

DEPARTURES

MCC Missions Opportunities Catalog

2017- 2018 Edition



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**100TH TEAM
CELEBRATION**



ACT LOCALLY

Shepherd's Way Relief Center

MCC has been cooking and serving a hot breakfast to the homeless at Monroe Park every Sunday morning since 1993. With the temporary closing of the park, those faithfully cooking in our kitchen each week were uncertain how best to continue feeding those in need. In a thoroughly providential way, we were led to join our efforts with Shepherd's Way Relief Center. Already, this new partnership has proved to be a mutually beneficial one.



Sigmund, tell us the story of Shepherd's Way Relief Center.

Like a lot of other groups, we were bringing food and other items that were needed to Monroe Park about once a month but we always had a vision of something bigger. When the basement of the building our church rents downtown became available, we saw the opportunity to expand. With limited resources, our church of 50 people took a step of faith, although we had no idea exactly what would happen or how. In 2012, we formed a separate non-profit, Shepherd's Way Relief Center, and began serving breakfast on Saturday mornings. In December 2016, we added three more days of breakfast (bagels, pastries, and coffee) to our week. Around that same time, Monroe Park closed for renovations. Suddenly, the place so many people had been using to minister to the homeless was no longer accessible to them. This seemed like the perfect opportunity to make our space available for other groups in the metro-Richmond area to partner with us.

Serving the homeless community here at our center affords us something Monroe Park could not provide. At Shepherd's Way, we are indoors, shielded from the elements and seated at tables. This set-up is far more conducive to getting to know the people, talking and praying with them and offering counsel. Our partnerships cross denominational and organizational lines. We've been able to expand our services to include a food pantry, and providing clothing and toiletries. Where we used to serve 80-90 folks, we now average 130 and have spiked as high as 200. Our mission is to provide relief from the afflictions of poverty. Partners like MCC help us do just that. MCC has been such a blessing to us as they've taken responsibility for serving every Sunday and been committed to the task. We are very grateful God led our paths to cross.

Sandra, how did we find Shepherd's Way?

We've had so many people at MCC who truly love being part of serving the homeless community at Monroe Park. Many have done it for years. With the park closing, we thought this opportunity was coming to an end. Our ministry team got together and unanimously decided they did not want to stop serving in this way. I was tasked with finding another outlet for outreach. I called many organizations to inquire about partnering with them but with little success. About the time I was getting discouraged, God reminded me to simply pray about it. That's when I heard about Shepherd's Way. I placed a call and left a message. Sigmund called back the next day and welcomed our participation in their center. MCC took over preparing and serving breakfast on Sunday mornings and our weekly teams are back up and running. Shepherd's Way Relief Center was an answer to our prayers and we are thankful for the way they graciously welcomed us as partners.



Sigmund Collins is Pastor of Love of Christ Fellowship in Richmond. He is also Director of Shepherd's Way Relief Center where MCC volunteers serve the homeless community a hot breakfast every Sunday morning. Richard Lepper assists him and oversees the kitchen. Sandra Bowling coordinates our urban outreach opportunities at MCC.

Local & Stateside



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, 2018

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 20, 2018

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, 2018

Team Leader: Alex Goolsby

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

Saturday Service Ministry

Every second Saturday, teams meet at MCC’s kitchen in the morning to prepare sandwiches and snacks for bagged lunches to be distributed to the homeless in Richmond. Prior to departing, team members will be trained to reach out and minister to those in need. This is a great family serving opportunity. **Contact:** Beth Heath | beth.heath22@gmail.com

Every fifth Saturday, we will be providing dinner for homeless veterans at Liberation Services on Hull Street. Individuals, couples and families with middle and high school children are encourage to help. **Contact:** Misti Binns | texasgrlinva60@gmail.com

Cost: None **Ages:** All **Dates:** Saturdays of every month



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Shepherd's Way Relief Center

On any given day, there are approximately 846 sheltered and unsheltered men, women, and children living in the Richmond community. MCC has been cooking and serving a full, hot breakfast to those in need, every Sunday since 1993. Volunteers are needed to cook in the early morning at MCC's kitchen. Teams are also needed to deliver and serve the food at our partner location, Shepherd's Way Relief Center, in downtown Richmond.

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

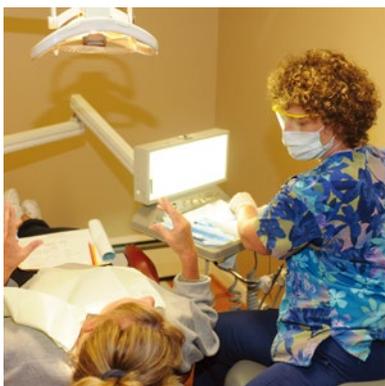
Contact: MCC Missions | Sandra Bowling | sbowling@mccag.org | 804-746-4303

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 12, 2018

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 while moms are being trained or meeting with their counselor, hosting summer parties or fall festivals, leading prayer circles, providing devotions, offering Bible studies and so much more!

