Quick Guide

National and International Organizations/ Mission Trip Opportunities

IOCC (Missy Davis) - assist in local annual Pan-Orthodox event; participate on domestic summer home building team.

Kenya-Child of God (Tim Klund) - assist with local fundraising activity for feeding and tuition assistance program; participate on mission team to Kenya.

OCMC (Tim Klund) - participate on international mission teams (teaching, youth, construction, healthcare).

Project Mexico (Missy Davis) - participate on bi-annual home building team in Tijuana, Mexico.

Samaritans Feet (Phyllis Gianakopoulus) - participate in local shoe drive and sorting work day at charity headquarters in Charlotte; participate on domestic or international mission team.

Local Organizations/Opportunities

Crop Hunger Walk (Kate Caltis) - participate in and donate to the annual uptown walk in October.

Friendship Trays (Irene Liapis) - deliver meals to local families in need, once a month driving commitment.

Medical Mission Ministry (Teresa Jacob) - participate in community health fair; attend educational sessions; participate in mission trips.

MOM Free Dental Clinic (Kate Caltis) - volunteer at local event in Charlotte (non-dental personnel needed).

Prison Ministry (Harry Lainis or John Frangoulis) - lead Bible study with inmates at local jail(s).

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“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also”. (James 2:26)
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Won’t you join us?

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A local philanthropic program that provides emergency food supplies to the community through 20 pantries located throughout Mecklenburg County. Participation comes in the form of food drives, financial, volunteer, and in-kind supplies and services from the local community. St. Nektarios maintains a food barrel in the Spiritual life Center lobby for canned and packaged food stuffs. For more information contact the scouts through Matt Joyner at 704-617-0710 or mjoyner@bdj.law.com.

Matthews Help Center (MHC)

The MHC operates in much the same way as that of the Crisis Assistance & Urban Ministry Centers but only serves Matthews. They provide short term assistance for life essentials. They operate the Backporch Treasures Thrift Boutique, a clinic, and a food pantry in addition to other social services for the needy. St. Nektarios delivers donated food and clothing to the pantry and store. Volunteer opportunities are available also.

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The Child of God Academy buildings are temporary corrugated shacks with dirt floors, and the classrooms are small, cramped spaces for as many as 30 students. The school has no electricity or running water. Water is provided in containers for washing and the bathrooms are outhouses. The kitchen has a 20-gallon pot on a charcoal fire to prepare one hot meal a day plus a second meal consisting of hot tea and bread.

For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink... Matthew 25:35

We are working to bring a brighter future to each child of God. Won’t you join us?
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National and International Organizations/Mission Trip Opportunities

IOCC (Missy Davis)-assist in local annual Pan-Orthodox event; participate on domestic summer home building team.

Kenya-Child of God (Tim Klund)-assist with local fundraising activity for feeding and tuition assistance program; participate on mission team to Kenya.

OCMC (Tim Klund)-participate on international mission teams (teaching, youth, construction, healthcare).

Project Mexico (Missy Davis)-participate on bi-annual home building team in Tijuana, Mexico.

Samaritans Feet (Phyllis Gianakopoulos)-participate in local shoe drive and sorting work day at charity headquarters in Charlotte; participate on domestic or international mission team.

Local Organizations/Opportunities

Crop Hunger Walk (Kate Caltis)-participate in and donate to the annual uptown walk in October.

Friendship Trays (Irene Liapis)-deliver meals to local families in need, once a month driving commitment.

Medical Mission Ministry (Teresa Jacob)-participate in community health fair; attend educational sessions; participate in mission trips.

MOM Free Dental Clinic (Kate Caltis)-volunteer at local event in Charlotte (non-dental personnel needed).

Prison Ministry (Harry Lainis or John Frangoulis)-lead Bible study with inmates at local jail(s).

Starbucks Second Harvest (Madalina Lowen)-pick up donated food items and deliver to Matthews Help center (twice a week).

St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church Missions & Philanthropy Ministry

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also”.

(James 2:26)