

Sharing and Serving Core Team Leader Report 2020-2021

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2

The Sharing and Serving Core Team is comprised of the Pastoral Care Team, the Ecumenical Covenant Committee, Community Outreach, the Tanzanian Mission Team, and WELCA.

COVID-19 has changed the way these groups meet, but not their commitment to their causes. There have been a lot of Zoom meetings! Some folks are now even meeting in person these days, as restrictions are being reduced and eliminated.

Cross of Christ's relationship with Tanzania continues. The Days for Girls project is providing much needed sanitary products for girls attending school, work, and church. Without these products, girls are forced to stay home from school, work, and church during the time they are menstruating. The DFG supplies needs to the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School, the Nursing School in Arusha, The Plaster House, and many more facilities. This team has helped to supply a total of 1,161 kits so far. I think it is important for the congregation to know this is an ongoing project by the women of Cross of Christ which is changing the lives of these women! Additionally, through our Tanzania Mission 2020 Team, we supported projects at MGLSS and The Plaster House that included furnishing two classrooms at the school, expanding the classroom capacity at The Plaster House, and fully funding two years' salary for a teacher and a teacher's aide at The Plaster House.

COVID-19 continues to impact how the congregation partnered with Congregations for the Homeless during the month of May. The Men are safely housed 24/7 at Westminster Chapel for the month we usually host them. The hearty, hard-working group from Community Outreach is continuing to provide meals and supplies for the men. Thank you to all of the teams who provided meals during the month of May!

I am constantly amazed and impressed with the passion of the folks involved in Outreach ministry - whether it is halfway around the globe in Tanzania, or here in our own neighborhood. The common thread that each of these people share is their desire to walk with those who are in need of Jesus' healing and compassionate heart. Church is the place where we put into action what we say we believe. Each of us has a calling to live as disciples; servants to the least of these, faithful witnesses to the grace we know we have received, and a voice for those who have none.

Respectfully Submitted,

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