



Missions Update

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Missions Update is a semi-regular publication of the Missions and Outreach Ministry Team of the First Presbyterian Church of Kenosha. Its goal is to help the congregation better know and understand the people and activities we are supporting.

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Focus on Mission



Nadia Ayoub is a Presbyterian mission co-worker whom we have supported for some time—first in Tajikistan and then with the Roma in Ukraine. This summer she will be moving to Greece to take up her new ministry in partnership with the Evangelical Church of Greece in Katerini, Greece. She will be ministering among a large number of refugees who have come to Greece from Arabic-speaking countries. Most have fled war zones and endured treacherous journeys in search of safety and a new home.

Nadia will help our Greek partners be faithful to the biblical call to welcome the stranger. She will draw upon her long experience as an

early childhood educator in mission service and her fluency in Arabic. She will play a strategic role in programs for pre-school children, and she will provide interpretation services and other types of assistance when refugees visit the doctor and go to other important appointments.

The ministry of the Evangelical Church of Greece that works with refugees in Katerini is called Perichoerisis. It provides housing and support for 550 refugees. The Evangelical Church of Greece is large in terms of commitment, but its membership is small and its resources limited. Its leaders requested that Presbyterian World Mission send a mission co-worker to help in this vital ministry.

The prayers and financial gifts of Presbyterians like us have enabled Nadia to serve as a mission co-worker for 20 years. Our ongoing help is needed so that she can respond to this critical need in Greece. (Our General Assembly mission giving previously and this year is designated to Nadia.) She will be visiting in the US prior to starting her work in Greece and hopefully will be able to visit our area and share information about her new call. Meanwhile please continue to support Nadia with your prayers and gifts.

2018 MISSION TRIP

This summer, rather than a traditional mission trip with the youth, we will be taking any interested youth from the church to Storm Lake, IA to participate in Synod School. Don't let the name fool you—it is not school. It is more like family camp with lots of activities for people of all ages. A number of families from our congregation have participated in the past and/or anticipate going this summer. We would also like to take the youth. Parents are welcome to sign up as well and come along, but if a parent wants to send a youth along, we can take them. Details about Synod School can be found at:

<http://www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool>

Scholarships are available through the church, presbytery, and through the synod for first time attenders. If you are interested but need more information, talk to Pastor Lance at church. It is a great time of learning, playing, worshipping, and growing together.



REMINDERS

Operation Christmas Child items of the month: scarves, watches, jewelry items. We can also take any extra Kohl's cash (or any store "cash" you don't need and we will turn it into OCC items.

Bring in your empty pill bottles for the Bread of Healing Clinic in Milwaukee. Not having to purchase pill bottles saves the clinic a lot of money.

UPDATES

We received an email thank you from Phillip with Presgov in Guatemala thanking us for our contribution to the Coban ministry complex this year. For the past couple of weeks the banners they made for us have been displayed on the communion table. We are still seeking a more permanent place to display them.

We also received an update (see the mission bulletin board) regarding the South Sudan Peace Project.

FEBRUARY MISSION PAYMENTS

This month we sent our mission payments to Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy in Russia (<http://mpcrussia.org/>) and to the Synod of Lakes and Prairies

(<http://www.lakesandprairies.org/>)

Along with the proceeds from the Jam Ministry in 2018, the proceeds from the Chili Cookoff (\$426.39) have been directed to Jan Heckler and her work in Madagascar. You can find out more about Jan at

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/jan-heckler/>

Congratulations Jacob Loveall for the gold medal winning chili! Thank you to everyone for participating and the Fellowship Team for hosting a wonderful event.