

FRIEDDS 2022 MISSIONS AT A GLANCE

OUR GOAL: to demonstrate how the local church could be an effective tool in the hands of our Lord

Meals on Wheels meals provided

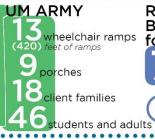


Food Pantry families (1,009) individuals bags of food

personal care kits collected















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families





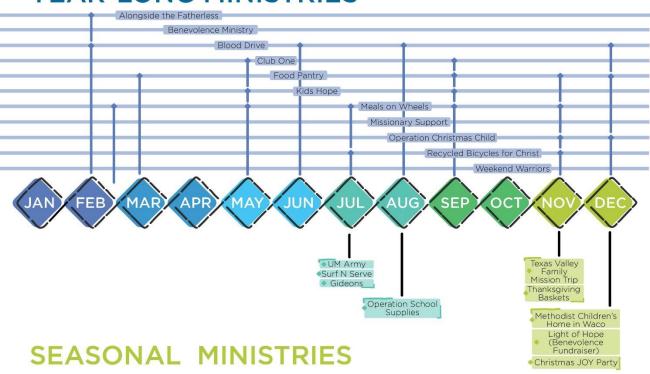
Ministry families assisted with \$22,390.04 in bills

Kids Hope entors nours of mentorship



FRIENDSWOOD 2022 MISSIONS TIMELINE

YEAR-LONG MINISTRIES



FRIENDSWOOD METHODIST MISSIONS REPORT 2022

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." - Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

Dear Friendswood Methodist Church.

I am so glad we were faithful and able to serve our community in 2022. Our goal for this past year was to demonstrate how the local church could be an effective tool in the hands of our Lord.

Let us continue to pray that we can be faithful to all that God has called us to do for missions and outreach in 2023. Let us be a people who are led by the Holy Spirit. We are the children of God and we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus to everyone everywhere. May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to guide us in 2023 and may we honor our God with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. Let this year be the year we expand our support for the Great Commission.

God Bless and Godspeed,
Rev. Sam McRae
Pastor of Missions and Outreach
P.S. If you have any questions on how to get involved please email me at sam@friendswoodmethodist.org or call me at (281) 482-7535.

ALONGSIDE THE FATHERLESS

[yearlong ministry]

Alongside the Fatherless is a foster care pantry that provides supplies to foster parents/relative care givers for their child placements. The foster care pantry provides necessary items such as diapers, wipes, clothes, cribs, car seats, etc. to foster families who need the supplies because the placements typically have short notice before arrival. In 2022, they donated all their supplies to another foster pantry called Oak Forest Foster Closet. They switched gears and have become a benevolence foster care pantry in so much that they make bigger purchases for families in need and have them shipped, typically through Amazon, to the home. They still maintain the Alongside the Fatherless Facebook page, which allows members of the page to collect donations and post what they need.

The communion rail offering for February 2022 went to this ministry. They received \$1,195.

BENEVOLENCE MINISTRY

[yearlong ministry]

Friendswood Methodist Church offers a benevolence ministry for residents of 77546 who need help with rent or utility bills. Benevolence ministry clients may come once every six months to help receive financial assistance. All funds come through the Light of Hope fundraiser and therefore dictate the amount that is able to be distributed for the year. Those who seek assistance must provide a legal identification (state issued ID or Passport, etc.), the rent or utility bill (lease agreement, water bill,

etc.), and pledges from other organizations if they are also helping with said bill. All necessary paperwork must be submitted in order to process the request.

In 2022, our Benevolence Ministry assisted 108 families in the Friendswood (77546) area with housing, electric and water bills totaling \$22,390.04. This would not have been possible if it were not for the generous donations of our members here at Friendswood Methodist.

LIGHT OF HOPE (Benevolence Ministry Fundraiser) [seasonal ministry]

Every year we do a fundraiser for our benevolence ministry and this is done through our Light of Hope tree throughout the Advent season. This Friendswood Methodist fundraiser tradition has gone by a couple of names throughout the years such TLC ministry, Light a Light, and Light of Hope. This year, we were able to fundraise over \$69,695.69 for our 2023 benevolence ministry. All Glory to God!

