

# ***New Lebanon Presbyterian Church Jasper, Georgia***



## ***Missions Booklet***

**“WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST....”**





## ...BEING HIS HANDS AND FEET”

This book includes a short description of the missions New Lebanon Presbyterian Church supports in some way; international, national, and local missions. These efforts range from support for USPCA missionaries and programs to helping to deliver day-old bread to folks in our own community. Where possible, contact names or numbers are provided. Many of these local missions are being helped by our congregants through volunteer time as well as our monies. If you are interested in knowing more about opportunities to give of your time and talent, as well as your money; please contact these people or ask someone on the mission committee for information.

# Farris and Thelma Goodrum

**PCUSA Missionaries in Londrina, Brazil**

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Farris teaches music and Christian education at the Theological Seminary of the Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil.

Thelma, who is Brazilian, directs a project for underprivileged children who need help with school work. She also has a literacy program for adults.

## Marianne Harvey – Wycliffe Bible Translators

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Marianne Harvey is currently serving as a teacher with SIL (School of International Languages) a partner with Wycliffe Bible Translators in reaching Bibleless peoples of the world. She is based out of Cotonou, BENIN, West Africa. One of her major responsibilities is designing and teaching intensive English workshops to native French speaking Africans, who are in training to become front-line Bible translators for a number of people groups in Africa who still don't have the Bible in their own "heart language."

Wycliffe Bible Translators has a vision that by the year 2025, every group of people on God's earth will have at least a portion of His Word in their own language.

**Thank you, NLPC, for sharing in this vision of translating God's Word so that people from every tribe, tongue, and nation will worship around the Lord's throne! (Revelation 5:9)**

# Steve and Marie Lindenmeyer

Thailand, Northwestern University in Khon Kaen  
slindenmeyer@campusoutreach.org  
www.campusoutreach.org



Through the Campus Outreach this program builds friendships with students so they can share the gospel and lead them to Christ. The funds that are donated to them are also used to build churches. They have just completed a multi-purpose building to house offices, the church, and a small gym for the soccer ministry.

# James and Jodi McGill

PSUSA missionaries in Malawi, East Africa  
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Serving the Synod of Livingstonia of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, Jim serves as coordinator of protected water and as buildings coordinator. Jodi is coordinator of primary health care and has served as coordinator of the AIDS program. She is also a clinical instructor at the hospital.

# Dr. Martha Sommers

[www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/letters/sommersm](http://www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/letters/sommersm)



Dr. Sommers is a medical doctor at the Embangweni Hospital, Embangweni, Malawi in the Synod of Livingstonia. It is supported by PCUSA Missions and shared help from the Medical Benevolent Foundation.

These hospital workers show the love of God by caring for the physical needs of the people and by witnessing to the love of Christ. This hospital serves a large rural area where 25% of the population is HIV positive and 25% of the children do not live past age 5.

# ACES

Appalachian Children's Emergency Shelter

[www.acespickens.org](http://www.acespickens.org), 404-798-3950

Robyn Richardson



The mission of ACES is to provide a safe and nurturing home for children in need. Clients are abused or neglected children, children whose parents are incarcerated, or children who have been abandoned.

Facilities are being built to accommodate up to 8 children ages 6-17 for up to 90 days or until appropriate placement can be arranged. It will be a 24 hour staffed site serving as a home and an assessment center.

## American Leprosy Missions

[www.leprosy.org](http://www.leprosy.org).



This is a non-denominational Christian ministry operating in approximately 12 countries.

The mission of ALM is “to serve as a channel of Christ’s love to persons affected by leprosy and related conditions, helping them to be healed in body, spirit, and restored to lives of dignity and hope.” ([www.leprosy.org](http://www.leprosy.org)).

Gifts provide the funds for case-finding and diagnosis, rehabilitation, and community development. ALS is also in partnership with the Seattle-based Infectious Disease Research Institute to find a vaccine against leprosy.

