



TWO PENCILS

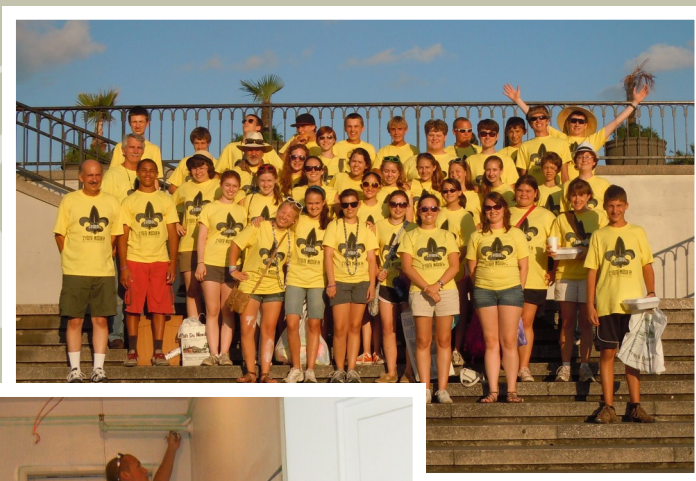


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NORTHRIDGE MISSION GIVING

Northridge Presbyterian Church is proud to present its collection of some of the finest Christmas presents currently available, the missions of our church.

In these pages you will find no gadgets or gizmos, no bracelets or baubles, no toys or televisions. You will find presents of the Christmas spirit and gifts of love.



When you "purchase" a mission, you will receive two pencils and a certificate describing the mission, ready to slip into a Christmas stocking or under the tree. Why two pencils? The giving of two pencils became the theme of one of Northridge Presbyterian's Adult Mission Trips to Juarez, Mexico. You can read the story of Two Pencils on the inside of the front cover.

Your entire contribution will go to the mission(s) you purchase. Merry Christmas, and thank you for your support of the missions of Northridge.



THE STORY OF TWO PENCILS

In the Fall of 2003, twelve Northridge Presbyterians with comfortable lives traveled to Juarez, Mexico. They visited a nearby school to lead a bible school for some of the local children. As they drove up, they passed the old school building -- a broken-down school bus. Ahead stood the new school building -- a four-room cinderblock building without water or electricity.

The Presbyterians arrived with school supply kits for 40 children. However, they discovered that the entire school of 108 children would be attending the bible school. They opened the kits and split the supplies between the children, with only enough pencils for each child to receive just two.

As the pencils were handed out, the children responded with many choruses of gracias and with tears of gratitude. Two pencils to learn to write their names. Two pencils to express their hopes, their ideas and their love. Two pencils for a beginning for a larger, better world.

Tears were not reserved for the children alone, but swelled the eyes of the Presbyterians as well. They wondered how two pencils could mean so much and bring so much joy and thanks; and tried to remember the last time they were so thankful, so joyful, to receive a gift.

Look at the pencils you receive with your purchase and know the joy, the opportunity and the thanks which will be created when your gift is received by the missions of Northridge.

We are one in Christ.





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AGAPE CLINIC

HEALTHCARE EAST DALLAS

The mission of the Agape Clinic is to improve the health of medically underserved people by providing quality community health services. The clinic provides acute care for illnesses and ongoing care for patients with chronic health issues such as diabetes, hypertension and asthma. In addition, the Clinic provides specialty care for women's health, neurology, pediatrics, dermatology, psychiatry and allergy testing.



More than 95 percent of Agape patients receive medications free of charge through generous donations, and the clinic's medical staff is composed primarily of volunteers. Founded in 1983, the Agape Clinic was a member of the former East Dallas Cooperative Parish along with Northridge Presbyterian Church and still operates today out of Grace United Methodist Church in the heart of Old East Dallas.

ARROW OUTREACH

SURVIVAL IN JUAREZ

Arrow Outreach operates on the outskirts of Juarez, working with churches, schools and communities, both from the US and Mexico. Their mission is accomplished through training, evangelism, construction, medical and hygiene care, a school scholarship program and other community involvement.



