



ST. PAUL'S
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ACTS 1:8 OUTREACH

Jesus said,

*“you shall be My witnesses both
in Jerusalem and in all Judea,
and Samaria, and as far as the
remotest part of the earth.”*

Acts 1:8 Outreach Ministry
Year End 2020 Report

Much to the Committee's amazement, 2020 has proven to be a year of plenty in many ways. Whereas in past years, most of the funds for outreach came from the Tea Room, it was only able to operate two days in a “takeout mode” before the COVID-19 lockdowns. So, we thought we would be facing a very lean year. The Lord had other ideas. Because of the generous response of the St. Paul's family, to the Committee's matching challenge, we were blessed with enough funds to impact people locally, nationally, and to the “uttermost parts of the earth”, just as Jesus commands in our Acts 1:8 guiding scripture.

The committee is well aware of our responsibility to distribute the Lord's funds, where they will have an impact for His Kingdom. The decisions of where to put the funds are made only with prayer and guidance from the Holy Spirit.

We have been able to distribute \$42,000 so far this year. The Tea Room, Tea Room To Go, and the generosity of our congregation all helped us to exceed the \$10,000 matching challenge. The Vestry was also able to allocate 100% of their budget to Acts 1:8.

In addition to the distributions set forth below, we have kept some funds in reserve to help assist with any emergencies that may arise, before our coffer can be refilled in 2021. The “thanks” go to the Lord, and to our St. Paul's family. We welcome your prayers as the future unfolds.

Below are the people and ministries we helped this year.

Website links are included for further information where available:

Close to Home:

Home of Hope and Hope's House- Homes for men and women in need of a place of hope, transition, and restoration in their lives. <http://dcco4homeless.org>

Habitat for Humanity – Dorchester County- The funds we give are used to help fund financial and home ownership training, for the new homeowner.

<https://www.habitat.org/us-sc/summersville/dorchester-hfh>

St. Albans Chapel, The Citadel- Rev. Rob Sturdy

<https://www.citadel.edu/root/chapel-campus-ministries/albans>

Dorchester County Salvation Army- Office is in Skardon Hall

Our Seminarian Collin Reed- While he cannot physically attend Trinity at this time, he is actively pursuing his studies online.

Pro-Life Charleston-Our support has helped them to purchase a van, which has been used as a mobile clinic. The mobile clinic will allow the right equipment, to be at the right place, at the right time, to assist women in need. Paula Tisdale is active in this undertaking.

Sarah Ann Welsh, our Fellow at The Falls Church Anglican, Arlington, Virginia- Now in its 26th year, the Falls Church Fellows program equips recent college graduates to live seamless lives of faith in all areas: family, vocation, community, discipleship, and service, for the sake of others, and the glory of God. <http://fallschurchfellows.com>

Stephen Ministry-Our support made it possible for Jerry Merritt to pursue the necessary training, to become a leader in this one-to-one lay caring ministry. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. <https://www.stephenministries.org>

Help of Summerville- For over 45 years, Help of Summerville has been helping residents of Dorchester County in emergency situations, by providing food, clothing, funds for utilities, rent, and medicine. The organization is 100% donation funded, and operates The Second Chance Thrift Shop, and maintains an office in Ambler Hall. Over the years, the organization has assisted many areas in addition to those listed – from a prom dress to burial fees for a child.

A Bit Farther Out

Hebron Grace Home, Santee- A home for women, who are recovering from various forms of addiction. Father John Scott is deeply involved with this wonderful ministry. <https://www.hebroncolony.org>

Christian Training Center International, Franklin, North Carolina- Programs at the Inn of Last Resort, are an immersion into a new language – the language of living in Jesus. It is when we learn to live in Jesus, that radical change occurs in our lives and relationships. At Christian Training Center International, people’s lives are impacted, challenged, and changed by the power and presence of God. <https://ctcilife.org>

Bishop William Howell, Full Gospel Deliverance Church, Eutawville, South Carolina- Bishop Howell and Mary were both descendants of slaves. Rev. Howell was called to Ministry in Eutawville, and, together with his wife, planted a church to serve the spiritual and temporal needs of the area people. He conducted services at a 90-year-old former store and operated a secondhand shop, which they operated each day to collect clothing and household goods. Here, the people of the community, both Black and White, could purchase affordable essential items. If any could not afford to purchase these needs, the Bishop simply gifted them to the people. In November, a fire destroyed the interior of the building, with all of its contents. Without crying over their loss, Bill and Mary, are responding to the challenge that God has placed on their lives and are doubling their efforts to live and teach the Gospel in Eutawville. They have rented a small building, to continue their Thrift Shop operation, because so many depend on the good Bishop to provide for their temporal needs.

Uttermost Parts

Watchman International, founded by Hugh Shelbourne- I urge you to take the time to read about this ministry. <http://www.watchmeninternational.com/organisation/background/>

The Lamb Institute is a Christ-centered, multifaceted ministry, based in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The Lamb Institute seeks to share the hope found in Christ Jesus, as we care for, educate, protect, and empower those suffering extreme poverty, abuse, and exploitation in Honduras. LAMB was founded in 1999 by lifelong missionary, Suzy McCall, as a training school for Hondurans called to world mission. <https://lambinstitute.org>

Kenya flood Relief through the Diocese of Maseno South, Kisumu, Kenya- We also helped Rev. Fred Ochieng with the purchase of a much-needed vehicle, which enables him to minister to some of the remote areas he serves.

Mission Aviation Fellowship's Emergency Response in Central America assisted in the relief efforts after hurricanes Eta and Iota. Between Nov 6 - 29, MAF completed 110 flight legs, served 12 organizations, landed in 12 destinations, flew 160 flight hours, carried 200 passengers and delivered 31,000 pounds of supplies. Here are photos of the effort <https://maf.getbynder.com/web/191029ea9e8a046e/hurricane-iota/>

Water Mission- In responding to hurricanes Eta and Iota, Water Mission delivered water from their Honduras office, to emergency shelters and impacted communities and set up temporary safe water supply points (including an emergency safe water system in the Sula Valley, one of the worst-hit regions in Honduras). They also distributed safe water purification packets, and trained residents on how to effectively use them. Water Missions' coordinated with local churches, to provide volunteer assistance in our activities and minister to displaced and affected families.

<https://watermission.org/eta/>

Our missionaries:

Rivers and Becky Camp and family with TEAM in Chad- The Camps left Chad, in the early Spring, because of the COVID-19 situation there. They have been in furlough, in the USA, waiting to return to Chad. <https://vimeo.com/322889245> and <https://team.org/regions/africa/chad>

Rose Tisdale, in Cameroon, where she served with Wycliff Bible Translators. Rose is now attending school in Ireland.

This report has been respectfully submitted, with gratitude for all who contributed, through prayer, and financially during this unusual and trying year.

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