# Boys' and Girls' Clubs

**Michele Crawford**

**706-253-2582**



Boys' and Girls' Clubs in Pickens County are an affiliate of Boys' and Girls' Clubs of America. The programs are designed to instill a sense of competence, usefulness, and belonging in adolescents; especially those most at risk. Programs provide a safe and positive place to spend out-of-school hours. Programs are provided after school and during the summer months.

Programs meet at Pickens County Middle School, Jasper Middle School, Roper Park, and Ludville Community Center.

## **C.A.R.E.S.**

**Community Assistance and Resource  
Emergency Services.**

706-253-4777.



C.A.R.E.S. provides food and essential non-food items, temporary financial assistance, and resource counseling for those in need in Pickens County. There is an Executive Director and a board of directors. The day-to-day work is done by volunteers.

NLPC has made a commitment to provide peanut butter, in particular, to help keep the shelves supplied.

## **Community Thrift Store**

**110 Samaritan Way, Jasper, GA 30143**

**[www.pickenscommunitythriftstore.org](http://www.pickenscommunitythriftstore.org)**

The Thrift Store serves our community by selling donated clothing, household goods, etc. at a greatly reduced price. Besides being able to purchase essential goods for a very low price, the

profits of the store are distributed to programs in the county that help the poor and disadvantaged in other ways. It is run by volunteers who sort and sell the items. In addition to the sales in our county, over 120 tons of clothing is shipped each year to third world countries. Over \$600,000 has been given away to community agencies through grants or donations.

## Conversational English Ministries

*ESOL*

706-253-5965

Sponsored by Jasper-Pickens churches, this program serves international visitors and residents who want to learn English or improve their English skills. The program follows the Pickens County school year calendar.

Classes meet on Tuesday evenings at the Living Word Church in Jasper. Volunteers who are trained and certified staff the school. Classes are also available for children older than 2 through grade 6 while their parents are in class.

## Full Gospel Aftercare

This is a program initiated by the North Georgia Men's Christian Fellowship to help men and women coming out of prison locate an appropriate place to live.



**Full Gospel  
Aftercare**

Ron West is presently the primary contact person working with this program.

# Georgia Mountain Hospice

706-253-4100, [www.gmhospice.org](http://www.gmhospice.org)



Georgia Mountain Hospice offers patients and families help when needed with nursing care, emotional and spiritual support, and bereavement services. They serve as a facilitator for community resources.

Cherokee, Pickens, Gilmer, Fannin, Union, Murray, Gordon, and Whitfield counties are served.

Hospice believes that everyone deserves to be cared for with compassion. They offer care and support with skilled nursing care, and try to meet the emotional needs of the patient and the family concerning end of life issues.

Ga. Mountain Hospice serves as a facilitator for community services for patients who generally have a life expectancy of 6 months or less. The patients are sent to Hospice by physician referral.

## Good Samaritan Wellness Center

[www.goodsamhwc.org](http://www.goodsamhwc.org)

Good Samaritan  
Health and Wellness Center



The mission statement reads: “The mission of this not-for-profit health and wellness center is to provide the medically underserved in our community with compassionate and individualized health care and related services in an atmosphere of respect and dignity.”

The center provides free basic health care to the underserved of Pickens County. To be eligible a person must live or work in Pickens County, have a household income within 200% of the Federal Poverty level and have no medical insurance. The center is open from 9 – 12 Monday through Friday.

The center is staffed by volunteers who provide medical services and support services in the areas of records, social services, office and eligibility.

# Habitat for Humanity

706-253-2393, [www.pickenshfh.org](http://www.pickenshfh.org)



Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, ecumenical, Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing. Money and in-kind donations along with volunteer labor combine to build decent houses which are sold to low-income families and financed by Habitat at no interest.

They try to build 2 houses every 15 months with the goal of building 2 every year.

The mission statement reads: “ Our mission is to mobilize volunteers from the churches, businesses, organizations and households of our community to form a cohesive coalition to fund and build simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with God and God’s people in need. “We do this in support of the covenants and values of Habitat for Humanity International with the ultimate goal of eliminating poverty housing in Pickens County, Georgia.”

