

Missions Update November 2020



Across the Streets, Across the States, Across the Seas
What's new on the mission field?

Across the Streets: Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center - Veronica Marin-White, Director

What's New: October is a month filled with lots of fall activities and celebrations, the most popular of course being the annual Underwood Pumpkin Patch field trip! This year we were able to bring the Underwood Family Farms Pumpkin Patch to Good Shepherd! It was a wonderful week filled with exploration and discovery. The farm was able to bring us pumpkins, gourds, fresh produce, hay bales and lots of fun! The children found opportunities to enjoy new foods and learn how foods are grown, paint in new ways, climb, balance, jump, and roll, express their interests and our likes, count, classify, and order, take turns, make messes, share, and spend lots of time exploring outside!

Prayer Requests: Please pray for the continued health and safety of students and staff.

Welcome to Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center

A Christian-based ministry to children and families in Camarillo.



We offer an exemplary early care and education experience for children aged 18 months through 5 years. We are open 12 months a year and offer both full time and part time schedules to meet your family's needs. Our program offers experiences to enhance children's intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development. We are a ministry of Good Shepherd Church and serve as a lab school for California State University Channel Islands. We acknowledge and respect all religious and cultural backgrounds while sustaining our own Christian beliefs. Our goal for children is to develop a positive self-identity, be respectful of others, learn to express themselves, be inquisitive, imaginative, creative, and responsible. Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center provides an environment that encourages children, families, teachers, and students to learn together while developing the joy of knowing God. We continually strive to be a model of quality and high-standards for the community and the profession.

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Across the States: AFLC Home Missions – Pastor Jim Johnson, Director



What's New:

Here's the latest news from AFLC Church Planting. Did you know:

- We have six new gatherings and five new Free Lutheran church plants.
- West Coast churches in Washington are meeting to discuss a new plant, Nov. 17.
- Our Honolulu church is averaging 40 people on Sundays in Waikiki.
- Our first Chinese AFLC church is set to start in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- New churches are growing in Killdeer, ND; Ramsey, MN; Enderlin, ND; Loveland, CO; Mesa, AZ; St. Paul, MN; San Antonio, TX; Naknek, AK; Sisseton, SD; Cumberland, WI.
- The average AFLC church invests \$1,250 in planting.
- If the average were \$2,000, we could fund up to nine new planting grants.

Prayer Requests:

- Three new church plants every year.
- A goal of 30 new plants by the year 2030
- We are praying for 40 new seminarians and 20 new lay pastors to fill numerous needs
- Linda and I as we plan, lead and coordinate the Church Planters Conference in Mesa, Jan. 25-28

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Across the Seas: Mission To The World, Australia – Ryan & Joy Reiter



What's New: Western Australia's borders are closed and while that keeps us separated from our family and visitors, it also allows us to continue with life and ministry relatively restriction free. Since December Calvary Church has been operating without a pastor but Ryan is now the church's newest elder and men from the Perth area have been stepping in and preaching on a regular basis. God is sustaining the church and we are seeing growth! We have also been blessed with inroads into the community, Ryan continuing to volunteer at the local school and Joy helping with local community groups, including a new community garden.

Prayer Requests: Please pray for our next visas. Pray that the government would provide a suitable option that would enable us to stay in Australia long term. Please pray for a new pastor for Calvary Presbyterian Church in Brookton. Pray that God would raise up the right man to serve the church and the wider community as well. Please pray for our gospel witness in Brookton. Pray that our outreach into the community would glorify God and be a positive witness for His gospel. Please pray for our family. Ministry isn't easy in the best of times and current world stressors are very present. Pray for our marriage, our parenting and for unity as we live and serve together.

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