

MISSION: is POSSIBLE

What needs are calling *you*?

A resource for
Outreach
to our world.

*How to fill the
Hole in Our Gospel*...*

There are times that we wish God would just tap us on the shoulder and tell us His plan, like he spoke to Moses through the burning bush or like He spoke to Mary through His angel.

As you look over the many opportunities in the next few pages, it might be easy to get overwhelmed and say, "Where do I start?"

Rather than throw a dart to determine your choice, or wait for your own personalized burning bush answer from God, why don't you start by "looking up", "looking out", and "looking in'?. Here's what this means...

First, look up... at how God has uniquely designed you. Some of us are made for outreach with kids, some prefer adults. God designed some of us as “hammer and nail” folks, and others as “lap top” or “cell phone” folks. Some are good at writing notes to those who are hurting.

Second, look out... at the human need all around you. You won't have to look far! There are neighbors on your block who need a touch of kindness...there are co-workers who could use a little hand...there are folks throughout our county who are steps away from the streets and some who are already there...around the world there are people who can't even dream of the life we take for granted every day.

*Third, look in...*at your own willingness to answer God's call. It's one thing to find an outreach, it's another to follow through and serve. Don't let fear, indifference, procrastination, your busy schedule, or anything else keep you from reaching beyond yourself, in God's name.

*Fourth, read this booklet...*to find a variety of opportunities, including...

One-time activities

Short and long-term projects

Local, domestic and international programs

Faith Church supported

Faith member or community supported

Ministries you can support financially

Resources for additional information

The opportunities to serve are endless... go to the websites listed to learn more about the various ministries.

Help a neighbor in need...

Drive an ill friend to the doctor

Rake leaves

Deliver a meal

Write a "thinking of you" note

Get involved with a church activity...

Walk for the hungry at the CropWalk in the fall

Donate gifts to Operation Christmas Child

Give the gift of sight by donating old glasses

Donate food for the SHARE food closet

Clean out your closet for the annual coat drive

Knit a baby cap for Aslan Child Rescue

Purchase jewelry to support African ministries

Attend a Missions Potluck to learn about opportunities

Sew for Uganda with the Faith Group Quilters

Join the Faith Church Missions Team

**Watch for information throughout the year
or ask the church staff.**

Volunteer for a local organization... -

CASA El Dorado

CASA supports children involved in the juvenile dependency, delinquency and family law courts. Volunteers are needed to serve as child advocates, or provide organizational and clerical support.

Info: (530) 622.9882 www.casaeldorado.org

El Dorado County Dept. of Human Services

Examples of opportunities include: nutrition services, Alzheimer's services, caregiver support, Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program, shopping and transportation services to the elderly, and advocacy. Info: (530) 621-6150 www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/humanservices/.

Family Connections El Dorado, Inc.

Family Connections provides early intervention programs for new parents, children with special needs, families in crisis, and a mentoring program for youth. Volunteer opportunities available as mentors and office workers.

Info: (530) 626-5164 www.familyconnected.org

Food Bank of El Dorado County

Provides food to less fortunate children, seniors, and families in El Dorado County through various programs. Volunteers are needed to collect food, assist in the warehouse and fundraise.

Info: (530) 621-9950 www.foodbankedc.org

Furniture for Families

A furniture bank that collects and distributes furniture to families in need. Opportunities to donate furniture or work in the warehouse. Info: (916) 635-0664

www.furnitureforfamilies.org

M.O.R.E (Mother Lode Rehabilitation Enterprises)

MORE provides employment for adults with disabilities. A variety of programs are offered aimed at empowering adults with disabilities. Volunteers are needed to teach classes, share art skills or provide one-on-one support.

Info: (530) 622-4848 www.morerehab.org

Mother Teresa Maternity Home

Provides a temporary, safe residence for pregnant women. Volunteers needed to provide advocacy and support to the participants. Info: (530) 622-5405

www.motherteresamaternityhome.com

Mustard Seed School

Supported by Loaves and Fishes outreach to the homeless, Mustard Seed School is a school for homeless children in Sacramento. Opportunities for mentors and classroom help.

Info: (916) 447-3626 <http://www.sacloaves.org/programs/mustardseedschool>

Powerhouse Ministries

A non-profit interdenominational organization in Folsom serving families and individuals in crisis with love and mercy to meet their physical, emotional, educational, social and spiritual needs. Opportunities for mentors and tutors. Info: (916) 983-0658

www.powerhouse-ministries.org

Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together provides home improvement activities that improve the safety and independence of homeowners who are elderly and disabled. Skilled and unskilled volunteers are needed to perform the repairs. Info:(916) 455-1880

www.rebuildingtogethersacramento.org

S.H.A.R.E. Food Closet

S.H.A.R.E. - **S**pecial **H**elp and **R**elief in **E**mergencies, provides an emergency supply of food for those in need. Fourteen churches in the community work together to feed families who are hungry and need food. Volunteers assist with sorting and distributing donations.