## Hope House

**Jim Milton, Pres. Board of Directors,  
Rotary Club, Jasper**

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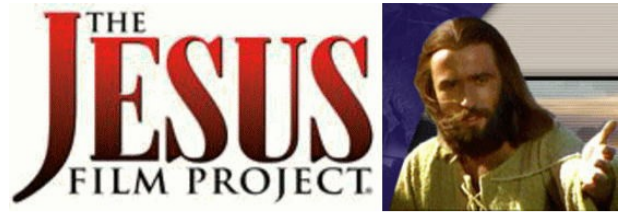


Hope House is a project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jasper that provides love, support, and shelter for children who come through the court system because of abuse, neglect, and other circumstances. Temporary shelter is provided until a more permanent solution can be found.

Hope House opened in 1998 and is headed by a couple who are the “family” for these children.

# Jesus Film Project

[www.jesusfilm.org](http://www.jesusfilm.org)



The Jesus Film Project is a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ worldwide.

Their mission is “to help share Jesus with everyone in his or her own heart language using media tools and movement building strategies.”

The project distributes the film “Jesus.” It is a 2-hour docudrama about the life of Christ based on the gospel of Luke. It has been translated into hundreds of languages since 1979. It has been used by missionaries as an evangelistic resource.

# The Joy House

[www.thejoyhouse.org](http://www.thejoyhouse.org), 706-253-7569,

24 Virtue Lane, Jasper, GA 30143



The Joy House is a “ministry dedicated to restoring teens and families through Christ by providing a healing, loving environment that leads to reconciliation of child and parent for future success in life.” The ministry was started in 2001 and fees are charged on a sliding scale. No teen is turned away because of financial reasons.

The teens live on the Joy House campus. The average stay is 12 – 18 months.

The people who live with and direct the day-to-day programs for these teens are dedicated to seeing the teens and their families gain a loving, healthy, nurturing relationship.

The teens live at the Joy House and have year-round schooling, counseling for the teen and the family, experiences in life skills, and activities that are nurturing and educational.

# Medical Benevolence Foundation

## Partnership with PCUSA

3100 S. Gessner, Ste 210, Houston, TX 77063

800-547-7627, [www.mbfoundation.org](http://www.mbfoundation.org)

MBF supports healing ministries in more than 100 hospitals and clinics throughout the world. This is done by FUNDING the building and maintenance of hospitals in some of the world's most impoverished nations; by shipping MEDICAL SUPPLIES that are donated ; by recruiting VOLUNTEERS to help where local professional help is not available; through COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT programs to work toward long-lasting changes; and by making donors AWARE of the needs around the world.

Monies are given through the Cherokee Presbytery as well as by NLPC.

## The Men's Ministry of NLPC

The Men of NLPC are involved in a number of local charities including Jasper Lions Club Fill-a Stocking, and the St. Vincent de Paul of Pickens County Christmas Party for the Head Start children in the county. They are deeply involved with the Kroger Bread Ministry, as well as The Joy House, The Hope House, Regeneration Ministries, Young Life, C.A.R.E.S., Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center, Thornwell Home for Children, and the Jail Ministry. Much of their revenue for reaching out to others comes from the annual Men's Golf Outing.

## Mission to Serve

[www.Missiontoserve.com](http://www.Missiontoserve.com),  
[missiontoserve@hotmail.com](mailto:missiontoserve@hotmail.com)

This is a non-profit organization that provides food, shelter, and hope to the needy of Romania. The level of poverty is overwhelming for so many in Romania.

Mission to Serve tries to help by providing daily necessities, building homes and churches, and finding sponsors for children.



# NLPC Bread Ministry



Kroger gives us day-old breads and sweets every Wednesday and Friday. These are distributed to Christian Ministries in the area, including Joy House, Hope House, Transition House, C.A.R.E.S. Food Pantry, Timothy House, Ruth House, Aftercare Facility, and Women of Hope.

