



# MISSION NEWS

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

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2019

## MISSION SUNDAY

BY RANDY MAYFIELD

On **Sunday, September 29th**, we will celebrate our annual Mission Sunday with special guest missionaries from St. Louis and all over the world! Pastor Randy will preach on the theme, "One Life," based on the scripture found in 1 Cor. 6:19-20. We will also hear from our missionary, Michael Miller who is "One Life" that God has called to serve Him in Honduras. Please plan to join us for worship and a great free luncheon following.

Following the 11:15 Worship service on Sunday, we will have our annual Mission Celebration Luncheon. We look forward to seeing you there!

On **Saturday night, September 28th**, several of our members will celebrate life with THRIVE at their annual "life-affirming" banquet in St. Charles.

## 40 YEARS OF GOING TO THE NATIONS

BY TERRY AND DICK BILLSTEIN

Over 2,000 years ago, Christ gave a command to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations ---." Over 40 years ago, God brought Randy Mayfield to Central and began a mighty work in him and through him, anointing Central with an amazing missions outreach, obeying this command.

Mission trips change lives. Randy says "Come and See," and through the many years, has taken over 1000 people on



mission trips around the world. As a result, many participants have caught the vision and become full-time missionaries or founders and directors of

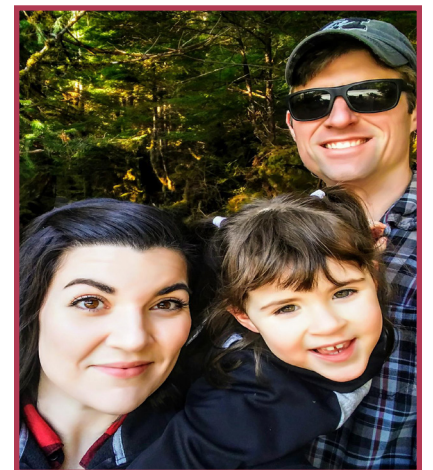
ministries - all to share the Salvation Gospel of Jesus Christ. Everywhere he goes, Randy is able to serve Christ through his musical talent and amazing voice such as at the recent celebration of Sunshine Ministries' 100th anniversary.



Through Randy and the teams that go with him, our missionaries report their joy in seeing the love of God's people for them. When Randy goes to visit, the missionaries say over and over, "It means everything that you come and encourage us. God bless you and Central Church." A passion for the lost and a constant sense of humor and wit are contagious on every trip.

So many letters have come from missionaries far and near expressing their thankfulness for Randy's unending encouragement over the years. A missionary recently wrote, "Randy has been a stabilizing force at Central, holding firm through good times and bad, keeping our missions outreach bold and strong. He is like glue holding us together. May that spiritual stickiness continue eternally."

Through it all, right beside Randy, is his beautiful wife, Sharon. Only a woman totally committed to serving Christ could deal with the demanding and sacrificial life these two have chosen to live. Randy and Sharon are parents of two grown children; Mandy, who teaches preschool in a Christian school and is married to Brian Mormon. Brian is in the Coast Guard in Alaska. The couple live in Ketichikan, Alaska, and have a precious little girl named Afton. Afton just started kindergarten and is the 'apple of her Papi's eye.' Justin, Randy and Sharon's son, is in Bali working on a musical project and is a musician/photographer.



Mandy, Afton, and Brian Mormon

# MISSION NEWS: UKRAINE

By Randy Mayfield

Pastor Randy was able to once again go to Ukraine to minister alongside our missionaries, Dr. Igor and Lena Yaremchuk. (He is there even now as this newsletter is being handed out!)

Randy and the Yaremchuk's will be joined by more than 50 singers and orchestra members as they minister in churches and concert halls, reaching out to many in Kiev and throughout Southern Ukraine. In past years, they have seen hundreds make commitments to follow Christ and our prayer is that this year will be no exception.

Pastor Igor preaches, Pastor Randy sings and shares and the Ukrainian choir and orchestra play and minister. At the end of each concert/service, people are invited to follow Christ and hundreds have come.

Over the past few years, many have responded to follow Christ. Please pray for the effectiveness of this outreach and for God to touch many more as we reach out this September in the nation of Ukraine.



*The choir on stage in Ukraine*

## ADOPT A MISSIONARY

Central is blessed to support several local, national, and international missionaries and ministries. These men and women are serving Christ by sharing the good news of the Gospel to millions of people who may not have heard it before. Along with the financial support provided, missionaries and ministries continue to thank God for the prayers they receive such as our own.

In the month of November, we invite you to "Adopt a Missionary." By adopting a missionary, you will dedicate time each week to pray for that missionary specifically. Provided with this newsletter is a list of local and world missionaries Central supports.

