

Description of Missions Work Areas of Support May, 2023

Section 1 - AFRICA

Africa University (Advance # 3021028)

We have supported this oasis of learning in the eastern highlands of Zimbabwe since its founding in 1992. It is the only United Methodist degree granting institution on the continent of Africa. Students at AU come from all over Africa, currently representing 23 countries. Graduates go out to excel in careers in medicine, business, national politics, education, agriculture, and the church, to fulfill the university's motto of "educating global leaders, hope for the world". (\$2,500 = 2023 Support)

Temba Nkomozepe Salary Support (Advance # 3022400)

Temba took over as the leader of the Mujila Falls Ag Center in October of 2018 from Paul Webster. Temba just signed a new 3 year contract in October 2021. Paul Webster was the founder of the Mujila Falls Ag Center and visited Midland FUMC x3 times between 2005 and 2016. In Paul's words "As a rural development specialist I am attacking the root causes of poverty, disease and hopelessness through education and training in small animal husbandry, cattle culture, goat milking, animal traction, tree nurseries, fruit and fish culture, and research." Paul adds, "The goals are families who can provide balanced nutrition for themselves and an income from small scale, family-based production."

Temba is the leader of the Mujila Falls Agricultural Project in Northwest Zambia, near the border with the Republic of Congo. FUMC provides salary support for Temba. (\$2,500 = 2023 Support)

Mujila Falls Ag Project (Advance # 15016A)

The Mujila Falls Agricultural Project is a rural economic development project that serves the needs of the poor, rural peoples in Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mujila Falls Ag Project promotes major programs in education, health, sustainable agriculture, community development, evangelism, and church construction. The projects strive to empower participants and address community social, economic and health problems holistically.

Midland FUMC has supported the Ag Center since its conception in 2000. Rev McCumons (FUMC head pastor) was the guest of honor for Paul Webster's Commissioning there in 2000. (\$8,000 = 2023 Support)

Samuteb Hospital (Advance # 00596A)

Samuteb is a hospital in rural Congo (Africa) that serves an underserved area of the world, that without Samuteb, would have no medical care at all. This is a hospital that does not look like a hospital you and I would be accustomed to seeing. It looks like a primitive clinic; however, it serves thousands in an enormous area of Congo. Samuteb has been supported by our church for at least 30 years and our support is critical to their survival. Our retired Senior Pastor Carl Price visited the hospital multiple times. (\$6,000 = 2023 Support)

Jesus Film Project (Campus Crusades)

Dave & Marilyn Kenaga recommitted to work with Campus Crusade in early 2018 after having spent time with a translating organization known as T4 Global. At Campus Crusade, they will both be committed to a project called The Jesus Film Project. The film was created in 1979 using authentic costuming, site shooting and so on and it is a high quality film depicting the life of Jesus. It is being translated into other languages; 1500 translations have been done over the years. Those who are active in the project have responsibility for raising their own funding to complete new translations; Marilyn's role is that of a funding 'coach' who can share ideas on how to raise money, write grants, etc. Dave is a donor representative and, as such, works with organizations capable of funding a complete translation on their own: note that the cost of a translation is ~\$150,000. (\$1,500 = 2023 Support).

Judith Craig Orphanage – Liberia (Advance # 11820A)

In 1984 Judith Craig became the third woman elected bishop of the UMC Conference. Bishop Craig served the Michigan Episcopacy from 1984 until 1992. Bishop Craig came to Midland in 1985 to celebrate our first \$Million of Mission Outreach and she helped us launch our second \$Million. When Bishop Craig retired in 2000 she was honored by the naming of the Bishop Judith Craig Children's Village (BJCCV). Midland First UMC became a charter member of BJCCV by supporting a cottage in her Village. After 10 years of Civil War in Liberia BJCCV has become a school for the reeducation of children soldiers. We support BJCCV through our conference covenant, through general projects 11820A, and through special projects like the recent Water Distribution Project (\$1,500 = 2023 Support)

