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Resurrection Offering

MINISTRY INFORMATION BOOKLET



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

Dear New Life,

The Gospel calls us outward on mission. We have defined mission as the call to make disciples as we bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit while loving our neighbor. That last phrase, while loving our neighbor, is important.

Psalm 12:5 says, "Because the poor are plundered, because the needy groan, I will now arise," says the LORD; "I will place him in the safety for which he longs."

Our God is a God who cares deeply for the most vulnerable and marginalized in society. Every Palm Sunday we look to reflect God's heart and live missionally by receiving a Resurrection Offering which was designed to enable us as a church to give generously to help those in great need.

This year we are partnering with organizations to bring relief and justice to those coming out of human trafficking, provide medical care for poor children, give greater educational opportunities to the less privileged, offer housing and spiritual care for the addicted and homeless, and love the immigrant through ESL classes. Please take the next several weeks to prayerfully consider how the Lord may have you live out his heart for others by giving on April 5th.

By His Grace,
Anthony Gammage
Lead Pastor

Do you remember the children's song "I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, where? Down in my heart, where? Down in my heart! I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart. Down in my heart to stay!" Have you experienced that joy that only Jesus can bring? Our prayer is that as we approach this Easter season and think about the immensity of Christ's sacrifice, we would feel joy in sharing Jesus with others. Each year we support the ministries outlined in this booklet with funds from the Resurrection Offering as part of our mission of "making Jesus known." The Resurrection offering gives us a chance to consider how Christ is showing up in marginalized communities around us. As followers of Christ, we are called to follow in His footsteps and show up where He is most needed.

As you read about each ministry, will you prayerfully consider how you could also support these ministries with your talents and gifts? Each ministry has listed ways in which we can help. Could we challenge you to pick one way that you could help in 2020? We hope that the opportunities listed will open our eyes to the needs that surround us in our communities. There is a contact listed for each ministry. Please reach out to them if you are interested in serving. Between February 23rd and March 29th we will be hearing from each ministry during Sunday service. As you consider the prayer requests for each of the ministries in this booklet, would you also pray that He would show you where He can use your talents and gifts within these organizations to make Jesus known throughout our community.

In His grace,
NLD Local Ministries Team

**Carrie Silver, Ruth Anne Burke, Michael Kantor,
Lisa Leahy, Dale Roberts, Kelly Yardumian**

“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”

Matthew 25:35 & 40

On April 5, 2020 New Life Dresher will receive the Resurrection Offering as our monetary response to the mission of “Making Jesus Known.” Our desire is to commit our funds, our time, and our talents to assist the poor and oppressed in our community, the Philadelphia region, and around the world.

The offering is the fruit of the Holy Spirit stirring us up to give generously to the needy and obey the command of the apostles to ‘remember the poor’ (Gal 2:10).

How can I give?

All funds collected will be divided equally among the five partner ministries introduced in this booklet

Set aside funds from now until April 5th, when we will have a special collection for the Resurrection Offering in both worship services.

Use the Resurrection Offering envelopes to **make weekly or periodic gifts**, and place them in the regular offering on any Sunday through April 5th.

Mail your gifts to the church office, clearly marked ‘Resurrection Offering’ before April 5th

Give through **New Life Online** or the **New Life app**

Pray that God would put it in the hearts of every household to give towards what Christ called us to do in view of His mercy to us.



How can I serve?

Would your home group be interested in **preparing and serving a meal** to homeless men through Whosoever Gospel Mission?

Could you **talk to an immigrant for 45 minutes** at a GROW conversation cafe?

Could you **introduce Grounds for Restoration coffee** to other churches or organizations?

Would you consider **helping at or hosting a craft sale** with Kianga Kids?

If any of these ideas appeal to you, you can reach out to one of the contacts listed in this booklet, or talk to the representatives of each ministry who will be giving missions moments in the weeks leading up to Easter. Please stop by the table in the lobby each week to get more information on how God can use your gifts and make sure to read the prayer requests for each ministry that will be listed in the bulletin.