This is where and when the Two Pencils story began. Several years of on-site construction and mission work have culminated in completion of a classroom, computer room and library for the impoverished Socorro Rivera Elementary School, as well as construction of a clinic. Dallas activities have raised funds for scholarships, operations and the seed money for the Tocando Puertas Community Center, a full-service community center. Our annual September clothing drives and other collections over the years have also benefited the Juarez ministries of Arrow Outreach.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE MINISTRY ***ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE***

The English Language Ministry (ELM) provides quality instruction in English as a second language, primarily to women and mothers in East Dallas, promoting self-sufficiency and increasing English literacy in the home. This goal has an even greater impact: research shows the single greatest indicator of a child's achievement in school is the literacy level of the mother.

Begun in 1994 by members of this congregation, Northridge continues to be a leader in ELM. During 2010 the computer learning center was updated, enabling students to reinforce and enhance their classroom experiences. ELM operates on a semester basis, enrolling roughly 140 students each semester. Student retention rates average a remarkably high 82%.

EVERGREEN PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRIES

INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries exists to help people with disabilities build better lives. In 1959, a Presbyterian minister, a handful of staff and four young men with developmental and behavioral challenges moved to an abandoned school house in the pineywoods of northwest Louisiana in a community called Evergreen.

Today, Evergreen supports nearly 1,000 clients. While a majority of these individuals are served in community and group homes, many live in supported independent living programs in our communities and at home with their families. Other services include respite care for caregivers, family support, personal assistance, supported employment, vocational and pre-vocational training and case management.





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GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CENTER *COMMUNITY CHILDCARE SERVICES*

The mission of the Good Shepherd Community is to provide quality, affordable, nurturing childcare and early developmental education for the children of Far West Dallas, and to serve as a community resource center, with sensitivity to diverse cultural needs.



Offering child care services since 1986, Good Shepherd Community believes in providing a high level of quality care for children of working parents, as well as a good learning foundation to every child.

In our ever-changing society, quality day-care is of paramount importance; a safe, secure, stimulating environment is invaluable. The childcare philosophy of Good Shepherd Community Center is to provide affordable, multicultural, literacy-focused experiences that prepares the children to succeed.

HAITI EDUCATION FOUNDATION *EDUCATION IN HAITI*

In 1981, the late Frances Landers overheard Father Jean Wilfrid Albert, a Haitian chaplain, reluctantly tell a heartbroken child that there was no room for her in the mission school. This incident inspired Mrs. Landers to do something to ensure that the priest could say “yes” to children asking for a chance to learn. Since 1981, the Haiti Education Foundation has grown to 47 schools and is now educating more than 12,000 children throughout the mountains of southern Haiti.



The mission of the Haiti Education Foundation, Inc. is to provide an education to the children in the southern mountains of Haiti. In each village, HEF believes that an education, weekday lunch for students, clean water and healthcare for its residents provides the foundation in satisfying basic human needs. By providing basic human needs, HEF hopes to assist Haitians in breaking out of their cycle of dependency.



HEALING HANDS MINISTRIES HEALTH CARE LAKE HIGHLANDS

Since it opened in 2006, Healing Hands Ministries has been providing medical and dental services to people in the Lake Highlands area who live just above the poverty level and are uninsured and underinsured. Donations to Healing Hands Ministries help reduce the number of non-emergency visits to emergency rooms and offer basic health care services to within our community.

Patients make a ten dollar donation for an office visit and the clinics are staffed by volunteers including doctors, dentists, nurses, dietitians and counselors. The health care professionals and volunteers at Healing Hands give unselfishly of their time to provide top quality care to the working poor families and uninsured children of the community. No one is turned away because of their inability to pay.

LIVING WATERS FOR THE WORLD

CLEAN WATER

This Franklin, Tennessee-based Presbyterian ministry helps provide clean water to places in the world that need it most, training people in a host of countries to establish their own clean water systems.

