters from the Richmond area in providing cosmetic and wardrobe makeovers for homeless and battered women. A true mission of compassion, these makeovers help to greatly improve each woman’s self esteem while presenting an opportunity for her to hear about the love of Jesus Christ.

Cost: None **Ages:** Women 18 & up **Dates:** January 21, 2017

Contact: MCC Women’s Ministries | Vangie Hendrickson | 5hendricksons@comcast.net



Washington DC Urban Outreach Block Party

Urban Outreach is a ministry located in the inner-city of our nation’s capital and dedicated to reaching southeast Marshall Heights with the love of Christ. This team will partner with UO to host a party for the community, which will include games, music, food, sno-cones and school supply distribution. Other activities include homeless ministry, visiting DC landmarks, and a time of prayer on the steps of the United States Supreme Court Building.

Cost: \$50..00 **Ages:** Young Adults **Dates:** August, 2017

Team Leader: Alex Goolsby

Contact: MCC Missions | Sandra Bowling | sbowling@mccag.org | 804-746-4303

Saturday Homeless Ministry

Join us the second Saturday of every month to serve lunch, pray, and build relationships with the homeless in Richmond, VA. We meet at MCC’s kitchen in the morning to make sandwiches and receive training prior to departing for Monroe Park. This is a great family outreach opportunity.

Cost: None **Ages:** All **Dates:** Second Saturday of every month

Contact: Wes Monger | w_m_001@hotmail.com



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Sunday Morning Homeless Ministry

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.” Matthew 25:35 According to data reported to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 7,625 people have experienced homelessness in Richmond VA this year. MCC has been cooking and serving a full, hot breakfast at Monroe Park every Sunday since 1993. Volunteers are needed to cook in the early morning at MCC and/or serve breakfast to the homeless at the park.

Cost: None **Ages:** All **Dates:** Every Sunday, 52 weeks a year

Contact: MCC Missions | Sandra Bowling | sbowling@mccag.org | 804-746-4303

MCC Missions Yard Sale

100% of all proceeds from our our annual “indoor-outdoor” missions yard sale goes to support our missionaries and their projects in the field. Departments include antiques and collectibles, specialty shops for Christmas, jewelry, linens, infants, household, appliances, home and office furniture, exercise & sports equipment, lawn & garden equipment, tools, toys, books, pictures, CD’s, videos, electronics, decorative items & bake sale. Volunteers are needed two weeks prior to the sale during daytime hours, and over 100 volunteers are needed the day of sale.

Cost: None **Ages:** All **Dates:** Saturday, May 13, 2017

Contact: MCC Missions | Sandra Bowling | sbowling@mccag.org | 804-746-4303



Mechanicsville Free Dental Clinic

This clinic offers free dental care to over 1,000 low-income, uninsured Hanover County residents. Volunteer dentists, hygienists and students, as well as administrative personnel are needed to give generously of their time and expertise. Every Tuesday night, before we open, the volunteer staff enjoys a meal together. Volunteers are needed to prepare/supply desserts each Tuesday for the staff dinner.

Cost: None **Ages:** 18 & up **Dates:** Every Tuesday evening

Contact: Co-Directors Taunia Stephens & Tanya Hall | 804-559-0995

Salvation Army Shelter Christmas Party

MCC will be hosting a Christmas party at The Salvation Army, an emergency shelter located in Richmond. In addition, there are limitless outreach and discipleship opportunities for men, women, and/or children that are temporarily living in this shelter. These opportunities include: providing and/or serving dinner to the residents; providing childcare during training/meetings while moms are being trained or meeting with their counselor; hosting summer parties, fall festivals, and Christmas parties; leading prayer circles; providing devotions; offering Bible studies; and so much more!

Cost: None **Ages:** Women 18 & up **Date:** December 2016

Contact: Aaron & Vangie Hendrickson | 5hendricksons@comcast.net





Homer, Alaska Mission | mCare Team

This team will be partnering/serving with the Alaska Bible Institute and MCC's own missionaries, Eric & Katrina Rozeboom. We will be serving and helping to host their staff retreat through cooking and meal service as well as staffing and supporting their childcare. Alaska Bible Institute is located in Homer, Alaska, on the beautiful and rugged Kenai Peninsula.