Grounds for restoration is working to be a substantial supporter of Restoration efforts for human trafficking survivors devastated by slavery and violent abuse. Here's what we do:

- Operate a coffee distribution company to communicate God's Grace and His passion for Justice, and help provide restoration for lives. We give 100% of our net profits to services and special projects at Restoration Homes in PA, anti-trafficking education efforts, and the anti-slavery work of International Justice Mission. Often we can double or triple our giving through matching donations!
- Host ministry opportunities such as the Reception for Daughters of the King, screenings of the ground-breaking documentary From Liberty to Captivity, coffee house events, and workshops re: how the Gospel compels the Body of Christ to respond.
- Develop relationships and partnerships with leaders, organizations, suppliers, and customers in Montgomery, Bucks, Philadelphia, and Berks Counties that allow us to bless them and be a testimony to the love of Jesus.
- Mentor interns and others interested in learning about human trafficking and trauma care, giving them opportunities to learn, serve, and share with others.
- Provide a simple way for anyone to make small, meaningful lifestyle choices (like changing the coffee they buy) that express their faith commitment.
- Work to establish a national online presence beginning Fall 2020.

Testimonies from participants in the "Worth It" program

"This program is a wonderful way to learn about yourself. The help that we received is something that I'll be forever grateful for. I will carry the tools I've learned for the rest of my life.
#YouAreWorthIt"

"This program makes me feel like I'm not alone. I received messages that literally entered my soul that I needed to have to be more able to go forward with less heavy baggage."

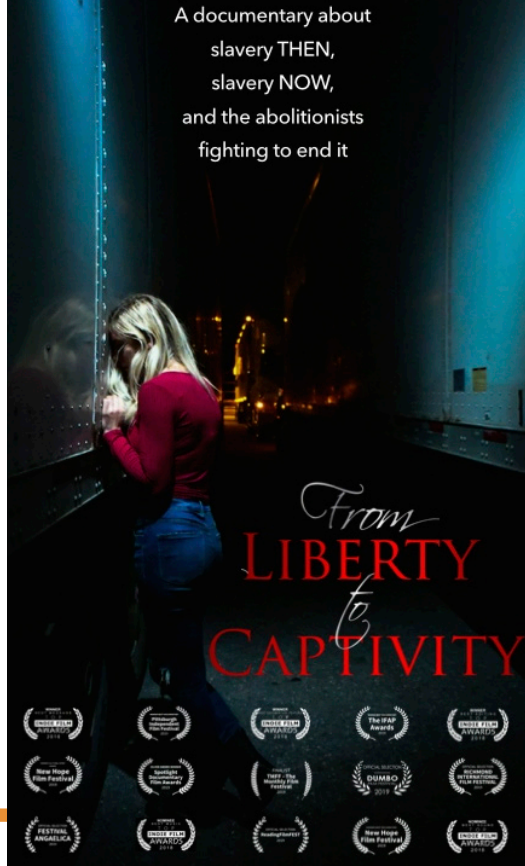
GRACE drives us to Justice – Come with us!

How can I get involved?

- Change your coffee brand to Grounds for Restoration!
- Give GFR Coffee to friends - use it to start conversations about God's grace and His passion for Justice
- Receive 'Human Trafficking 101' training
- Apply for a part time GFR Internship
- Help us with anti-trafficking & outreach events
- Sign up to receive GFR's prayer list
- Help us run new social media campaigns
- Introduce GFR Coffee to churches, organizations, and other potential customers

For More Information

- Talk to Dawn or Larry Ackley
- Email Larry at larryackley@verizon.net





Striving to help immigrants thrive by teaching them English and life skills while introducing them to a community of believers who will love and befriend them in Jesus' name.



For more Information

- Pick up a brochure at the welcome desk
- Talk to Keith Humphreys
- Email Keith at executivedirector@growesl.org

Please reach out to ask questions or find out more about how you might get involved in the ministry of GROW ESL



At GROW we currently serve nearly 600 students through a volunteer team of 100+ teachers and support staff. In addition to language and life skills, we strive to bring the hope of the gospel to the tens of thousands of immigrants living in Northeast Philadelphia. Fewer than 20% of the immigrants we serve have a relationship with Jesus. Through GROW, God is bringing them into a community of men and women who purposefully invest in their lives with the intent of helping them discover the joy of knowing Christ.