BIBLES FOR VETS [yearlong ministry]

We partner with the chaplains at the Houston VA in Downtown Houston and purchase large print NIV Bibles for our veterans. In 2022, the Houston VA specifically requested to wait until 2023 for additional Bible donations since we had purchased so many for them in 2021. We look forward to continuing this ministry in 2023!

BLOOD DRIVE [yearlong ministry]

We partner with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center and strive to donate blood to help those in need. The Donor Coach parks in the back parking lot behind the Worship Center and is there on specific Sundays from 8:30 am – 1 pm. We had quarterly blood drives on February 27, June 5, August 28 and December 11. In 2022, we had 55 successful donors and collected 71 units of blood.

We have four donation opportunities in 2023. They are February 26, June 4, August 27, and December 10.

CHRISTMAS JOY PARTY

[seasonal ministry]

Every year we host the Christmas JOY Party and it is our largest all-church missions outreach of the year. Essentially, we strive to provide families with their Christmas. These are families that could use some extra help around the holidays and we pull them from our food pantry client list, Wedgwood Elementary families, Westwood Elementary/Bales Intermediate, Hispanic Ministry Partnership, or from a recommendation by a church member.

Families come the 2nd Saturday of December at 11 am. First, they check in and are paired with a "Shepherd" (a church member volunteer). Second, the families take a photo with Santa. Third, the children go to the craft tables and game stations while the parent(s) go to pick out toys for the kids. Each child receive two toys and teens receive a gift card and toy. Fourth, the family eats pizza with their Shepherd. Fifth, the families pick up their family photos with Santa (printed in-house). Sixth, the family pick up their \$65 HEB or Kroger gift card and their \$50 Walmart gift cards (they receive one per member, so a family of four receives four \$50 Walmart gift cards).

These Walmart gift cards allow the families the flexibility to get the essentials they need during the Christmas season. Some may purchase more toys or food or maybe they need a specific household item that they may not be able to purchase. The seventh and final station is prayer! The Shepherds walk the families to their cars and offer to pray for them and all of the families welcome it.

In 2022, we had 41 families participate in the Christmas JOY Party. We were able to help provide Christmas to over 221 people. We were able to successfully provide 221 \$50 Walmart gift cards, 41 \$65 HEB or Kroger gift cards, over 150 toys for the children, passed out 80 pizzas, gave each child a craft bag full of supplies, and a family photo with Santa. This would not have been possible if it were not for the generous contributions from the FMC Congregation, Sunday Schools, Bright Beginnings, Cub Scouts, and Helping Hearts Ministry of our church. We had over 100 volunteers participate in this outreach.

CLUB ONE [yearlong ministry]

Club One is an after school program at Westwood Elementary and Bales Intermediate where we are allowed to teach any students who sign up about Jesus. This is an ecumenical ministry where mostly Christian parents volunteer to help teach the students about God. Each semester, there are eight Monday after school lessons. It costs nothing for the students to participate. There are about 150 students who come. In the 2022-2023 school year of FISD, Cline Elementary and Windsong Intermediate also had additional Club One Programs. I teach the 3rd graders and would highly recommend all FMC families who have children who attend Westwood/Bales to sign up! It runs from September 2022 – May 2023.

FOOD PANTRY [yearlong ministry]

We are a certified food pantry through the Galveston County Food Bank. We collect and distribute non-perishable foods. We assist families from any city or county. We give each family three bags of food. The three bags consist of protein (Bag #1), fruits & vegetables (Bag #2), and breakfast/snacks (Bag #3). In 2022, we helped feed over 261 families (which makes up over 1009 individuals) and gave out over 783 bags of food. Every 5th Sunday in a month is our quarterly food drive. We are so fortunate to have several families in our church who donate food regularly and give to this ministry financially. If you ever know any families who need help with food, refer them to us and they can come every 30 days. The staple items we can always use more of are the following: peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, canned meats, soup, spaghetti, and spaghetti sauce.