Cost: None **Ages:** Women 18 & up **Date:** December 9, 2017

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



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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, 2018

Team Leader: Jim Patterson | pattersonenvironmental@gmail.com

Contact: Jim Patterson | 804-301-1718 |

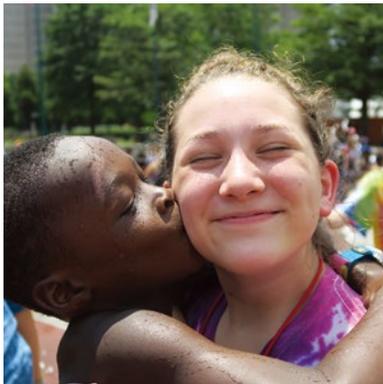
Homer, Alaska Mission | Men's Construction Team

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, 2018

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

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



Philadelphia / Baltimore / Washington D.C. / RVA Urban Outreach | Summer

Join these teams in helping to bring the love of Christ to those in need. We will partner with outreach organizations in these cities to minister to the homeless, children in at-risk neighborhoods, and women trapped in sex trafficking. This is a great opportunity to grow your faith, disciple others, and learn practical ways to share God's love. Bring your spouse, your children 13 and up, friends, or small group.

Cost: TBD **Ages:** 13 & up **Dates:** Summer 2018

Contact: Aaron and Vangie Hendrickson | 5hendricksons@comcast.net | 804-218-4352

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 8, 2018

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



GO TEAMS

MCC Disaster Relief Missions



David, what inspired you to get involved with disaster relief?

I went to Louisiana on the relief mission with Operation Blessing. I liked the guys that were going on the trip and I thought it would be great to hang out with them for 18 hours in a Suburban.

Share a significant God moment for you on this mission.

You really are in the middle of other people's lives after a flood disaster. We had just finished helping a family, in one of the most impoverished areas we served, and I had found a toy truck in the things we were pulling for removal to be taken to the landfill. When I took it to the homeowner, she said, "Please give that to the grandson I heard you talking about. My son is grown and I want you to have it." It was actually a collector's version of a tow truck and I did give it to my grandson. As we were leaving, the owner asked us if she could pray for the team. When we finished the prayer, she gave our team leader \$100. Remember, this was one of the poorest areas we had served and she wanted us to take the money, and she would not take "No" for an answer. We did take it and gave it to the church that was housing us. I love to say, "I did not see that coming." God was so evident in this event.

How has your life been different since you returned home?

I want to do more for those who most need true, real help.

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

You cannot get guys together for any long length of time without having them bond and cut-up. I knew some of the guys on the trip but a couple of them I didn't know at all. I am so glad I was able to bond with these guys. On the way back to Richmond, we all took the time to say something encouraging to each of the guys on our team. It was quite revealing and meaningful to hear the guys pour out true love for each other. I personally felt so affirmed by the other men in the car.

How did serving this way affect your relationship with Christ?

It made me want to do more for others and for Him because He said, "Whatever you do for the least of these, you also do for me."

What would you say to someone who was considering participating in a Go Team: Disaster Relief Mission?

Pray about it and then Just DO IT



David Garrett is a leader in MCC Men's Ministry. He and his wife Diane have been attending MCC since 2007.



Christmas Stuffed Animal Drive

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 drop-off 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 5 - December 10, 2017

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 15-20, 2017 | December 14-19, 2018

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 18-20, 2018

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



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:** March 2018

Team: Leader: David Garrett

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

Catapult - Extreme Discipleship Program

High School students who are willing to be equipped and grow in their faith are able to apply for this eight week summer program which concludes with a missions trip (TBD). The students meet every Thursday to focus on hearing God, discovering their identity in Christ, serving the community, and participating in team building activities.

Cost: \$1,500.00 **Ages:** High School **Dates:** Summer 2018

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



100TH TEAM TO NIGER, AFRICA

THE STORY OF LINK MISSIONS

This work in Niger, Africa began with a group of MCC leaders embarking on a trip to Niger in 2003. The purpose of this endeavor was two-fold; to meet with indigenous believers to discuss ways to assist and empower them to reach their fellow countrymen with the love of Christ and to express and affirm our commitment to the people of Niger. Our goal was to discover what God was already doing in Niger and join Him in that work. It quickly became apparent that a partnership with Nigerian Christians could help facilitate a dynamic move of God in that nation. Through these dialogues, LINK Missions was formed and a ministry focus on Niger was born.