Living Waters for the World was conceived in the early 90's by Wil Howie, a minister who believed that the Synod of Living Waters, could literally bring life-saving, "living" water to people throughout the world.

Since its inception, Living Waters for the World has partnered with mission teams to empower local community leaders to install and operate over 400 clean-water systems in major developing areas of the world, and in 2005, it expanded its mission to address water quality issues in the Appalachian Region of the United States. On average, one new clean-water system is installed somewhere in the world each week.





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MEALS ON WHEELS

FOOD FOR HOMEBOUND

Visiting Nurse Association's Meals on Wheels program provides a nutritious, hot, home-delivered, mid-day meal to Dallas County residents who are unable to provide or prepare their own meals due to illness, advanced age or disability. The program helps the elderly and disabled who are homebound to live independently for as long as possible, often relieving feelings of isolation and loneliness. Most clients are 70+, live in isolated situations with possibly no family or church to minister to them, and generally deal with more than one infirmity. The Meals On Wheels visit may be the only outside contact and only hot meal for some people.



MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION

HEALTH CARE WORLDWIDE

For over 40 years, the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) has worked to provide hope and healing to those most in need. MBF supports healing ministries in more than 100 hospitals and clinics throughout the world, providing crucial funds to fight against diseases of poverty, including HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and malnutrition. MBF also works to ensure donations of surplus medical supplies and equipment are shipped to a variety of grateful facilities around the world, arriving in safe hands and put to good use to help those in need. A gift to MBF can help provide a vaccination for one child or support a rural health clinic for an entire year.



NORTHRIDGE YOUTH MISSION TRIP

YOUTH SERVICE

The Northridge Youth Group will be going to Monticello, Arkansas, June 10-16, 2012, to stay and work at Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home & Family Services. This 45-acre campus provides long-term residential care and emergency shelter for youth ages 8-18.

While the youth are there, they will have the opportunity to build two 12-foot bridges, build rope course elements, construct a Frisbee golf course and spend time with the residents. The youth are very excited to see what God has in store for them during this very special week.



**PASTORAL COUNSELING &
EDUCATION CENTER
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

The Pastoral Counseling & Education Center provides mental health and counseling services to those in need in the Dallas area. Northridge has supported PCEC since 1987, helping to underwrite the costs of these services. More specifically, donations received from Two Pencils go directly to assist our deserving veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

The center maintains a faith-inclusive counseling stance that respects and honors the faith tradition of all who seek counseling. PCEC is accredited as both a Counseling Center and a Training Center by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors with over 20 professional counselors available to work with clients.



**PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S
HOME**

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION

Help children who have suffered from neglect, abuse and abandonment or children whose families are experiencing some type of family crisis. Begun in 1903 as an orphanage, Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services now serves children from birth to 17 years old in 18 group homes serving 130 children, 35 foster homes serving up to 70 children, and 8 child and family programs each serving 20 families and up to 50 children.

Over 250,000 children were reported abused in Texas last year and only about 20 percent received help. Whether it's through group homes, foster homes, adoption, or child and family programs, Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services helps show children that they are beloved children of God.





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PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITIES & SERVICES **GRACE PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE** **FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

Grace Presbyterian Village is a continuing care retirement community founded in 1962 and located on 27 beautiful wooded acres in Oak Cliff. Pledging to enrich the lives of those served by providing exceptional care in a faith-based culture, the wide range of services offered includes residential living, assisted living, skilled nursing and rehabilitation, outpatient therapy and Alzheimer's and dementia care.