FOOD PANTRY EXTERNAL SUPPORT

The Athletic Department of Friendswood High School hosted a food drive and donated non-perishable food along with Kroger gift cards to our food pantry. The Cub Scouts from Pack 442 helped pack bags of food for the food pantry in March.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

[yearlong ministry]

We collected over 200 personal care packages in 2022 to give out to our Food Pantry Clients. Each family receives one personal care package with their food.

The personal care package consists of: shampoo, toothbrush, tooth paste, bar of soap, deodorant, and disposable razors. Every Food Pantry Client is always grateful for the kit because it helps them get through the month and save money on toiletry supplies.

SUPPORTING THE HITCHCOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

We had our second year of the "Reverse Advent Calendar," a non-perishable food collection drive. We supplied the Police Department of the City of Hitchcock with 10 Christmas Baskets of food for their mobile distribution in 2022 as well as 10 \$50 Walmart gift cards. We have supported the Hitchcock PD since 2020 and will continue to do so as best we can.

GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

[seasonal ministry]

Gideons International believes distributing copies of God's Word plants powerful seeds God can use according to His own timing (I Corinthians 3:6), allows many to read the truth for themselves (John 8:32), provides a lasting witness (Hebrews 4:12), and makes it easier for those we reach to boldly spread the Good News (II Timothy 2:2).

At Friendswood Methodist, we support Gideons International with a Communion Rail offering once per year. Our 2022 offering took place in June and raised \$961. We sent a total of \$3,018 to this ministry this year which included funds raised in 2021 as well.

KIDS HOPE [yearlong ministry]

We partner with Kids Hope USA to engage in ministry with the public school system. The church partners with Wedgwood Elementary in Friendswood, TX (CCISD) every year to provide mentors for children who may need more attention and support. It is a one-on-one mentoring relationship for one hour a week for the entire school year. In this current school year of 2022-2023, we have 20 Kids Hope Mentors. That means our KH Mentors invest 20 hours a week into elementary age children approximately 30 weeks! That's over 600 hours of mentorship!

Logistically speaking, our Operation School Supplies feed the Kids Hope mentorship program. We pay an annual \$450 affiliation fee to Kids Hope USA and throughout the year have after school parties (Christmas and End of the Year Celebration) for the mentors and students as well as teacher appreciation gifts. We supply the teachers with K-Cups and their favorite is HEB's Texas Pecan. This ministry runs from September 2022 – May 2023 and mentors are recruited prior to the start of the new school year.

MEALS ON WHEELS

[yearlong ministry]

With our Meals on Wheels ministry, we partner with the Friendswood Nutrition Center and eight other Friendswood churches to help provide hot and nutritious meals to elderly shut-ins in the City of Friendswood. Meals on Wheels (MOW) consists of church members volunteering to deliver already prepared food to the MOW client's home each day of the week. Our church serves five times a year and help deliver food on two routes in the city. On average, we deliver 28 meals a day, five times in one

week for a total of 140 meals every eight weeks. Our designated weeks in 2022 fell in February, March, May, July, September and November. In 2022, Friendswood Methodist delivered a total of 700 meals.

We donate \$1,500 each year to the Friendswood Nutrition Center, which supports this ministry financially. The communion rail offering for MOW in October brought in \$2,024.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME IN WACO

Founded in 1890, Methodist Children's Home (MCH) is a nationally accredited, nonprofit childcare ministry that relies on the generosity and support of individuals and churches which empowers all we serve to experience life to the fullest. They equip children, youth and families to flourish by offering hope through Christcentered relationships, services and support.

At Friendswood Methodist, we support MCH with a Communion Rail offering once per year. Our 2022 offering took place in December and raised \$2,982.

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

[yearlong ministry]

At Friendswood Methodist Church, we believe in the Great Commission. Therefore, we support a total of three missionary families (10 total people).

The first family we support are the Dixons. They are our North America Missionaries and they are a part of CRU (Former name Campus Crusade for Christ International). Cooper and Ana Dixon are the campus ministers at the University of Texas in Austin, TX. They share the gospel with college students at UT: Austin and organize mission trips. We gave them \$2,000 in 2022 to help their ministry.