Consider adopting a missionary this coming month and praying for them each week. For more information on these missionaries, visit [www.centralpres.com/missions](http://www.centralpres.com/missions). If you would like to learn more about "Adopt a Missionary," contact Rosemary Oliver ([rosemaryoliverusa@yahoo.com](mailto:rosemaryoliverusa@yahoo.com)).



*(l) Jamal & Myrna; (c) Pau and Chiin Gualnam; (r) Mauricio Palacio*

## YOUTH TRIP TO HONDURAS

By Ari Dayoub



Michael Miller with one of the Micah Boys

This year, the Central Youth Ministry took a group of 19 to Honduras. What a trip! Our team got to finish the rock climbing wall we started last year and broke ground on a new walking path around the Micah campus. More importantly, we continued to forge deeper relationships with the boys and staff. As a special bonus, we were also able to celebrate the wedding of Micah missionary Kelsey (Kratty) to Central member Jared Bullock!

What a sweet gift from the Lord as our trip was filled with laughter, tears, and a deeper understanding of God's redeeming love! While going to Micah is so amazing, leaving is just as hard. We are thankful for the Micah family; the boys, the staff, the volunteers, and even those who have returned to the street. Please continue to pray with us for Honduras and what the Lord is doing through Micah. Thank you for all of your support and prayers leading up to, during, and after our trip. We could not have had this experience without our supporters. Que Dios te bendiga!

## UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

Interested in experiencing missions first-hand? In addition to the many local ministries and missions opportunities available, each year Central also offers a number of short-term missions opportunities overseas. For more information about local, national, or global missions opportunities, please contact the missions office at Central at 314-727-2777.

### 2019



**December 5-17 | Iraq**  
Outreach and refugee ministry with Jamal (Trip is full)

### 2020



**March 19-22 | Honduras**  
Vision Trip to Honduras with Micah Project. Visit the Micah House, street ministry, Villa Linda Miller, etc. (Open all ages, under 16 w/ a parent. Est. cost \$1400)



**August | Honduras (Student Trip)**  
Dates TBD - Contact Student ministries office for details



**April 17-25 | Philippines**  
Working with our indigenous teams in the So. Philippines. (Open to all ages. Est. cost is \$2500)



**October/November | Israel**  
Israel Tour (Dates TBD).



**April 28-May4 | Portugal**  
Vision Trip to Portugal with Pires family (Trip is full).



**December 2-15 | Iraq**  
Trip to Iraq to help refugees (Open to anyone 18+ . Est. cost is \$2800).



**June 11-24 | Iraq**  
Trip to Iraq to help refugees (Open to anyone 18+ . Est. cost is \$2800).



# SPECIAL GIVING

Central has been able to give over \$40,000 in special “above and beyond” gifts this past quarter thanks to the many who have given sacrificially to our missions fund. The needs listed below are not covered in our regular budget. We are also able to plant a new church each year in India and help many refugees in Jordan and Iraq because of this special fund.

We share the following information with you simply as an act of openness and accountability, not to brag on our works. We truly believe the scripture that says; “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others.” We do ask you to thank the Lord and celebrate with us His goodness and outreach into the community and the world!

- \$1000 – Mission Gate Prison Ministry (Help with Insurance costs)
- \$1000 – NW Missouri State Student Mobilization (Campus Ministry)
- \$1000 – Faith RX (Ministry to athletes) in memory of our missionary, Becky Conzelman
- \$1000 – Medical assistance for our missionary, Marissa in the Philippines
- \$1000 – Tony A. in the Philippines for teaching/training materials with unreached peoples
- \$5000 – Urban Young Life Summer Camp scholarships
- \$5000 – Ministry and outreach in Kenya with Kendagor’s and our sister church
- \$5000 – THRIVE special matching gift (Pregnancy resource center)
- \$10,000 – The Micah Project/House for building of staff housing (Central also sent a team to help build Marlon’s home in May)
- \$10,000 – Pire’s family in Portugal for new (used) car.

## FILL A TRUCK FOR HOPE

Hope Community Project helps develop sustainable income projects for impoverished families in Gonaives, Haiti. These projects provide funds for education, healthy food, and for regular healthcare. With income producing avenues such as raising poultry, agricultural projects, and food service, vulnerable families are better able to stay together, and also allow extended families and communities to care for the orphans among them.



From September to November 9, Hope Community Project is collecting home goods to fill a truck that will go to Haiti and help furnish the new home and heartbeat of their ministry. You can make a donation by calling or by bringing your donation to the Keane Insurance Group in Kirkwood, Missouri, between 9am and 4pm Monday through Friday.

The address to deliver your donation is 135 West Adams Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122. If you have any questions, please email [julie@hopecp.org](mailto:julie@hopecp.org) or call 314-822-6998.

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*A heart for the nations*

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