Chad Clean H2O

Exposure and consumption of contaminated surface waters is a primary source of severe illness and death in sub-Saharan Africa. Brian & Lisa (Pollock) Purdy lead a team in northeastern Chad, providing health and wellness educational clinics to remote villagers and working with local leaders to install sustainable solutions to repair and bring back into service the many inactive deep ground wells that exist throughout the region. (\$1,000 = 2023 Support)

Mulungwishi Seminary (Advance # 05773A)

The Mulungwishi Theological Seminary trains pastors to serve in the church and society in Africa. It is located in the Democratic Republic of Congo and is the School of Theology component of the greater Katanga Methodist University (KMU), which also includes Schools of Agriculture, I.T., Education, a Women's Center and a Medical Center. Students at the seminary receive a Bachelor's degree after three years and a Master's after five. There is also a PhD level program. The graduating class averages ten theology students per year who become ordained UMC clergy. (\$2500 = 2023 Support)

Section 2 - HAITI

Haiti Foundation Against Poverty (Mallory Neptune)

Haiti Foundation Against Poverty is a nonprofit organization founded by Mallory Thurlow Neptune in 2007. It's mission is to serve the poor, widowed and orphaned (James 1:27) in Haiti through: Education, Childcare, Medical Care, Job Creation and by spreading the Message and Love of the Gospel. To accomplish this, HFAP will Educate, Equip and Empower.

This organization Educates the poor at Les Bours Primary School through child sponsorships, Equips Haitians with the strength they need to overcome through Bible studies, discipleship, prayer and worship. HFAP Empowers Haitians through the Women's Business Program, Infant Malnutrition Center and Employing Haitians. (\$2,200 = 2023 Support)

Grace Hospital & TB Clinic - Port au Prince, Haiti (Advance # 418520)

This hospital gives care to children and in-hospital treatment is reserved for the most critical cases. There are fewer in-patients now than in the past decade due to the change in treatment of TB from hospital to home care for the entire family. Now more family members can receive care at home, lessening the trauma of separating families during treatments. (\$12,500 = 2023 Support)

Section 3 - EASTERN EUROPE

Baltic Theological Seminary

Baltic Methodist Theological Center is in Tallin, Estonia. It trains students for pastoral ministry and other ministry leadership. JD Landis is a trustee on the Board under the supervision of Bishop Christian Alstead. He is responsible as a trustee with all major decisions of the seminary. They are also charged with the responsibility of raising funds. The seminary graduates 10-20 students a year

that come from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Scandinavia and other former Soviet Countries. JD is also a contact with the Haapsalu United Methodist church and their pastor Urmas Rahuvarm. Haapsalu has a lay leader presently training for ministry, Rauno. Other contacts include the Lighthouse Center for Children in Tallin, and Camp Gideon directed by Artur Pold. (\$2,700 = 2023 Support)

Section 4 - ASIA

Justice Ventures International -India and China

JVI secures freedom, justice and restoration for the poor and oppressed by strengthening ventures that promote justice. JVI partners with local organizations to rescue men, women and children suffering from extreme injustice. They help with legal case work, human rights training, rights-based advocacy and have freedom businesses to market and sell products made by human trafficking survivors. Human trafficking and bonded slavery are just two of the areas they work in to rescue people. (\$4,000 = 2023 Support)

Section 5 - Latin America

Solar Ovens Project (Advance # 418812)

Solar ovens provide clean fuel for making the contaminated water safe for drinking without harvesting precious mahogany trees used to make charcoal for cooking. The trees stabilize the soil, keeping it from washing into the shallow sea and smothering small fish. Now the small fish can become big fish to feed the people. The pollution from charcoal fires is also diminished so that the air is healthier. (\$1,000 = 2023 Support)

Section 6 - USA

Baldwin Center (Advance CCMM# 3036)

For over 40 years the Baldwin Center has been providing critical services to the underserved populations of Pontiac, Michigan. To fulfill their mission to feed, clothe, educate, and empower, they provide takeout meals, a clothing closet, after school programs, shower and laundry services, summer camps, and a holiday shopping store. The Baldwin Center was originally created as an outreach program of the former Baldwin Avenue United Methodist Church in response to increasing poverty in the neighborhood.