The second family we support are the Ballingers. They partner with TMS Global and have been assigned to the country of Spain. Brian and Elizabeth just had their first child and we are so excited that this new family of three is willing to move to Europe to faithfully serve the Lord. We gave them \$2,000. We hope that as they settle in we can also go on short-term mission trips to their country and further support them.

The third family we support are the Schlatts. They also partner with TMS Global and have been assigned to the country of Albania. They are a family of five. Matt, Kate, and their three children are moving to help serve the people in Albania. We gave them \$2,000 in 2022. We are excited to see how God uses them as cross cultural workers.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

[yearlong ministry]

We partner with Samaritan's Purse to fill shoeboxes with Christmas presents for children in need around the world. The gifts are a "Door Opener" to allow trained members of Samaritan's Purse to present the Good News of Jesus Christ. This partnership allows us to participate in sharing the Gospel worldwide. Once the shoeboxes are filled, we act as a drop off location of the boxes for this area south of Houston. We package the individual boxes and take them to a distribution center that then helps in distributing them around the world.

OCC Packing Parties: We hosted our first church-wide packing party in November 2022. We worked with the Children and Youth Ministries to have a potluck and inflatable jump houses and it was called Flannel Friendsgiving. As a church were able to fill 180 shoeboxes that night with 200 church members in attendance. As a whole between Camp Connect (178), Bright Beginnings (75), Trail Life (16), American Heritage Girls (100), MOPS/MomsNext (106) and the church packing party (180), we brought in 655 shoeboxes! We will continue to collect donations all year round in 2023.

Drop Off Location: We had over 17 volunteers serve 153 hours to help collect all the boxes for collection week. We processed 3,571 shoeboxes. That means 3,571 children will be told about the Gospel of Jesus Christ and how much God loves them!

OPERATION SCHOOL SUPPLIES

[seasonal ministry]

We requested school supplies for Wedgewood Elementary in Friendswood, TX, a part of CCISD. We received 150 bags of supplies as well as 55 \$25 Walmart Gift Cards for the teachers and administrative leaders. We supplied 55 - \$25 Walmart gift cards for the 55 teachers and then purchased three \$50 Walmart gift cards for the Vice Principal, the Principal and School Counselor. Overall, we received 120 24-Packs of Crayons, 150 Wide Ruled Composition Books, 142 Green Folders, 134 Yellow Folders, 134 Red Folders, 130 Orange Folders, 153 Blue Folders, 68 Boxes of Sandwich Bags, 66 Quart Bags, 66 Boxes Gallon Bags, 102 Dry Erase Markers (4 Pack), 90 Kleenex Boxes, 95 Paper Towels, 65 Yellow Highlighters, 70 Boxes of Colored Pencils, 83 Containers of Clorox Wipes, and 65 Primary Notebooks.

RECYCLED BICYCLES FOR CHRIST

[yearlong ministry]

Recycled Bicycles for Christ started in 2022 and they had a distribution day in Galveston, TX. The volunteers collect, fix, and distribute bicycles to homeless persons who need transportation. On their distribution day in November, they gave out seven bicycles and received requests for 22 more. This ministry needs bicycle donations, parts, and financial contributions to get locks and helmets.

SURF N' SERVE [seasonal ministry]

Our Junior High Students went to Galveston, TX for four days to help serve in the local community and grow closer to Jesus. There were 20 6th-8th graders who worked at Seeding Galveston, cleaned the beach, and wrote encouraging cards to the students at Uvalde.