The Grace Presbyterian Village Caring Fund established in 1981, provides supplemental financial support for residents whose resources no longer cover the cost of care. Approximately 50 residents each year are supported by this fund. In its 45-year history Grace has never had to discharge a resident due to inability to pay. The Village's policy is to see that no resident will be turned out due to a lack of personal funds.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE **SURVIVAL WORLDWIDE**

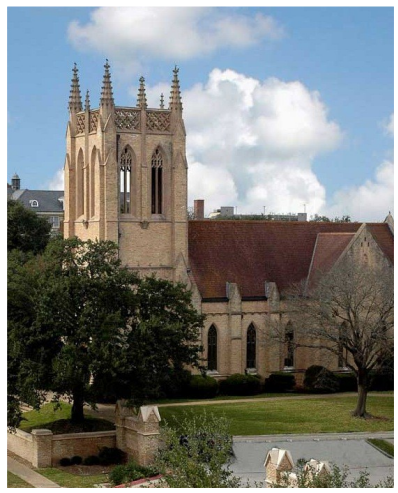
Flooding in Pakistan; an earthquake-triggered tsunami and volcanic eruption in Indonesia; and an earthquake, hurricane and cholera outbreak in Haiti have marked 2011 as an exceptional time. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been there for all of them and more throughout the world.



PDA responds to communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events. For example, over the past five years, more than 50,000 volunteer missions have cycled through congregational hosting sites on the Gulf Coast, donating more than 2.4 million hours of labor to those still trying to recover in the wake of hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike. The estimated value of the labor tops \$40 million.



But the value of these volunteer missions is not truly measured in dollars; the value is found in restored lives and hope.



QUILLIN SCHOLARSHIP

EDUCATION OF FUTURE MINISTERS

In honor of Roger Quillin's 30+ years as pastor at Northridge Presbyterian, the church established an endowed scholarship in his name at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Income from the endowment funds a scholarship each year for a student who is preparing for the parish ministry. The greater the endowment, the larger the scholarship. Seminary graduates today commonly leave school with \$25,000 in debts, not counting any debts incurred in college.

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary is a seminary in the Presbyterian-Reformed tradition whose mission is to educate and equip individuals for the ordained Christian ministry and other forms of Christian service and leadership.

ST. CROIX HOSPITAL

HEALTH CARE IN HAITI

Started as a small aid station by the local Episcopal priest in Leogane, Haiti, the Hopital Sté Croix had grown to 120 beds, with a 24-hour emergency room, two delivery rooms and four operating rooms when the devastating earthquake struck in January 2010. After being closed for nearly eight months the hospital reopened in September 2010.



In addition to providing healthcare to the people of the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, the hospital offers a special program for severely malnourished children, provides funds to build homes for families with the greatest need, organizes mobile clinics, trains healthcare workers, educates residents in disease prevention and is developing a safe water initiative. With a little, the St. Croix Hospital does so much.



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STEW POT

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

The Stewpot offers a safe haven for homeless and at-risk individuals of Dallas, provides resources for basic survival needs and creates opportunities to start a new life. Some of the services offered to the most needy of our community include daily meal service seven days a week at The Bridge (the new Dallas downtown homeless assistance center), medical and dental clinics staffed by volunteer health providers, mailing addresses for those with no other permanent residence, drug and alcohol counseling and "street outreach", weekly AA/NA meetings, caseworker assistance to obtain legal documentation for employment, and housing and other benefits.

Since October 1975, when The Stewpot opened in the basement of First Presbyterian Church, over 2.5 million meals have been served to the homeless and at-risk of our community.



WHITE ROCK CENTER OF HOPE

SERVING EAST DALLAS

The White Rock Center of Hope is a community coalition of individuals, civic and social organizations, and over 50 member churches united to provide emergency aid and steps toward self-sufficiency to their neighbors. Founded in 1988 by the late Donagene Christian, a member of Central Lutheran Church in East Dallas, the center was inspired by a Bible verse (John 21:17) in which Jesus orders Peter to "Feed my sheep".

Starting as a food pantry, services have expanded to include clothing, toys, school supplies, rent and utility assistance. By 1999, the Center was feeding over 12,000 needy neighbors a year - 8,000 of whom are children. As of December of 2010, over 300,000 people in over 100,000 families have received help and hope from the White Rock Center of Hope.





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Suggested donation amount for each item purchased is \$10.00.

Please feel free to contribute more or less as your budget allows.

All checks should be payable to Northridge Presbyterian Church.

Ordering Deadline is December 18.

Thank you for supporting the missions of Northridge Presbyterian Church