Endeavoring to live out Hebrews 10:24 (“...and let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds”), LINK Missions has made it our aim to establish a presence in Niger, in order to build long-term relationships with people, missionaries, ministries, and organizations serving there. We believe wholeheartedly, through this God-inspired way of loving and serving the people of Niger, they will witness the transforming power of the love of Christ in a tangible way and personally experience the good news of the Gospel.

Michael, tell us about the first LINK Mission team.

We had been talking to some church leaders with the Assemblies of God in Niger, Africa and we asked them what they would like us to do for them. They said, “Bring some leaders from your church and come hear our dream of what God has shown us in Niger.” I asked God who I should invite on that first mission. He gave me 13 names and unbelievably, all 13 said they would go. None of them had ever been to Niger. I had only been twice so I wasn’t even sure what I was doing. Not one of us knew what to expect but it blew me away that they all said yes. They had so many reasons to say no but they said yes.



What are some of the most important things that came out of that first mission?

Howe Rice catching a vision of building schools for Niger and starting an organization focused on doing that. Andrew Walker asking to take a team of college kids over for six weeks was the beginning of sending teams. God asked us to keep taking people to Niger and He would do the rest. Our church leadership really got behind the idea of putting a focus on Niger. MCC is responsible for where we are today. They stood behind LINK Missions in those early years and have never wavered in their support. The result of that focus turned into excellence and excitement and friends inviting friends and it kept on growing from there. Even people who have never been to Niger have been faithful to pray for the nation and they have no idea the difference their prayers are making for the people there and those ministering in that country.



Did you even imagine you would be celebrating 100 teams?

That first mission was in 2003. I wasn’t even thinking about sending more teams when we returned. We all just kept saying yes to what God was asking of us and never looked back. Since that first trip, LINK Missions has grown to include 1109 travelers from 216 churches in 32 states. We have built an outreach center to house our teams and others traveling to Niger, and now employ 31 people both here and in Niger. God has truly blessed every single yes. We are grateful for the tremendous support we’ve received over the years from MCC. The Pastors, Elders, and Missions Committee have all believed God could do the impossible. He has opened so many doors of opportunity to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Niger and we can’t wait to see what else He has in store for us as we look to the future.



Michael Thaler is Founder and International Director of Effective Ministries, Inc. | LINK Missions. He has been attending MCC since January, 2000. Michael and his wife Sharon have three children Brennan, Alise, and Zalika.

Overseas



Music | Niger Africa

Team members will work with local churches and worship pastors to teach music, voice, and instrumental skills. Team members will also have the opportunity to learn more about our strategic partnerships in the areas of health, water, orphans, education, and micro-business while serving at locations and in projects where LINK and LiveTen24 have participated. Musical ability is a pre-requisite. www.effectiveministries.org

Cost: \$3,105.00 **Ages:** 15 & up **Dates:** February 22 - March 2, 2018

Team Leaders: Matt Hoole & Debbie Bennett

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

Serve | 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: \$3,105.00 **Ages:** 15 & up **Dates:** March 5 - 13, 2018

Team Leader: TBD

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



Connect | Niger, Africa

Team members will travel to various villages, ministering to children through kids camps, in orphanages, and day care facilities. These teams have an up-close opportunity to interact and connect with Nigeriens while building relationships with both children and adults through their service. Scheduled during summer break, this mission is the perfect opportunity for students and young adults to minister in a fourth world nation while sharing the good news of the Gospel. This mission is suitable for all ages. www.effectiveministries.org

Cost: \$3,573.00 **Ages:** 15 & up **Dates:** June 19 - 29, 2018

Leaders: Brennan Thaler & Mitch Bennett

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

Medical | 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: \$3,473.00 **Ages:** 15 & up **Dates:** September 20 - October 1, 2018

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



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Serve | Men | Niger, Africa

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Cost: \$3,255.00 **Ages:** 15 & up **Dates:** November 1 - 9, 2018

Team Leader: Josh Harper

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

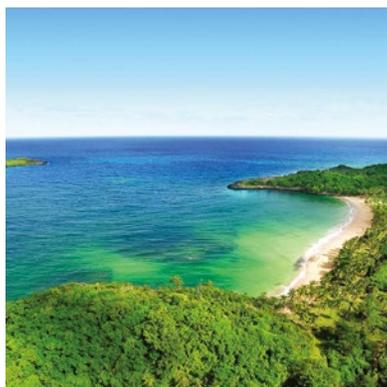
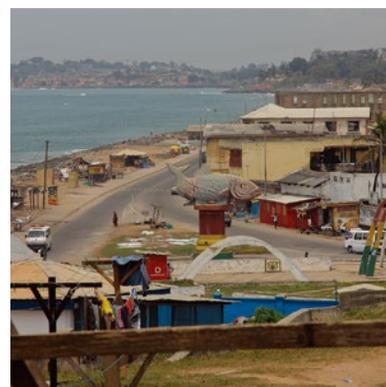
Ghana, Africa Construction/Ministry Outreach

Team members will have the opportunity to help with a local church construction project, participate in children's ministry outreach, and partner with Pastor Ebenezer Quaynor's home church in the village of Dodowa, Ghana. We will also visit historic sights connecting Ghana and the tragic journey of the slave trade to Richmond Virginia.