TEXAS VALLEY FAMILY MISSION TRIP

[seasonal ministry]

The week leading up to Thanksgiving we normally send out a team of volunteers to go to the border to help a local Hispanic Methodist Church with their church rebuild. Unfortunately, we were unable to go this year. However, we partnered with the LaFeria UMC and gave them \$600 to purchase Thanksgiving Baskets for those in the local community in the Mission, TX area.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

[seasonal ministry]

We were able to pass out 41 Thanksgiving Baskets to 41 families. Each Thanksgiving Bag consisted of the following: 1 box of corn flakes, 2 boxes of stuffing, 2 boxes of instant potatoes, 1 box of noodles, 2 boxes of mac & cheese, 2 cans of cranberry sauce, 2 glass jars of gravy, 2 cans of peaches (or mixed fruit), 2 cans of applesauce, 1 can of pumpkin pie filling, 2 cans of mushroom soup, 2 cans of green beans, 2 cans of corn, 1 can of sweet potatoes, 2 cans of various beans, 1 frozen turkey, 1 4-pack of unsalted butter, 1 8-count rolls, and 2 frozen pie shells/crusts. For the second year, Friendswood High School Girls' Junior Varsity and Freshmen Basketball Teams helped pack and distribute each bag to the families. We had our prayer team pray with each family that picked up their Thanksgiving Baskets.

UM ARMY [seasonal ministry]

For our 2022 UM ARMY trip, we went to Jasper, TX from July 17-23. There, we built 13 wheel chair ramps totaling 420 feet long, built nine porches, and worked on 18 houses for 18 client families in seven cities (Jasper, Kirbyville, Newton, Weirgate, Spurger, Brookeland, and Magnolia Springs). We had 46 students and adults participate from our church. We also partnered with Montgomery UMC for a total of 52 students and adults. Jasper First UMC hosted us and they were wonderful. We had four color teams: Yellow, Green, Red, and Orange. Our students worshiped each day (morning and evening – Chris Aleman led the music), ate breakfast and dinner on campus, ate lunch with their clients on the worksite, learned how to use power tools and lifelong skills, and had fun playing games and activities put on by Austin Haines and our summer youth interns (Mallory and Lauro). It was an incredible trip and we hope to have even more students and adults join us in Livingston, TX for UM ARMY in July 2023!

WEEKEND WARRIORS

[yearlong ministry]

The Weekend Warriors is a ministry where men and women from our church work to help those in and around our community with home improvement projects that they are unable to do themselves and/or financially contribute to.

In January, we sent the WW to work on a home to assist a woman install and test her Ring Doorbell.

In the month of February, we had seven WW work on a Recovery House in Dickinson, TX (They worked at this site seven times in the month). There they removed the old vanity, shower stall, and existing subfloor. They replaced the subfloor, installed vinyl flooring, purchased and installed a new vanity and shower stall. They also purchased and installed a new light fixture for the laundry room. Also in February, two WW went to work on a wheel chair ramp in Dickinson, TX. They installed rolled roofing on the wheel chair ramp. For another February project, two more WWs went to Alvin, TX. There they repaired and replaced door knobs for exterior doors (front and back doors).

In Clear Lake City, four WW made four trips to a home to help widen two door openings and install a new door. This is so the client's husband, who is wheelchair

bound, can get his wheelchair into the restroom. They installed a vanity light and changed out light switches.

Between the months of April and July, eight various WW made 17 trips to Needville, TX. There they demolished a bathroom and reconstructed it. This included addressing the studs, drywall, paint, new vanity, toilet, shower, floor, widening the doorframe and installing a new door. In addition, there were miscellaneous repairs in the kitchen (ice maker, dishwasher, and electrical receptacles). They also installed a short ramp at the back door for wheelchair access.

In August, WW partnered with Clear Lake Church of Christ to help pay to remove a dead tree from a client's front yard.

Also, 15 WW helped with over 14 trips from *August to November* to a client's home in Friendswood that had damage from the 2021 freeze. The WW installed vinyl flooring, baseboards, lights, and painted the kitchen, dining room, living room and two hallways; as well as repaired two water leaks.

In December, the WW did a number of projects. There were eight WW who helped build a platform, stairs, and storage sleds for a client with a trailer in Pearland, TX. There were seven WW who helped Bright Beginnings with building a storage shed, two wooden mud kitchens (for the kids to play with), and an outside easel. The WW helped make a closet in the gym as well as winterized a home for an elderly church member.

Our Weekend Warriors had 11 different project sites with at least 45 different trips performed between these sites and an average of 15-25 active volunteers.