This is one way to show our Christian love and concern for these folks. This is a reflection of the giving of manna in the Bible, and Jesus using bread for miracles and parables.

# Pickens County Jail Ministry



**Ardith Zook, 770-598-9687**

The Pickens County Jail Ministry offers bible study classes to the men and women who are incarcerated. The program meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. “Free on the inside” Bibles, written on a 9<sup>th</sup> grade reading level, are provided to the inmates. Spanish Bibles are also provided. Ron West and Roberta Sarchet have been active in this ministry from NLPC.

# Pickens Pregnancy and Family Resource Center



**1549 East Church Street, Suite C, Jasper, GA 30143**

**706-253-6303, [www.pickenspregnancycenter.org](http://www.pickenspregnancycenter.org)**

The center wants to bring compassionate help to women and teens who are not prepared for pregnancy. They present sexual abstinence as the only positive option and teach the love and presence of Christ.

The center provides counseling, assistance and referrals. Their services include pregnancy tests, ultrasound imaging and medical referrals. They provide teaching about prenatal nutrition, child-birth preparation, and parenting classes in a program called “earn While You Learn”. They earn “baby bucks” for purchasing cloth-

ing, furnishings, car seats and diapers from the Center's store.

Funding comes from donations from churches, individuals and organizations. They have fund raisers that include a 2-mile walk-a-thon in Jasper and a Dessert Auction at Sharp Mountain Grill. The counselors are volunteers. All services are free.

The Center is open Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 – 5pm.

## The Presbyterian Women of NLPC (The PW)

The PW of NLPC support many different ministries. Included in the list of ministries recently supported in 2007-2008 are the following:



- The Heart & Soul Festival
- Caring Hands Fund of Presbyterian Village
- Thornwell Home & School in South Carolina
- Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy in Pickens County (Pickens County Community Service Center)
- Pickens Pregnancy Center
- Presby Women of Cherokee Presbytery's African Tree Project
- Boys & Girls Club of Jasper
- Grandview Nursing Home
- Mail for the Military
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry
- CARES
- Regeneration Ministries Transition House
- The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering supporting 2 children in the Congo and a week-day church school in New Orleans.

# Ruth House

9 Hillcrest Dr., Ranger, GA 30175

706-334-0078



The Ruth House is a nine-month in-house facility for alcohol and drug addicted women. These women must be receptive to God and want to change their lives. Applicants for residency are interviewed to discern their commitment and their mental and medical stability.

The classes teach respect, self-control, love, and forgiveness. In addition, life skills are taught and seminars are given to help with finances, parenting, and relationships. When possible, the women are placed in jobs and are required to continue classes and contribute to the upkeep of the house.

# Souls for Eternity

[jithiel@ellijay.com](mailto:jithiel@ellijay.com)



Souls of Eternity is a jail ministry that has served Pickens and Cherokee Counties for 18 years. Ithiel and Irish Jones respond to the needs of inmates and their families by providing life skills and job skills, as well as preaching the Gospel. They work with churches and lay people to help guide inmates and ex-inmates to a fruitful, God-centered life. They are planning an Urban Family Conference to help ex-offenders and their wives by teaching the power God will give in the restoration of families.

# Women of Hope

Rev. David Herring and Mrs. Connie Herring

8091 Old Hwy. 5, South, Talking Rock, GA 30175

706-635-7224



Women of Hope is a Christ-centered Drug and Alcohol Treatment program that provides sanctuary to women who have lived

with drug and alcohol issues, rape, abuse, and prostitution. This is a place of spiritual healing, clinical treatment, instruction and guidance. The goals of the center are met through group therapy, Bible study and participation in the church on the campus. Family education is also provided.

The 7 acre campus provides housing for up to 18 women in 2 facilities, one being transitional quarters.