Info: (530) 626-8299

Snowline Hospice

Snowline Hospice provides support for those who are nearing the end of life's journey.

Volunteers needed to provide patient care, grief support, transportation or work in the Thrift Store. Info: (530) 621-7820 www.snowlinehospice.org

Upper Room Community Dinners

The Upper Room is a in-gathering feeding program for people who are hungry.

Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner every night of the week. Info: (530) 621-7730

United Outreach

Shelter and support services for El Dorado County's homeless population. Opportunities include mentors, trainers, and advocates. Contact: Pastor Liz Armstrong

(530) 676-5348 www.uoedc.org

Support an overseas organization - or go yourself! ...

African Team Ministries

Sends jewelry and crafts to Faith Church in December each year. The honor-system sales support people of East Africa with needs for water, agriculture, AIDS education and more. Volunteers are needed to set up the display and/or repack it for return shipping.

Info: www.africanteamministries.org

Aslan Child Rescue Talibe Program

This program provides child rescue and support services (nutrition, education, health and hygiene, vocational training and recreation) for boys involved in the Talibe system. The boys are placed in villages with an Islamic teacher to study the Qu'ran. They must beg for their money and live in difficult, harsh conditions.

Info: contact John Ramey (916) 847-9830

Food for the Poor

Food For The Poor (FFP) improves the health, economic, social and spiritual conditions of people in need, particularly in Latin America and the Caribbean. Direct assistance and financial support is needed.

Info: www.foodforthe poor.com

Episcopal Services

Episcopal Medical Missions Foundation: Volunteer teams of medical and non-medical personnel visit mission stations to offer time, talents, labor, and fellowship.

Info: (210) 506-5649 www.emmf.com

Episcopal Mission Works: Episcopal Mission Works organizes mission trips throughout the world. Long and short-term missionaries serve under the authority of the host bishop and work in partnership with the local church. Info: (212) 716-6124 www.episcopalchurch.org/agr/mission

Episcopal Relief and Development: Coordinates relief efforts in the United States and around the world. Volunteers are needed to provide hands on disaster recovery assistance. Info: (800) 334-7626 www.er-d.org

Frontiers Missionary Agency

An international organization that trains and sends teams of ordinary people for long-term service to the communities of the Muslim world.

Info: www.frontiers.org

Heifer International

Dedicated to relieving global hunger and poverty by providing gifts of livestock, plants and education in sustainable agriculture for disadvantaged families around the world.

Info: (800) 422-0474 www.heifer.org

Honduras Village

Faith Church has adopted Suyapa Frontera, a rural village in northwest Honduras. Its population consists of 45 families who live on \$1 per day. Volunteers can visit the village with a Faith Team. Financial assistance is also needed to pay for improvements such as new stoves, sinks and roofs for improved sanitation and health. Info: Faith Church (530) 676-5348

KIVA

Make a huge impact without leaving home. Kiva's mission is to connect people via a lending program to alleviate poverty. Individuals can lend to an entrepreneur across the globe and watch how the money creates a sustainable income for someone now living in poverty. Info: www.kiva.org

The Phoebe House

This is a new project in Kenya for women shunned and thrown out by their families and villages because they are HIV positive. This shelter nurses women back to health, sees that they have some kind of training, and helps them establish independent lives for themselves. As this shelter is transformed from a dream to a place for up to ten women at a time, it needs start-up financial support. Info: Mary Higbee (530) 676-5348

Saturday Orphans' Program in Kenya

Mary and Jim Higbee, our resident missionaries, found this program of the Mother's Union during their 3-month mission trip in early 2010. Kenyan volunteers stand in the gap for thousands of children without parents, but they need financial support for supplies for their programs. "We have witnessed good stewardship—in fact, these ladies are incredibly creative in making much from few resources." - Mary's blog. Info: Mary Higbee (530) 676-5348

Sierra Service Project

Faith Church sends teams of high school aged youth and chaperones to repair homes in Los Angeles and a Native American reservation each summer. Youth can attend as a team member. Adults are needed as chaperones. Info: Pastor Liz Armstrong (530) 676-5348 <http://www.sierraserviceproject.org/>

Uganda Batwa Pygmy Project

Missionary project established by Scott and Carol Kellermann. The project provides medical care, education and other assistance for the impoverished population. Short and long-term missions trips and child sponsorship opportunities are available. Info: www.kellermannfoundation.org

World Vision

A Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families and their communities worldwide by addressing poverty and injustice. Info: (888) 511-6414 www.worldvision.org

Research other opportunities....

online

californiavolunteers.org

handsonsacramento.org

intervarsity.org: annual youth mission's conference

nationalservice.org

omusa.org: travel by ship to relief operations

ywam.org: youth missions

volunteermatch.org

in print

RESPONSE 2010: A directory of full-time faith-based volunteer opportunities. Available at the Information Center or in the office at Faith Episcopal Church.