Additional Missions Information:

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: CAMP CONNECT 2022

The students at Camp Connect helped partner in missions in four ways. They helped support the Shower Ministry, packed 178 OCC shoeboxes, assembled 25 flood buckets for UMCOR, and supported Water Wells.

Additional Updates:

BAPTISMS IN 2022

Baptism is an essential part of the life of church and in 2022 we were able to baptize 17 people. All Glory to God!

CONFIRMATIONS IN 2022

We had 18 7th graders confirmed through our confirmation class.

NEW MEMBERS IN 2022

In 2022, we had 107 people join our church family! Welcome to the family!

MISSIONS FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

The cost to do ministry is always provided by our Lord as well as the faithful generosity of the members of the church. We could not have accomplished all that we have without YOU, Friendswood Methodist Church Member! By your relationship with Jesus and His demonstration of what generosity is through His grace we are able to do what we do here at Friendswood Methodist Church. Here we have the list of what money we have raised for missions and outreach. In addition, we have the list of money that we have spent or sent to support missions locally, domestically, and internationally.

Money Raised and Spent (or Sent) in 2022:

Alongside the Fatherless	Donations of Baby/Kids Supplies & Raised: \$1,195
Benevolence Ministry	Spent: \$22,390.04
Light of Hope (Benevolence	Raised: \$69,659.50 for 2023
Fundraiser)	
Christmas JOY Party	Raised & Spent: \$13,715 for Walmart gift cards,
	HEB/Kroger gift cards Pizza and Supplies Cost:
	\$1,101.64 Donations of Toys/Other gift cards
Club One	No Cost Volunteer
Food Pantry	Food Donations Donations Received: \$7,281
Personal Care Kits	Donations of Supplies
Gideons	Raised: \$961 Sent: \$3,018**
Kids Hope	Raised: \$2,797 Spent: \$3,204.33**
Meals on Wheels	Raised: \$2,024 Sent: \$4,500**
Methodist Children's Home	Raised: \$2,982 Sent: \$3,000
in Waco	
Missionary Support: The	Sent: \$2,000
Ballinger Family (Spain)	
Missionary Support: The	Sent: \$2,000
Dixon Family (UT Austin)	
Missionary Support: The	Sent: \$2,000
Schlatt Family (Albania)	
Operation Christmas Child	Donations Raised \$410 Spent: \$1822**
Operation School Supplies	Raised: \$797 Donation of School Supplies
Recycled Bicycles for Christ	Received: \$2,346 Bike Donations Spent: \$441
Surf N Serve (Jr. High	Raised: \$2,000 Cost: \$3,400.92**
School Mission Trip)	Naisea. 42,000 60st. 43,400.32
Texas Valley Family Mission	Raised and Sent \$600
Trip - Baskets	Traised and sent 4000
UM ARMY (High School	Raised: \$6,144 Cost: \$18,536.87**
Mission Trip)	1 (α, α, α
Weekend Warriors	Raised: \$1,910 Spent: \$3,916.80**
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^{**}Expenses that exceeded funds raised came from Designated Funds, General Missions or Anonymous Donors.

Communion Rail Offering 2022 and Income:

January	Food Pantry \$661
February	Alongside The Fatherless \$1,195
March	Children's Ministry \$1,155
April	Spirit Singers & Ringers Choir Tour \$1,566
May	UM ARMY Surf & Serve \$1,959
June	Gideon's Support For Bibles \$961
July	Recycle Bicycles For Christ \$1,361
August	Kid's Hope \$2,158
September	College Students Care Boxes \$2,215
October	Meals on Wheels \$2,024
November	Texas Valley Family Mission Trip / Weekend Warriors \$1,375
December	Methodist Children's Home \$2,982

2023 Communion Rail Offering:

January	Food Pantry
February	Alongside The Fatherless
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Ways of Giving:

Online Giving: friendswoodmethodist.org/giving

Communion Rail Special Offering

Offering Plate

Giving Stations

Donations of Requested Items: Gift Cards, Supplies, Food, Personal Care Kits