Cost: \$1,500.00 **Ages:** 15 & up **Dates:** Spring, 2017

Team Leader: Jim Patterson | pattersonenvironmental@gmail.com

Contact: Jim Patterson | 804-301-1718 |

Homer, Alaska Mission | Men's Construction Team

This team will be partnering/serving with the Alaska Bible Institute and MCC's own missionaries, Eric & Katrina Rozeboom. We will be doing a construction project at the Bible Institute. Fishing excursion included. Alaska Bible Institute is located in Homer, Alaska, on the beautiful and rugged Kenai Peninsula.

Cost: \$1700.00 **Ages:** 15 & up **Dates:** May 27 - June 3, 2017

Team Leader: Pastor Dwayne Moore | dmoore@mccag.org

Contact: MCC Missions | Sandra Bowling | sbowling@mccag.org | 804-746-4303



Atlanta Dream Center | Summer

As a member of this team, you will have the opportunity to participate in each of the Dream Center's ministries as you share food and encouragement with the homeless, connect with at-risk kids and teens, reach out to those trapped in sex slavery, experience community living and more. Volunteers will learn how to use their lives to demonstrate love and serve others in their own communities.

Cost: \$650.00 **Ages:** Students 13 & up, Adults and families **Dates:** July 17 - 23, 2017

Team Leaders: Aaron and Vangie Hendrickson | 5hendricksons@comcast.net

Contact: MCC Student Ministries | Emilie Coker | emilie@mccag.org | 804-746-4303

Robinson Theater Block Party

Robinson Theater Community Arts Center is a multi-purpose facility that exists to inspire, enable, and restore healthy community life to the residents of North Church Hill. At the start of every summer, they host a free block party for their community. Volunteers are needed to help with face painting, games, serving sno-cones, food and drinks, and manning the bounce house.

Cost: None **Ages:** All **Dates:** June 10, 2017

Contact: MCC Missions | Sandra Bowling | sbowling@mccag.org | 804-746-4303



welcome to new york

MATT MCQUILLAN

Matt, what initially drew you to going on mission to NYSUM?

The opportunity to step out of my comfort zone and serve far enough away from home. It's almost like a retreat, allowing me to completely let go of what is going on at home and at work, and dedicate myself to the mission.

What were your impressions of the people you encountered during your time on the mission?

The most striking thing is the number of people literally looking for someone to share Jesus with them. The fear of being rejected, while sharing Christ, has been easy to overcome when the need is so great. Though generally our teams go out to minister to an intended audience, you find the desire to know Christ is all around, not just among the homeless or those living in the shelters, but the shelter security guards, the police, and even our teammates on the mission.

Tell us something about the relationships you formed with other team members while on your mission.

There is nothing like two, five hour van rides, and a week in NYC serving, to make new best friends. My best friends at MCC have all come via the opportunity to serve on mission trips. When you are serving the Lord, with a servant's heart, God does big things on these teams, creating tight-knit friendship bonds.

Matt and his family have been a part of MCC since 2003.



Share a significant God moment in your experience on your mission.

This past May, our team was provided direction by Pastor Peter at NYSUM to get outside a shelter where the need for ministry was huge. Our team had everything working against us. It was already midnight, we had a long day, and our team was split up. While we wanted to call it a night, Pastor Peter kept calling and saying don't give up...through traffic jams, getting lost, and a long bathroom break we made it. We were greeted by about 15 homeless or shelter people. One gentleman we met was going through a rough period in his life and was ready to give his life to Christ. While our team prayed for him, he was slain in the spirit. The noises and the shriek he made while he fell to the ground was something that can only be experienced. The presence of the Lord was felt by the whole team and it's something our team will not forget.



How has your life been changed by your time at NYSUM?