## Regeneration Ministries

**Timothy House and Timothy House Transitional Housing,**

706-324-4994, [timothyhouse@ellijay.com](mailto:timothyhouse@ellijay.com)

706-253-5842 , [www.timothyhouse.org](http://www.timothyhouse.org)

**Pastor Bob Trowell**



**Timothy House** is a residential facility for men with drug and alcohol issues. The ministry is a Christ-based healing program. The men participate in Bible study in addition to life skills and rehabilitation programs. Most clients come from the Appalachian court District, which includes Pickens, Gordon, Fannin, and Gilmer counties.

**Timothy House Transitional Housing** is a 90-day facility in Talking Rock, GA for men coming out of jail or prison and who need a stable place to recover. These men also participate in Bible study and life skill classes.

## Saint Vincent DePaul Society

**Jack Marcacci, President**

**706-692-7604 (call line - checked daily)**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an independent, international organization helping the needy of all faiths, creeds and race—one person at a time. The Society was founded in 1833 in Paris, France and has a presence in Georgia since 1903. Our Lady of the Mountains Conference was founded in 1997. The works of the Society

are completed by volunteers. The Society helps those in need by providing direct aid to those in immediate crisis by paying rent, phone bills utility bills, etc. Many of those in need are provided aid through home visits by Society volunteers. when the needy do not have transportation to seek out aid. Other programs include Family Uplift and Headstart PreK Christmas Party. Funds are provided by Our Lady of the Mountains parishioners as well as other churches, local agencies, businesses and individual contributions.

## Shallow Well Project

Marion Medical Mission

618-997-5365, [tommylogan@aol.com](mailto:tommylogan@aol.com)



Since 1990, the Shallow Well program has built 3600 shallow wells providing safe drinking water for over 1 million people in Malawi, Zambia, and Tanzania in East Africa. The wells are self-help projects. Villagers provide labor, manufacture the bricks, and are responsible for the maintenance. All donations go directly to the shallow wells.

## TEAM

The Evangelical Alliance Mission

[www.teamworld.org](http://www.teamworld.org), Steve and Jane Murray



TEAM is primarily a “church planting” ministry founded in 1890. TEAM missionaries serve outside the US and Canada in 50 countries. There are about 800 missionaries and staff serving full time. The purpose is to help establish reproducing churches around the world.

# TEAM – Evergreen China

Finn and Sandy Torjesen

Evergreen

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<http://www.evergreenchina.org>



Evergreen touches hearts in China by developing and providing public benefit services for the common people through Christ's love. Finn and Sandy Torjesen have been working in Shanxi, China for thirteen years. They have twin children that are just beginning university studies in Colorado. They recently reported that one of their biggest, but “delightful” challenges is besides developing close working relationships with their Chinese co-workers, working with an international team with members from six countries, which includes China. They not only appreciate our financial support, but they covet our prayers as they minister in China “at this time of immense changes and openness.”

## Thornwell Home for Children

**PO Box 60, Clinton, SC 29325-0060, 864-938-2100**

Thornwell was founded in 1875 as a mission of the Presbyterian Church, Thornwell offers residential care and education for children 2 to 18. It also offers full-day and after school day care for children 6 weeks to 10 years of age. Approximately 100 residential students are served housed in 12 cottages. It is not an orphanage. The children are referred to Thornwell as a solution to not being able to be raised by their parents. Referrals come from families, ministers, social workers, and therapists. It is located in Clinton, SC; serving children and families from the Synod of the South Atlantic – Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.



The mission is stated in terms of children, family, spiritual life, education and community. All these endeavors are undertaken with the knowledge that these children are made in the image of God and are worthy of love and respect.

Thornwell provides a family-model residential program for the children it serves. They live in family units led by married couples. The children experience positive role models in a family setting. They are also provided an excellent education, given the opportunity to be part of the campus work program, participate in theater and recreation programs.

This mission is supported by Cherokee Presbytery funds as well as NLPC.

## Young Life/WyldLife

Young Life Pickens County,  
P.O. Box 181,  
Jasper, GA, 706-253-3222



There are clubs at Pickens High School, Pickens Middle School, and Jasper Middle School.