Our primary focus is offering a comprehensive English as a Second Language (ESL) program, enabling our students to learn and then develop conversational English skills. Because our volunteers are all Christians proactively seeking to serve their neighbors in Jesus' name, they take time to personally invest in their students' lives, often forming friendships outside of class. As friends, they get to share the gospel and encourage and celebrate their students' successes. Scripture is incorporated in all lesson plans, further encouraging literacy as well as presenting gospel truth.

In Jesus' words, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35 ESV). That's the mission of GROW ESL and we invite you to share in this ministry that offers hope and help to this precious but vulnerable community.

We currently offer classes at two sites: Mayfair (five mornings and four evenings a week) and Bustleton (four mornings and four evenings a week).

Ways to Pray:

- For a Saturday AM Assistant Program Director
- For individuals to commit to monthly support
- For 3 additional Board Members
- For the Gospel to impact students in classes

Ways to Serve:

- Volunteer with us!
- Attend or sponsor a conversation cafe
- Administrative support
- Testing new students for class placement
- Life on Life Support
- Become a ministry Partner



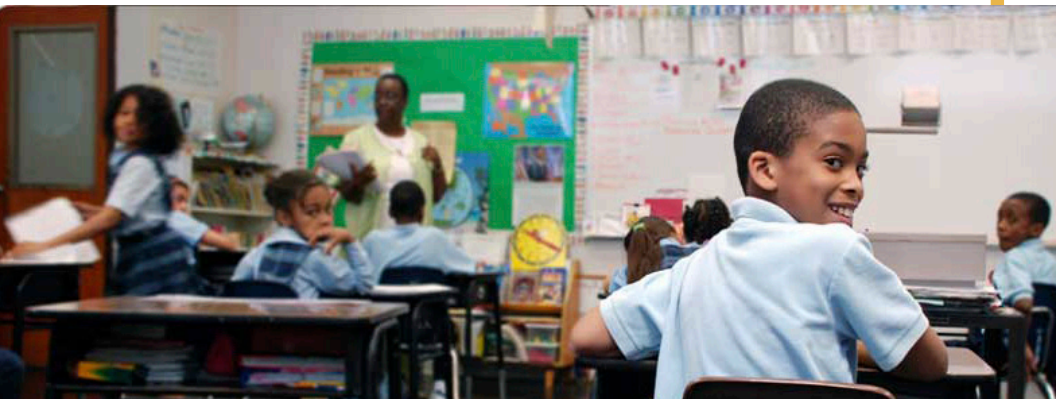
Children's Jubilee Fund

Eddie grew up facing some big challenges. His mom tirelessly worked two jobs while putting herself through college. He had an infant brother, whom he helped care for. And Eddie's dad was incarcerated. That was a lot for an eight-year-old to take on his shoulders.

Through it all, though, the Lord has his hand on Eddie. Eddie loved the Lord, and with God's help and the faithful love and care of his mother and grandmother, Eddie maintained A's and B's in middle school. But Eddie's high school had a bad reputation, and Eddie's mom wanted to do whatever it took to get Eddie into a high school where he could not only have greater opportunity to succeed, but where there would be people to encourage Eddie in his faith.

Eddie's mom found Jubilee member school, The City School. A Jubilee scholarship enabled Eddie to attend The City School, and to be nurtured by the faculty and other students there. Older students helped Eddie acclimate as a freshman, loving him and treating him as not only a peer, but a brother in Christ. Teachers took time to help Eddie grow as a student, and as a Christian.

Eddie graduated from The City School and enrolled at Penn State, where he majors in Aerospace Engineering. Eddie, on scholarship from ROTC, plans to pursue a master's degree after college, become a pilot, and perhaps even an aerospace engineer. Thanks be to God for the influence of Eddie's family, The City School, and the help of Jubilee donors investing in his future—the fruit of which is already present.





For More Information

Contact Tim Geiger

information@
jubileefund.org

Jubilee Facts

- In the current academic year, Jubilee awarded 261 full and partial scholarships totaling \$409,371
- 95% of ninth-grade Jubilee scholarship recipients graduate from high school (compared with 69% for Philadelphia public schools overall)
- Over 90% of Jubilee scholars are accepted to college
- The average household income for a Jubilee scholar is \$25,127
- The maximum household income for a scholar to qualify for a Jubilee scholarship is \$44,000. Jubilee scholars must also reside in Philadelphia, Camden, Chester, or Norristown.