My first trip to NYSUM was with MCC Christmas Compassion a little over a month after Hurricane Sandy's storm surge had devastating impacts on the metropolitan NYC area. NYSUM had partnered with Operation Blessing to provide relief teams to offer hope and help, when it is needed most, responding to immediate needs of those suffering by helping to take the first step in the marathon of recovery. Our team was assigned a work order to remove everything from the basement of a house where the waterline had reached 15'. The storm provided the opportunity to be a "ministry of presence" where we could offer aid and maybe most importantly a listening ear, and offer hope and Christ through prayer. I was so impressed with Operation Blessing I continued to follow them and participate in disaster recovery. Most recently, I reached out to Pastor Mitch about Operation Blessing's need for volunteers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana from the "1000 year flood" in September and we had a small team make the trek down. NYSUM is considered a training ground with the goal of raising up missionaries to bring something back to their home church. With Operation Blessing, I have had the opportunity to bring a little NYSUM home.

What would you say to someone who is considering going on a mission?

Take that step out of your comfort zone and go!



Hugs from Him

In December 2001, following the tragic terrorist attacks on New York City, MCC sent a compassion team to pray and minister to the people of NYC. That same year, we had our first collection drive of stuffed animals to help bring a "hug from God" to both children and adults alike. We were overwhelmed by their appreciation for such a simple act. Every year since, we have returned to NY with these precious gifts of love. We invite you to bring a medium-sized NEW stuffed animal to our Hugs from Him station in the grand foyer. Approximately 1000 are needed for NYC, as well as for our local outreaches in Richmond, VA.

Cost: \$5.00 and up **Ages:** All **Dates:** November 6 - December 11, 2016

Contact: MCC Missions | Sandra Bowling | sbowling@mccag.org | 804-746-4303



NYC Christmas Compassion Outreach

Come experience Christmas in NYC. Beyond the beauty, lights, and excitement of the busiest city in the world, thousands of those less fortunate live in poverty, some in shelters, and many on the streets. Our mission is to bring the light of Christ to just a few of the 8 million people living in NYC. In partnership with NYSUM (New York School of Urban Ministry), team members will help host city-wide toy giveaways, serve in soup kitchens, bless NYC's homeless with fresh food and blankets, and reach at-risk children with Christmas programs, including puppets and skits.

Cost: \$550.00 **Ages:** 15 & up **Dates:** December 16-21, 2016 | December 15-20, 2017

Contact: MCC Missions | Sandra Bowling | sbowling@mccag.org | 804-746-4303

NYC Women's Ministries Extreme Makeover Weekend

Approximately 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. It is the third leading cause of homelessness among families. During Extreme Makeover Weekend, more than 150 women from across the country will join NYSUM (New York School of Urban Ministry) in providing cosmetic and wardrobe makeovers for homeless and battered women in NYC's homeless shelters. A true mission of compassion, these makeovers help to greatly improve each woman's self esteem while presenting an opportunity for her to hear about the love of Jesus Christ.

Cost: \$400.00 **Ages:** Women 18 & up **Dates:** May 19-22, 2017

Contact: MCC Women's Ministries | Vangie Hendrickson | shendricksons@comcast.net



NYSUM Student Mission

In partnership with NYSUM (New York School of Urban Ministry), this mission often proves to be a life-changing experience. The team will reach out to NYC's homeless through late night ministry, serving in soup kitchens and rescue missions, street evangelism, mercy ministry to the disabled at cerebral palsy centers, and joining a prayer walk including the Brooklyn Bridge, Ground Zero, and other NYC landmarks.

Cost: \$695.00 **Ages:** High School **Dates:** June 2017

Contact: MCC Student Ministries | Emilie Coker | emilie@mccag.org | 804-746-4303

NYC Men's Construction Mission

Help NYSUM (New York School of Urban Ministry) remodel their dormitory space. Light construction, paint, electrical and finish work is needed. Some construction experience would be helpful. You'll enjoy a great team building experience as you work together to help keep NYSUM at its best. There will be street ministry opportunities in the evenings.