City Rescue Mission of Saginaw

The City Rescue Mission of Saginaw (formerly known as the Saginaw Rescue Mission), provides emergency shelter, meals and compassionate Christian care for homeless people in the Saginaw community. In existence since 1905, they also offer extensive training in life skills, employment readiness, and Christian living. Through the Impact Designs program, they open doors to sustainable permanent housing solutions for their guests. Their mission statement: To glorify God by serving people in need, proclaiming the Gospel, and establishing disciples among disadvantaged people. (\$5500 = 2023 Support)

Oscoda Indian Mission

Oscoda Indian Mission is a program/church with Native American focused events for children, youth and adults. They are involved with UM camps, and many other programs like Christmas meals, providing school supplies and retreats as well as training their youth for leadership role. (\$??? = 2023 Support)

Cass Avenue Community Services – Detroit (Advance CCMM# 3005)

Cass Avenue Community Services helps the local community provide food, shelter and income to the homeless community. It also provides religious prayer and worship to those in need. They rehabilitate the indigent and employ them by making door mats, coaster and flip-flops. Faith Fowler is the minister at Cass Ave Methodist Church. (\$4,000 = 2023 Support)

His House Christian Fellowship - Kate & Joe Hogoboom - Ferris State University

His House is a campus ministry at FSU headed by Kate & Joe Hogoboom. Kate is Carl & Pat Price's granddaughter. We support their salaries as Administrative Assistants. They mentor students, prepare teachings, plan and lead retreats, camps, social events and worship times, while attempting to bring security and the love of Jesus Christ to students at FSU, as well as encouraging the students to grow spiritually. (\$1,300 = 2023 Support)

One Week One Street (OWOS)

One Week, One Street OWOS is an annual urban revitalization effort to encourage, hope, pride and love for our neighbors in Saginaw by utilizing volunteers and donations from the Great Lakes Bay Region churches, businesses, and other non-profit organizations. OWOS is an annual organized week, providing "hands on" to help meet the needs of people in Saginaw. Volunteers are from churches, employers and other Great Lakes Bay Region civic organization, working together the last week of June. OWOS is recognized as a United Methodist project in the Central Bay District. (\$1,000 = 2023 Support)

In addition to sending funds the members of Midland FUMC do carpentry, yard work, paint, clean up and develop on-going relationships with the people of Saginaw each year during the OWOS event.

CRU - Abbey Dodson (Drumright)

Abbey Dobson (Drumright) is a past member of FUMC and her family still attends FUMC. She and her husband Matthew live in the St Louis, Missouri area and are each attending Covenant Seminary to obtain a Masters of Divinity & Masters of Counseling. While there they are both Serving with Cru (Campus Crusades). (\$500 = 2023 Support)

Cru offers spiritual guidance, resources and programs tailored to people from all cultures in every walk of life, including: Campus Ministries, Cru City Ministry & Weekend Events to strengthen marriages sponsored by Cru Family Life Ministry.

God's Country Cooperative Parish (Advance CCMM# 3044)

God's Country Co-Operative Parish (GCCP), Headquarters is in Newberry, Michigan. It consists of 7 small churches located in the Eastern half of the Upper Peninsula. The work is social work, assistance in housing, household goods, clothing, home repair, supporting the churches. The center now supports the entire UP for household goods and clothing. Summer VIM groups do construction projects and other upgrades. A Big winter coat/clothing give away is a significant Mission for the center. The Center works with State Agencies to provide assistance to individuals and families who are in need. To help support the ministry, they make and sell picnic tables and double chairs. The churches make pasties to sell and hold pasty dinners to support their congressional mission work. (\$1,000 = 2023 Support)

New Heart UMC (Saginaw)

Mission is to serve the broken-hearted, lost, disadvantaged, and impoverished people in the city of Saginaw by offering the love, hope, and transforming message of salvation found in Jesus Christ by providing mission focused ministries. These ministries are, but are not limited to: Jacob's Ladder home repair assistance, weekly Food and Children's Clothing Pantries with Breakfast Church, youth basketball, Bicycle Ministry, and annual Easter Egg Hunt, Back-to-School Event, and Jesus' Birthday Party. Also offer Restoration Recovery for help with drug and alcohol addictions. (\$1,000 = 2023 Support)