Young Life is a non-denominational, Christian organization that works with adolescents to help them grow in their faith. The clubs are staffed by adult volunteers.

The groups usually have weekly meetings and plan activities. There are weekend and summer camp opportunities, such as the camp at Sharptop Cove.

The leaders of Young Life want to reach adolescents where they are and help them with a message of hope, acceptance, and fun. Young Life recognizes how vulnerable teens are to the influences of the culture. Through clubs that meet within schools, they are able to form relationships with teens that encourage them in their faith and lead them in activities that reflect a Christian outlook.

The national organization has been active since 1941.

# Seasonal Ministries of NLPC

## Christmas in July



Christmas In July has been a ministry of NLPC since 1996. For the church supper in July, the members are asked to bring clothes and school supplies for the children in Pickens County who are in need as they begin the new school year. The Pickens County DFCS and Pickens county Community Services distribute the gifts to the appropriate recipients.

## Thanksgiving Baskets



NLPC Presbyterian Women undertake this mission each fall to help needy families have good food for their families during the holiday season. This effort is coordinated through the Pickens County Community Service Center.

## Operation Christmas Child

This is a November project NLPC participates in, filling shoe boxes with gifts for needy children. The program is handled through Samaritan's Purse, a relief and evangelistic organization operated by Franklin Graham.

The boxes are collected locally and shipped around the world. These may be the only gifts they have ever had of their own.



Individual shoe boxes are filled with gifts that are for a child. Suggestions for gifts are provided and there is a \$7 charge with each box to handle the shipping and administrative costs.

# Cherokee Presbytery Missions

NLPC gives to the presbytery each year to support missions that are administered for the entire 41 local churches. Several are also missions NLPC supports and those are mentioned where applicable. In addition it should be mentioned that Cherokee Presbytery supports a Kenya Partnership for a seminary, Georgia Campus ministries at Kennesaw State, Shorter, and Berry; Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, the Esteli Nicaragua Partnership, Villa International Atlanta, which houses missionaries on furlough or visiting, the Georgia Lodge at Montreat, Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Duvall Home for learning disabled, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and summer church camp scholarships.

## PCUSA Special Offerings

### One Great Hour of Sharing

Since 1949 Presbyterians have joined with other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development. The money is divided almost equally in thirds among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.



This offering is usually collected on Palm Sunday or Easter.

### Pentecost Offering

This offering which is traditionally collected on Pentecost Sunday provides for the needs of children at risk, youth and young adults. Congregations are encouraged to keep 40% of the offering to support local ministries for children at risk, and the General Assembly uses the other 60% for development opportunities for youth and young adults. Since 1998, \$7 million



have been raised for these ministries that benefit younger members of the family of God.



## Peacemaking Offering

This offering was created in 1980 to support efforts of the PCUSA to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God.

25% of this offering stays with NLPC for efforts to promote peace in our local community. 25% is used by the Cherokee Presbytery, and the rest is distributed by the PCUSA.

The offering is usually received on World Communion Sunday.

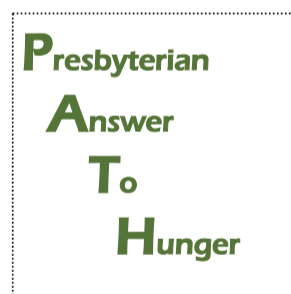
## Christmas Joy Offering



Receipts to the Joy Offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs for retired and active church workers and their families. It is usually received the Sunday before Christmas.

## PATH

Presbyterian Answer To Hunger



50% of donations are distributed to 13 hunger programs in the Cherokee Presbytery. The other 50% go to international hunger programs through the PCUSA.

The Presbyterian Church is answering the call of Jesus to feed the hungry around the world. The PATH offerings provide the means for local presbyteries and the PCUSA to respond to hunger and its root causes in local communities and around the world.

# NOTES

Information compiled by the  
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