Cost: \$200.00 **Ages:** Men 18 & up **Dates:** February or March, 2016

Team Leader: Matt Johnston

Contact: MCC Missions | Sandra Bowling | sbowling@mccag.org | 804-746-4303



NIGER, AFRICA

allison harper

Allison, what initially drew you to going on mission to Niger?

I had heard stories from relatives and others of their missions to Niger, Africa for about 10 years. My husband went on a LINK Mission, and when he returned, he persistently challenged me to go, despite my fear of traveling to another country and leaving our two young children. I knew I would go one day, but I thought it would not be until our children were much older. Well, that's not exactly what God had planned. Josh had wanted me to experience it as soon as possible because he knew it would change my life and our family forever. And it has.

What did you see in the people you encountered in Niger?

I always say the people of Niger are so extremely kind and welcoming. They make you feel like family from the second you meet them. I've met many Nigeriens who, despite their harsh environment, have determination and great love for one another. I also noticed the Christians living in a predominately Muslim country are very bold about their faith.

Would you share a significant God moment in your experience on your mission?

I've seen God at work in Niger in so many ways that it's hard to put them into words. On my last mission, I saw a baby being born via C-section that the doctor had pronounced dead. An EMT on our team asked if she could take the baby to their equivalent of a NICU. When we got there, she found the baby did have a heartbeat. Very quickly, she started doing what she needed to do to revive the baby, and I was able to assist her. This sweet baby would have been left on a cart, wrapped in a bundle to die, if God had not put us in the right place at the right time.

Allison, Josh, Savannah & Jacob have been a part of MCC, as a family, since 2008. Josh grew up at Mechanicsville Christian Center.



Tell us something about the relationships you formed with other team members while on your mission.

Before leaving for Niger, I hardly knew some of my teammates, and some of them are now among my best friends. After each one of my mission trips, we seem to come back more like family. When you experience something like this, it brings your relationships to a whole new level. These relationships are unique because of what you have experienced together.

How has your life been changed by the time spent on your mission?

I do things more passionately, now more than ever, in my daily life and on other mission trips. My focus is more on God and eternity rather than the right here and right now. I continually find myself talking to people about what I experienced in Niger and looking for ways to focus my time on God's will for me at home, even with all the distractions we have here in the United States.



How did your mission affect your relationship with Christ?

My whole testimony is about moving from fear to faith. I was scared of everything. I was scared to fly, I was scared to leave my children. Honestly, I was scared I would die. For weeks leading up to my first mission trip, I was thinking of ways I could get out of going. I was scared to death. I was praying God would stop the trip, and we would not have to go. Then I started praying on my hands and knees every single day, several times a day, that God would help me and tell me what to do. About a week before I left, I could not take it anymore, and I surrendered it all to God. Immediately a peace came over me, and from that very moment, I knew God was going to take care of me. From the time we left MCC, until we returned home, I never experienced one second of fear, which is unexplainable. I was not scared on the plane nor was I fearful of being in Africa, and that made me realize God was taking care of me and that I could trust Him in all circumstances.



What would you say to someone who was considering going on a mission?

Saying yes to God will change your life, and seeing how God works while in Niger will make you want to continue to say yes to God to see what He has in store next. Despite the financial challenges and people who may discourage you from going, what God will reveal to you on your mission will take your faith to the next level in fulfilling God's will for your life.

Overseas Missions



LiveTen24 March Service | March | Niger, Africa

Team members will have the opportunity for a more in-depth view of our strategic partnerships with individuals and organizations focused on building a stronger presence of the ministry and Gospel of Jesus Christ in Niger, Africa. Teams will visit numerous places and projects in which LINK Missions is currently involved. This mission is an excellent blend of project overview and service opportunity. www.effectiveministries.org

Cost: \$3482.00 **Ages:** 15 & up **Dates:** March 1 - 8 2017

Team Leaders: Mark & Becky Baldwin

Contact: LINK Missions | Cindy Brookshire | cindy@linkniger.com | 804-726-5465

LiveTen24 Service | Summer | Niger, Africa

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Cost: \$3,306.00 **Ages:** 15 & up **Dates:** July 21 - August 1, 2017

