

MISSION IN MOTION - 2025

Thanks to the faithful giving of the Covenant congregation, the Mission Ministry Team distributed \$22,000 to support partner organizations during 2025.

Below are the good works and financial contributions for this year:

- **MISSION FOCUS SUNDAYS** – The Mission Ministry team hosts Mission Focus Sundays (MFS) throughout the year, usually on the months that have a 5th Sunday. For MFS, the Mission Partner presents information about their organization during the Sunday School hour while everyone enjoys breakfast tacos, fruit, and coffee in Mission Hall. The Mission Partner also speaks during the Minute for Mission during service. The Mission Ministry Team provides the Mission Partner with a \$500 donation and any offerings designated by the congregation. Below were the Mission Focus Sunday presenters for 2025:
 - Feb 23rd- Good Works Honduras
 - August 31st – Presbyterian Pan American School
 - November 30th – James Payne Fund/SAMM TLLC
- **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT** – Approval of 2 trees planted in the Covenant Gardens area and waste/recycling cans placed under the large oak tree.
- **FIESTA CASTLE HILLS** – As part of the Castle Hills community Mission team members opened the building to the fiesta participants to provide access to restrooms, air conditioning, a place to rest, and refreshments.
- **LARKSPUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** – Staff Appreciation in May included breakfast, lunch, and goodies in staff boxes. The Mission Team approved \$250 for the Back-to-School luncheon, supported Snack Pak 4 Kids SA for the year 2025-2026 with a \$2000 contribution, and contributed supplies to the Holiday Apple Bar. Including designated giving from the congregation, the total contribution for the year was \$2,460.
- **PC(USA) SPECIAL OFFERINGS** - One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Joy Offering. Total contribution - \$3,163.
- **PRESBYTERIAN PAN AMERICAN SCHOOL** – Anabell Rosales-Salazar proposed Covenant pledge to support the school's transition from using disposable utensils and paper plates to dishes and silverware. Mission approved a \$500 gift which was matched by a congregation member for a total of \$1000. The Presbyterian Woman from several churches also provided funds for the dishes and flatware. PPAS has now fully made the transition to dishes, glasses, and silverware. In August, PPAS students and president, Dr. King presented at the August Mission Focus Sunday. Along with the Mission Focus Sunday donation of \$500 the congregation donated \$495 for a total of \$995. The total donation for the year to PPAS was \$1995.
- **COVENANT GARDENS** – Another successful year of providing fresh vegetables to SAMM Transitional Living Center. The vegetables shared were tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, herbs, turnips, peas, beans, lettuce, carrots, radishes, spinach, & sweet potatoes. Covenant Spring Picnic was a great success! The Covenant Gardeners raffled off a Wood Pellet Smoker. The total amount raised for the gardens was \$795. The event was coupled with a celebration of anyone who joined with the last 5 years. Throughout the year, Journey Respite participants utilized the gardens for recreation. The new rose bushes planted in the Prayer Garden and maintenance for the Community Garden totaled \$238.
- **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE** - US Wildfires – \$1000 donation and Hill Country Flood – \$1500 donation. Total \$2500.
- **PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOMES AND SERVICES (PCHAS)** – Covenant grill masters cooked for the PCHAS Back to School Bash, collected school supplies were delivered, and an additional \$375 raised for school supplies. Five children were sponsored by Covenant Members for Christmas gifts. Sixteen Covenant members attended the PCHAS luncheon and filled two tables. An additional \$550 was received in designated giving bringing the total contribution to \$925.
- **EVERYTHING BAGEL** – Mission presented information for various Mission Partners, including the Covenant Community Garden, Pan American School, James Payne, and PCHAS, as well as having representation from Austin Seminary and Larkspur Elementary to share their programs.
- **WEST AVENUE COMPASSION** – The Mission Team approved \$6000 to WAC to support their efforts to address the drastic increase in need for food and clothing assistance in the community.
- **MISSION BINS** – They are getting a facelift! Carrie and Sylvia repaired one of the Mission Bins and the Mission Team approved the design. The rest will be completed in 2026.
- **COMPASSION KITS** – The kits include water, snacks, socks, and a message from Covenant in a Ziplock bag. They can be purchased for \$2. The kits are meant to be handed out to people on the streets that are in need. Men's Saturday Bible Study handles getting the supplies and provides them to Journey Respite participants to assemble. Mission contributed \$195 to purchase supplies
- **JAMES PAYNE SHOPPING** – This year the congregation and friends volunteered to shop for 37 families residing at SAMM TLLC. The groceries are much appreciated by the residents who are working to gain secure housing for their families. The total amount raised was \$8,700.
- **HOUSE OF NEIGHBORLY SERVICE** – To support their food ministries for after school and elder care programs, \$1000 was contributed.
- **SAMM** – A designated donation of \$1000 was provided.
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** – The budgeted amount of \$2500 and a \$170 designated donation, totaled \$2670 for the year.

Mission Ministry Team meets the first Sunday of every month after service in the Emmaus Sunday School Room. If you would like more information, contact the church office.