



Impact Issue



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE

By Peggy Cross

Yes! We will be packing *Operation Christmas Child* shoeboxes this year! As Franklin Graham stated, "Children around the world need hope now more than ever." And what better than a shoebox packed with a message of hope, love, and salvation!

Operation Christmas Child is a unique project organized by Samaritan's Purse that delivers gift-filled shoeboxes to hurting children around the world, sharing God's love in a tangible way. Before receiving their shoeboxes, the Gospel message is shared with them and many take this message home to their family and friends.

Last year, for every 100 shoeboxes collected, 21 children accepted Jesus as their Savior; over 10.5 million shoeboxes were collected; and over 2.2 million children accepted Jesus as their Savior. What an eternal impact!

Last year Fairmount collected a total of **1,221 boxes**. Can't you just picture the smiling faces of the children receiving them? Kickoff Sunday is just around the corner – **October 4**, so let's get started! Shopping for your shoeboxes is great fun! Remember to keep the age groupings in mind as you shop: Boy or Girl, Ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. We would also appreciate donations for our Packing Party, a project undertaken by our **American Heritage Girls** and **Trail Life Boys** each year. Collection bins will be in both lobbies from October 4th - November 1st. The ladies of Fairmount's **Caring Hearts and Hands** ministry are knitting and crocheting washcloths for hygiene kits; hand-making jump ropes from T-shirts; and sewing tote bags, among other projects for this Packing Party.

Contact Peggy Cross with any questions, thoughts, or ideas (363-8533 - text or call; lawguy101@aol.com). If anyone is interested in taking shoeboxes to your place of work or would like some for a group, I will make those boxes available to you.

PS: Save December 7 and 8 on your calendar as we're looking at the possibility of helping out at the Baltimore Processing Center – a moving experience you won't forget!

It all starts with a shoebox gift, **packed in Jesus' name and full of love and prayer!**
"Lives changed forever with a simple shoebox"



IMPACT Jerusalem - Local

Fairmount's **Jerusalem** is right here at home - Mechanicsville, Richmond, Hanover, Henrico - our neighbors that we interact with on a daily basis.

Team Leader: Connie Davis

Impact - Jerusalem fields include:

- Feed His Sheep
- Backpack Feeding Program

- Housing Families First
- CARITAS
- Habitat for Humanity
- MCEF (Manna Sundays)
- Pregnancy Resource Center
- Pamunkey Reg. Jail Ministry
- Impact Days
- H.E.L.P. (Health Equip. Lending Program)

- Moments of Hope (MOH)
- Caring Hearts & Hands
- Lets Go

Pray specifically for the teachers, students, and families at Cold Harbor Elementary School.

Looking Back...

Impact Day: September 19th

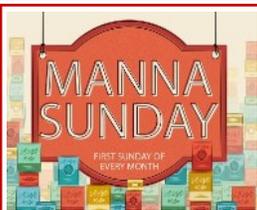
Monthly Manna Sundays, Feed His Sheep Meals, and Moments of Hope service opportunities

PRC Virtual Walk for Life: August

Looking Forward...

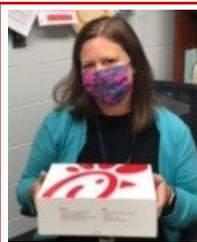
Manna Sunday: October 4th, November 1st, December 6th

Impact Day: November 14th



Manna Sunday - October 4th

The folks at MCEF have shared that they are completely out of some items: greens (collard, turnip), mashed potatoes, gravy (canned or in jars), dried navy beans, and dried pinto beans. Other needs include canned meats soups & beef stew, ketchup, mustard & mayo, canned tomatoes, canned spinach, and canned & boxed potatoes. You may drop off your donations at either entrance as you come into service. If you are not planning on attending services in-person, you may drive-up to either church entrance and drop off your donation from 8am-Noon.



Loving on Our Friends at Cold Harbor Elementary School

This summer's VBS mission was to raise money for school supplies. Through your generosity, we raised about \$3,000. We concentrated our efforts on Cold Harbor Elementary School (CHES). Covid has made this school year especially challenging with more needs and less resources available to schools and teachers. With our VBS offering, we were able to purchase storage bins for every student at the school, child's size masks, and provide each teacher with a \$25 gift card for classroom supplies. In addition, to show our love to the school, we completed several projects on the school grounds during IMPACT Day and provided their entire staff Chick-fi-a box lunches on a recent school day.