Team Leader: TBD

Contact: LINK Missions | Cindy Brookshire | cindy@linkniger.com | 804-726-5465



LINK Medical Mission | Niger, Africa

Medical teams consist primarily of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals, although non-medical personnel may be trained to work in the eye clinic. The team travels to various locations in Niger to set up mobile medical clinics in villages. Our medical missions have experienced great success in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, combining faith and medicine, while meeting a basic human need of medical care in an impoverished nation. ****You do not need to have a medical background to apply.** www.effectiveministries.org

Cost: \$3,565.00 **Ages:** 18 & up **Dates:** September 20 - October 2, 2017

Contact: LINK Missions | Amy Williams | awilliams@linkniger.com | 804-726-5465

LiveTen24 Service | Men | Niger, Africa

Team members will have the opportunity for a more in-depth view of our strategic partnerships with individuals and organizations focused on building a stronger presence of the ministry and Gospel of Jesus Christ in Niger, Africa. Teams will visit and serve in numerous places and projects in which LINK Missions is currently involved. This mission is an excellent blend of project overview and service opportunity. www.effectiveministries.org

Cost: \$3,076.00 **Ages:** 15 & up **Dates:** November 9 - 17, 2017

Team Leader: Josh Harper

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LiveTen24 Discovery | Niger, Africa

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Cost: \$3,199.00 **Ages:** 15 & up **Dates:** January 22 - 30, 2018

Team Leader: Michael Thaler

Contact: LINK Missions | Cindy Brookshire | cindy@linkniger.com | 804-726-5465

LINK Medical Maternity | Women | Niger, Africa

Team members will work alongside medical staff in the government operated maternity clinic, in the capital city of Niamey, assisting in OB/GYN and oncology. Although this team will consist primarily of medical doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals, a limited number of team members will be serving in non-medical roles. **You do not need a medical background to apply.

Cost: \$3,520.00 **Ages:** Women 18 & up **Dates:** February 2 - 12, 2018

Team Leaders: Amy Williams

Contact: LINK Missions | Cindy Brookshire | cindy@linkniger.com | 804-726-5465



Dominican Republic Student Mission

With its tropical, open culture and close proximity, Dominican Republic is a great place for a first-time international mission trip. Join fellow middle & high schoolers on a mission to our friends in the Caribbean, where we will work with children, install water filters, and serve the needs of the community in partnership with Praying Pelican Missions.

Cost: \$1,550.00 **Ages:** Middle & High School **Dates:** April 8 - 14, 2017

Team Leaders: Mike Jefferson | mjefferson@mccag.org

Contact: MCC Student Ministries | Emilie Coker | emilie@mccag.org | 804-746-4303

Colombia Men's Ministries Construction Mission

This team will join missionaries Mike & Deisi Lynch to help with a construction project in Bucaramanga, Colombia. This team will help build a 20 x 42 classroom/multi-purpose building for use by the Colombia Youth With A Mission (YWAM) base, participate in local outreach, and visit the children at Mercy Ministry School. Some construction experience necessary.

Cost: \$1,400.00 **Ages:** Men 18 & up **Dates:** Spring, 2017

Team Leaders: John Massei

Contact: MCC Missions | Sandra Bowling | sbowling@mccag.org | 804-746-4303





San Francisco Young Adults

San Francisco is one of the world's most influential cities, consistently at the forefront of new ideas, innovations, and social movements. However, the city is also home to some of society's most overlooked and marginalized. We'll be partnering with Youth With A Mission's base in the heart of the Tenderloin District of the city. Homeless outreach, working in shelters, serving in feeding programs, as well as prayer walks, church services, and helping in the local food bank will all be part of this intern mission.

Cost: \$1,500.00 **Ages:** 17 & up **Dates:** June 19 - 28, 2017

Team Leader: Mitch Bennett | mbennett@mccag.org

Contact: MCC Student Ministries | Emilie Coker | emilie@mccag.org | 804-746-4303

Operation Blessing Disaster Relief

Whether it's a natural disaster such as a hurricane, tornado or earthquake, or refugees in the midst of life-threatening conflict needing critical relief, Operation Blessing relief teams give hope and help when it's needed most, including demo construction, cleanup, distributing food, safe water, medicine and other vital supplies. Sign up now to be listed as a contact when we deploy teams.