Cost: \$3,000.00 **Ages:** 16 & up **Dates:** August 2018

Team Leaders: Jason Collier and Pastor Ebenezer Quaynor

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



Dominican Republic Student Mission

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

Cost: \$1,600.00 **Ages:** Middle & High School **Dates:** March 31 - April 6, 2018

Team Leaders: Mike Jefferson | mjefferson@mccag.org

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

Colombia Construction & Outreach Mission

This team will join missionaries Mike & Deisi Lynch to help with a construction project in Bucaramanga, Colombia. They will continue working on multi-purpose buildings for use by the Colombia Youth With A Mission (YWAM) base, participate in local outreach, and visit the children at Mercy Ministry School.

Cost: \$1,500.00 **Ages:** Men 18 & up **Dates:** Spring 2018

Team Leaders: Mark Russo

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





Thailand Young Adults

Thailand is a land of exotic landscapes and beautiful, friendly people. This team will partner with Lighthouse in Action in their ongoing efforts to combat human trafficking. We will participate in evangelism, slum and orphanage ministry, and village outreach with plans to continue to build upon relationships and connections established through our previous outreaches.

Cost: \$2,500.00 **Ages:** 17 & up **Dates:** July 30 - August 9, 2018

Team Leaders: Mitch Bennett & Emilie Coker

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

GO Teams: MCC Disaster Relief

Whether it's a natural disaster such as a hurricane, tornado, or earthquake or refugees in the midst of life-threatening conflict requiring critical assistance, relief teams give hope and help when it's needed most. Work may include demo construction, cleanup, and distributing food, safe water, medicine, and other vital supplies. Sign up now to be listed as a contact for when we deploy teams. This year's trips will include Florida, Texas, and Bahamas.

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

Team Leaders: Matt McQuillen & David Garrett

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 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:** Summer 2018

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 our ongoing work in Niger, Africa. Volunteers, sponsors, and golfers are needed to help make this tournament a success.

For more information, please visit www.linkniger.com.

Cost: \$125.00 per golfer **Ages:** Adults **Dates:** April 26 & 27, 2018

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



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Dominican Republic Student Mission ☺ Spring

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Cost: \$1,600.00 Dates: March 31 - April 6, 2018

Thinking of going on one of these missions?

Contact Emilie Coker

804-746-4303

emilie@mccag.org



Catapult - Extreme Discipleship Program ☺ Summer
High School students who are willing to be equipped and grow in their faith are able to apply for this eight week summer program which concludes with a missions trip (TBD). The students will meet every Thursday to focus on hearing God, discovering their identity in Christ, serving the community, and participate in team building activities.

Cost: \$1,500.00 Dates: June, 2018

Connect Niger, Africa ☺ Summer

Team members will travel to various villages, ministering to children through kids camps, in orphanages, and day care facilities. They will have an up-close opportunity to interact and connect with Nigeriens while building relationships with both children and adults. It's the perfect opportunity for students and young adults to minister in a fourth world nation while sharing the good news of the Gospel.

Cost: \$3,573.00 Ages: 15 & up Dates: June 19 - 29, 2018





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**

**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**

**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**

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.

**Jeremy & Beki
Helwig**
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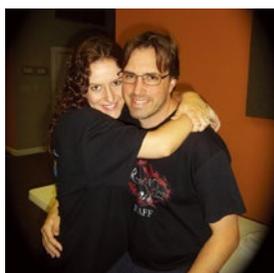
Niger, Africa



**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**

**Dave & Hope
Johansson**
Restoration
Village

Niger, Africa



**Dave 08/28
Hope 03/15**

**Butch
Johnson**
Northside Outreach
Center

Richmond, Virginia



Butch 01/08

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.

Our City | Our World | Our Own

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

Jake & Katherine Mason
Youth With A Mission

Huntington Beach, CA



Jake 04/18
Kath 08/25

Nick Mason
Project Engineer

Haiti



Nick 03/16

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.

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
Promise Land Pastures

Richmond, Virginia



Reuben 03/03
Debra 03/07

Undisclosed Missionaries
Numerous Organizations

Global



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.

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