

## Fremont Presbyterian Church Call to Mission



Recognizing that Christ is the head of the church brings with it another crucial recognition: the church does not exist for itself. The call of the church is to exist for those outside of its boundaries, both by making disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19) and by proclaiming God's justice (Luke 4:18-21). The church is His hands and feet, eyes and ears, mouth and heart. Through prayer and study of Scripture, we are guided by Christ's Spirit as to how He wants us to participate in the building of His kingdom. In our focus on mission at Fremont Presbyterian Church, we seek to glorify God.

Our church has a long history of partnering with both local and international missions as selected by the World Mission and Local Mission Committees.

Fremont finds joy in partnering with numerous and varied missionaries and agencies around the world. Our partnership with the Shekkacho and Mekane Yesus Church in Ethiopia is important to us, along with medical ministries in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Haiti, and educational ministries in Lebanon, India, and Kenya. In addition, we support missionaries working with Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, the Jesus Film, Wycliffe Bible Translation, and Rafiki in Africa.

On Fremont's mission trips to Ethiopia and Jamaica we have shared our concern for the well-being of others through funding clean water projects and providing healthcare along with Jesus' message. Individual members have also traveled to Haiti and the Dominican Republic ministering to the sick and injured.

In addition to international mission partnerships, Fremont has many local mission partners who serve the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed. We are able to encourage and maintain our partnerships in Sacramento through the work of volunteers and the generous giving from members. We share the love of Christ throughout Sacramento. Nowhere is this more apparent than at Earl Warren School where the lives of students are enriched by tutors, health fairs, music programs, Christmas gift bags, and extracurricular activities. We embrace them and they embrace us in return.

Mission for Fremont includes disaster relief, food and shelter for the hungry and homeless, safe and healthy living situations, medical relief, starting new churches, helping others "get ahead," promoting peace and justice, communicating the story of Jesus, and providing education opportunities, all with the intent of sharing the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Through financial giving, in volunteering time and talent, through study, and in prayer, Fremont Presbyterian Church expresses its commitment to mission. **Any change in denominational affiliation will not change our current commitment to our world and local mission partners.** Our partners at the Outreach Foundation and Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship assure us that they work with a variety of denominations, including both the PCUSA and the EPC. The missionaries and agencies to which we provide support are entirely up to the Session and the World and Local Mission Committees. As we continue to follow Christ, we are filled with joy in serving Him in familiar places and in new ones where He leads us.