Cost: Varies **Ages:** 18 & up **Dates:** As needed

Team Leaders: Matt McQuillen

Contact: MCC Missions | Sandra Bowling | sbowling@mccag.org | 804-746-4303



SonChaser Ministries Release Worship Camp

Students will have the opportunity to build on their artistic talents or explore a new area of artistic interest, all in a safe Christian environment that encourages worship, prayer, devotion time and finding your destiny in Christ. Students will use what they have learned at the end of the week to reach the community of the Outer Banks, using mime, dance, and music to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. www.sonchaser.com

Cost: \$375.00 **Ages:** Rising 6th - 12th grade **Dates:** August 6 - 12, 2017

Team Leaders: Chris & Chrystal Hobart | chrystal@sonchaser.com | 804-519-9525

LINK Golf Tournament

The LINK Golf Tournament will be held at Hunting Hawk Golf Club, over two days, to raise funds to support Effective Ministries, Inc.'s ongoing work in Niger, Africa. Volunteers, sponsors, and golfers are needed to make this tournament a success. Please visit www.linkniger-golf.com for more information.

Cost: \$125.00 per golfer **Ages:** Adults **Dates:** May 11 & 12, 2017

Contact: Effective Ministries, Inc. | golf@linkniger.com | 804-726-5465



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Dominican Republic Student Mission | Spring

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Cost: \$650.00 **Dates:** July 17 - 23, 2017



FAMILY MISSIONS

Give A Day

Give A Day is one way to be missional on your own family vacation! By simply choosing to set aside one day of your time away, you can help make a difference in other people's lives while teaching valuable lessons about serving, generosity, selflessness, and gratitude to your family. Here are a few ways to incorporate missions as part of your family trip. For more suggestions and helpful guidance, please contact Sandra Bowling (sbowling@mccag.org) in our missions department.

- Contact a local church, the Salvation Army or other local ministry prior to your vacation to inquire if there are any service opportunities while you are in town.
- Ask God to open your eyes to see those in need around you. Pray together as you recognize needs.
- Fill a cooler with cold bottles of water and hand them out on a hot day for free. When asked why, simply reply, "because Jesus loves You"
- Pray as you walk on the beach, through the amusement park or other location; allow God to lead your prayers. Look for opportunities to share the Gospel in a loving, non-confrontational manner.
- Buy a meal for a homeless person and sit and talk to him/her for a while. Ask God to give you the opportunity to share your story of faith and ask if they have a need you can pray for.

Enjoying a missional experience with your family is as easy as 1 - 2 - 3



1. Look for the family friendly missions in this guide. The family icon appears next to those missions.

2. Contact the MCC Missions Department for a customized, local outreach designed especially for your family (plus a few others :-).

3. Consider our "Give A Day" program. Your family may choose to give a day of your vacation to serve the community in which you are staying. (details and serving suggestions available from our Missions Department).



mCare: caring for our own
mechanicsville christian center | missions

**John & Rita
 Baughman**
 Lake Country
 Community Church

Chase City, Virginia



John 05/04
Rita 01/12

**Garet
 Chester**
 JOY, Inc

Greater Richmond Area



Garet 02/19

**Jon & Christina
 Fjeld**
 Youth With A
 Mission

Kona, Hawaii



Jon 05/16
Christina 10/10

**Joanna
 Frank**
 Resource
 Connection, Inc

Greater Richmond Area



Joanna 03/27

**Lee & Lisi
 Hardy**
 Youth With A
 Mission

Orlando, Florida



Lee 04/15
Lisi 03/12

Since its inception over 40 years ago, MCC has been reaching outside its own doors to the nations. The call to be a missionary locally or abroad is one of sacrifice, selflessness, and obedience to Christ in His mandate to "Go and make disciples in all nations." Today, we as a church have over 30 of our own currently in the field, sharing the love of Christ. These pages serve as a reminder for us to pray, support, and care for those who call MCC home.