IMPACT Judea - Virginia

Fairmount's **Judea** reaches out from our backyard and encompasses the whole state of Virginia.

Team Leader: George Koger

Impact - Judea fields include:

- Waypoint Church Partners
- Virginia Vision
- Mountain Mission School
- Camp Rudolph

- CMOV - College Ministries of VA

Pray specifically for our campus ministers at VCU, JMU, ODU, and CNU.



Welcome Meghan (Saunders) Wilson!

As part of our support of CMOV (College Ministries of Virginia), Fairmount has added Meghan Wilson as one of our IMPACT partners. Meghan grew up in Mechanicsville and studied Business at Regent University. Meghan is excited to serve all the CMOV staff and help make the organization run smoothly as their Executive Assistant.

IMPACT Samaria - USA

Fairmount's **Samaria** includes the entire United States of America.

Team Leader: Betsy Raines

Impact - Samaria fields include:

- Good News Productions Int'l (GNPI)
- Heart Ministries, Inc.
- Int'l Justice Mission

- IDES - Int'l Disaster Emergency Svcs.
- ICOM - Int'l Conference on Missions
- Central Christian Coll. of the Bible
- Emmanuel Christian Seminary
- Lincoln Christian University
- Milligan University
- Operation Christmas Child (OCC)
- Spire Network (formerly NACC)

Pray specifically for ICOM 2020. For the first time, ICOM will be hosting the conference online and in-person in Indianapolis, November 20th-21st.

Looking Forward...

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoebox Project:

Kickoff - Oct. 4th; Packing Party Donations thru Nov. 1st

OCC Processing Center Trip: December 7th-8th



Watch ICOM 2020 Live!

Friday, November 20th & Saturday, November 21st

ICOM is going virtual for this year. Fairmount has registered our entire congregation for this year's conference. This means that you will have access to view all of the main sessions. All you need to do is visit their website at www.theicom.org to view the conference. Don't forget, one year from now in November 2021, ICOM will be back in Richmond!

IMPACT Ends of the Earth - World

Fairmount's **"Ends of the Earth"**

includes our foreign mission partners from around the world.

Team Leader: Glenn Thacker

Impact - World fields include:

- Haiti - Avenel Clersaint & Luc Aristhene (HEART Ministries)

- Haiti - Leon Dorleans (HOM)
- India - Drs. David & Sunisha Henry (HEART Ministries)
- Indonesia - Brent & Bonnie Armistead (HEART Ministries)
- Niños de México
- Polish Christian Ministries

Pray specifically for Brent & Bonnie Armistead who are in Richmond on furlough from Indonesia through December.

Looking Back...

Armistead Pack the Pantry: August

Looking Forward...

2021 Mission Trips: Haiti, Poland, Mexico, India



Daniel and Rachel Abernathy Update

Due to a medical condition regarding their toddler-age son, the Abernathy's made the decision to leave the mission field in Peru permanently and relocate to the United States. Rachel is going to work in a U.S. position with the Pioneers missions organization while Daniel will be employed in a secular position. They are currently back in the States visiting family in Virginia. They visited Fairmount recently and their family is doing well.



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SUNDAY MORNING LINEUP

We are practicing social distancing and following the governor's mask mandate.
Please bring and wear your mask or pick one up near either entrance.

8:00 – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

9:00 – Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center
Adult Bible School Class Offerings

10:00 - FCYM CONNECTION (MS & HS Bible School)

10:15 – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Adult & Children's Bible School Class Offerings

11:15 – Modern Worship in the Worship Center
Children's Worship Program

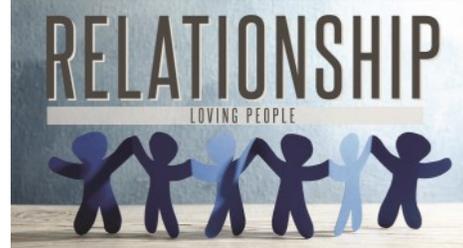
The 9:00, 10:15, and 11:15 services are live streamed at fairmountcc.org.

[Register for Worship and Bible School at fccsignups.info/Worship.](http://fccsignups.info/Worship)

You are always welcome to come to worship, even if you forget to register!

Visit fairmountcc.org/bible-school for a full listing of adult classes
with start dates, meeting times, and locations.

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