The Lord is using Children's Jubilee Fund to impact the lives of hundreds of families in and around Philadelphia each year. New Life Dresher has partnered with Jubilee for years through the Resurrection Offering. In the last three years alone, you've helped us award 20 scholarships! Thank you so much! Please pray for Jubilee in the year to come. Our prayer is that we would be able to increase scholarship giving by 20% in the next academic year.



Vision:

Kianga Kids desires to partner with the African Evangelical Presbyterian Church to communicate the Hope of the Gospel through community health programs that serve children and their families in Kenya's impoverished and underserved areas.

Mission:

To realize our vision, we purpose to serve children in Kenya through our partnering churches in the areas of preventative health and where necessary, facilitating diagnosis and treatment of illness.



Summer team from NLD teaching students and parents "known by God" from Isaiah 43

For more information:

- Email Lois Carr at loisecarr@gmail.com

Key Services:

- Growth monitoring 3 x per year
- De-worming medication 3 x per year
- School breakfast porridge
- Clean water sources
- Nutrition and hygiene education
- Dental screening
- First aid kits for schools
- Charting system for record keeping
- Medical care of acute and chronically ill children
- Referrals for hospitals, specialists and community resources

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the children in our five partner schools to be drawn into the life of faith in Christ as we feed and love them in practical ways.
- Ask God to expand the influence of Christ's church in Kenya to be an agent of spiritual renewal and social change in the region for the glory of God and his kingdom.
- Pray that the day to day work of Cecilia (the administrator in Kenya), the Board of Advisors (in the U.S.) and Lois (the director) will help to achieve the above.

Thank you for supporting our summer team of 7 from NLD in July this year to work with Kianga Kids!



School girls receiving hygiene kits from Kianga Kids in July



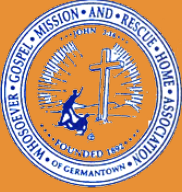
A joyful mama cooking porridge for some of the Kianga Kids

Key Concepts:

Work within the local church with Kenyan pastors
Use local materials and resources when possible
Train and empower Kenyans to do what we do

How You can Help:

- Make a poster on a health related topic to be hung at one of the schools, ie hand-washing, how to brush your teeth, eating a good diet.
- Sign up for the Kianga Kids email newsletter to pray for specific students and other current needs.
- Host or help out at a craft sale.



The Whosoever Gospel Mission

In our Thanksgiving Day chapel this past November, one of our graduates from years ago, Arthur, stood up, and with tears in his eyes shared how he ran away from home at the age of 11, got himself in all sorts of trouble, went to prison, and then came to the Mission. It was while he was at the Mission that Arthur came to know the Lord and his life was forever changed. Today Arthur works in Chestnut Hill, lives in Germantown and is active in his church. Every spring he also brings flowers to the Mission that are donated by the Chestnut Hill Business District. They are the extra flowers from the planters that you see along Germantown Avenue. We, in turn, plant these beautiful flowers in our planters in front of our main entrance.

Your Resurrection Offering will be used to point other "Arthurs" to Jesus. Since 1892, the Whosoever Gospel Mission has lifted up the Lord Jesus Christ by introducing broken and hurting homeless men to the saving grace of our Lord, by providing for their basic needs, and by equipping them with the skills and resources they need to become productive, contributing citizens in both God's Kingdom and our community. All of our services are free.





For More Information

- Call Robert Emberger at (215)438-3094, ext. 102 or email at remberger@whosoevergospel.org
- Talk to Ron Hammack or email him at rjhammack@msn.com



Opportunities to Help and Serve:

- Bring a team to prepare and serve a meal and/or conduct a chapel service on Saturday night or Sunday afternoon.
- Bring a group of adults and/or teens to do a work-project at the Mission on a Saturday.
- Volunteer at the Mission as an adult basic education tutor for our men.
- Donate food, personal care items, laundry detergent, and new underwear for our men.
- Pray for our men – their salvation, their spiritual growth, for restored family relationships, for good jobs, for victory over addiction and for good health.
- Pray for our staff, their families and funds to strengthen and expand our ministry.



Presbyterian Church of Dresher

www.newlifedresher.org