**Powell & Audrey
 Harrison**
 World Horizons

Soorts-Hossegor, France



Powell 12/24
Audrey 01/21

**Forrest & Licia
 Hartsock**
 Youth With A
 Mission

Middle East



Forrest 10/26
Licia 10/21

**Jeremy & Beki
 Helwig**
 SIM

Niger, Africa



Jeremy 04/26
Beki 08/29

**Chris & Chrystal
 Hobart**
 Son Chaser

Richmond, Virginia



Chris 03/07
Chrystal 10/31

**Phil & Helen
 Huguet**
 World Horizons

Basque Country, France



Helen 03/19
Phil 03/10

MCC participates annually in Faith Promise, which helps financially support our missionaries and enables ministries to do the work of the Kingdom. Faith Promise is not a pledge. It is a commitment that arises out of a conversation you have with God, asking Him what you and your family might give to missions during the coming year. Faith Promise is simply the commitment one makes to trust God, by faith, to supply the finances needed to fulfill a Faith Promise. Our hope is that everyone who calls MCC their church home will participate. Faith Promise gives us the opportunity to respond to Christ's command to "go and make disciples of all people." Faith Promise is something we do as individuals and as families. Our combined giving makes it possible for many people to be reached with the gospel and many lives to be changed by the power of God. 100% of our Faith Promise donations goes directly to our work on the mission field. You can give your Faith Promise weekly, along with your tithe, by placing it in our Sunday offering and marking Faith Promise in the memo line of your check or you can give online at www.mccag.org.

**Dave & Hope
Johansson**
Restoration
Village

Niger, Africa



Dave 08/28
Hope 03/15

**Butch
Johnson**
Northside Outreach
Center

Richmond, Virginia



Butch 01/08

**Lewis &
Claudia**
Undisclosed

Overseas



Lewis 10/08
Claudia 09/08

**Josh & Irdi
Jones**
World Horizons

Therfield, England



Josh 12/16
Irdi 02/26

**Mike & Deisi
Lynch**
Youth With A
Mission

Bucaramanga, Colombia



Mike 12/25
Deisi 11/29

The Gospel has the power to change lives. Together, as a church, we obey His Great Commission by reaching out with God's love to others. At Mechanicsville Christian Center, focus is key to our missions strategy. OUR CITY (Mechanicsville & Richmond, VA), OUR WORLD (Niger, Africa), OUR OWN (those sent out from our local church and their ministry projects) is the vision that drives the MCC urban and world missions teams. We believe, anywhere in the world, the faithfulness of one individual can make a difference.

**Jake & Katherine
Mason**

**Youth With A
Mission**

Huntington Beach, CA



Jake 04/18
Kath 08/25

**Nick
Mason**

**Project
Engineer**

Haiti



Nick 03/16

**Chip
Messick**

**Youth With A
Mission**

Huntington Beach, CA



Chip 11/10

**Eric & Katrina
Rozeboom**

**Alaska Bible
Institute**

Homer, Alaska



Eric 02/01
Katrina 10/22

**Reuben & Debra
Smith**

**Rehoboth
Innovations**

Richmond, Virginia



Reuben 03/03
Debra 03/07

**Undisclosed
Missionaries**
Numerous
Organizations

Global



Our City | Our World | Our Own

mCare Missionary Support

mCare is the ongoing investment of resources, by our church, for the nurturing and development of our missionaries and their families in the field. Our primary focus is on the missionaries, their children, and their immediate families. With over 30 of our own on the field, mCare assists through moral support, encouragement, care packages, logistics coordination, prayer, communication, and reentry assistance. Volunteers are needed to join the mCare team and to be active in the ongoing needs of MCC's own missionaries.

Contact: mCare | David and Kim Hoyt | mcare@mccag.org | 804-779-2572

*Please Note: All costs subject to change. For information on any missions, please contact
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