

# NATIONAL WEAGRAPHIC

2019



Mac Dunn in Romania

# A Letter from Pastor Shane

Hi WEAGers!

This past summer my family and I had the opportunity to visit with two of our supported missionary families – Carsten and Petra Holey in Germany and Powell and Audrey Harrison in France. It was an amazing experience as we saw first hand the work they are doing, listened to their stories, helped on small projects at their facilities and shared in their Sunday worship services. While we weren't able to be part of a team with many of you, it was an incredible time of fellowship, strengthening long-term bonds and knowing we were right where God had placed us for the days we were able to be with each of them.

That's what a team experience does for each of us. When we step out in faith, the time spent with team members and our missionary hosts gives us a new understanding of who they are, what they do, their challenges and hardships and most importantly how we can pray for and be a help to them.

I hope you'll read ahead through this booklet and find the perfect project for you to be a part of this year. Serving opportunities unite us, strengthen our local church and empower those we assist. Pray about whether you should be serving once a month at our thrift store or maybe this is the year you will take a week or two of vacation and help on a medical, building or teaching team.

Together we can do amazing things for Christ!

*Pastor Shane*



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# A World View



Missionaries are an amazing group of individuals that leave behind friends and family, as well as a safe and comfortable environment, in a desire to see others learn and encounter the Jesus they know. WEAG supports 114 of these special people as they teach, feed, heal, build or translate. They work with different agencies in different countries around the world.

The combined gifts of WEAG's Faith Promise program make it possible for our missionaries to live cross culturally while sharing their faith. We hope you will carefully consider how you can financially and prayerfully invest in the lives of the organizations and the men and women WEAG supports through Faith Promise giving. We depend upon each gift to meet their daily needs!

**We do ask everyone to fill out a new pledge card each year. It helps us adequately plan our annual commitment to keep long-term missionaries serving globally.**

*Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.  
Proverbs 3:27, NIV*

## Welcoming Global Neighbors to WEAG

Stepping into WEAG's ESL classes on a Thursday night, you might meet people from Guatemala, Syria, Russia, Ethiopia, Vietnam, or over 30 other countries. Immigrants and refugees from around the world are coming in the doors of WEAG to learn English, and God is allowing us to welcome them and show them Christ's love.

Each student has a story. Each student left his or her home country for a reason. Each student has taken the bold step to strive to learn English and adapt to our culture.

One student is from the Democratic Republic of Congo. When he was nine years old, his parents were killed. He led his blind brother through the war-torn country to a refugee camp where they lived for nearly 15 years. Arriving in the United States 2 years ago, this student knew no English. He is eager to improve his language skills so he can better function in his new country.



A young mom from Venezuela says, "It is very bad in Venezuela. There is no food; there is no medicine. Our brothers and sisters are in Spain, Chile, and Ecuador; and our parents are still in Venezuela. We miss our family because we are all apart. Our daughter never meets her grandparents. Sometimes I feel sad and alone. It is very difficult, but it is better for us here. We are glad to learn English so that we can work in our job area and give our daughter a good life."

Imagine how overwhelming it would be to leave everything (and possibly everyone) you know and move to another country. Imagine how overwhelming tasks like shopping, banking, driving, finding housing and employment, and understanding the school system would be if you could not speak the local language. WEAG's ESL program helps immigrants and refugees to overcome those challenges. Each week, volunteer teachers share Jesus' love with our international community as they guide six classes of students through lessons designed to accommodate different levels of understanding.

Would you like to be a part of this ministry that helps show love to our international neighbors? We need greeters, assistants and teachers. Please contact Vicky Tobey at [vicky@weag.org](mailto:vicky@weag.org) or Cindy Johnson at [cj@weag.org](mailto:cj@weag.org) for more information.

Acts 9:36 "In Joppa there was a disciple name Tabitha (which translated is Dorcas) who was always doing good and helping the poor." Desiring to follow in her footsteps, **Dorcas' Daughters** at WEAG began in June 2016 with a handful of ladies. We have grown expeditiously since then!

We are a group of women endeavoring to help those less fortunate through our crafting. Partnering with local and foreign mission ministries to reach the poor by recycling plastic bags into woven sleeping mats for the homeless, crocheting, knitting or weaving lunch satchels, tote bags, hygiene clutches and braiding jump ropes.

Now expanded into sewing, we sew simple dresses, shorts and sustainable feminine hygiene kits. These kits allow school age girls in third world countries to stay in school and not miss a week of learning. Partnering with local assisted living facilities, engaged residents give back to others simply by taking a crumpled plastic bag and turning it into something useful. From time to time, we invite speakers from other local organizations and churches to build community.



Be it crafting at home, distributing hygiene kits, stuffing Easter Eggs/Christmas stockings, sewing, or weaving each Friday morning, we look forward to a member led devotion and warm fellowship. **If you can flatten a crumpled plastic bag - we need you!**

Join us each Friday

**Meeting each Friday**

**10:30-Noon (Sewing Group 10-1)**

**WEAG South Hall**

**Contact: Email Pam Woltz [ppwoltz@verizon.net](mailto:ppwoltz@verizon.net) or call Deb Farlow 703-930-8277**

*You're invited to  
Dorcas' Daughters first Craft Show!*

**Mission room on Sunday, February 10, 2019 • 2-4pm**

Bring your friends and come and see the unique handcrafted items our ladies have been making. Proceeds from this event will help provide materials and supplies for future projects.

# Local Project



Greetings from West End Thrift, Richmond's best thrift store as voted by Style Weekly magazine! Thanks to a small group of dedicated volunteers, we have been open 5 days a week since January 2018. During the last 12 months, we have been in active ministry here at 7219 West Broad Street. Our number of regulars has increased since our opening just two short years ago, and we continue to have new people "discovering" us each and every week. Our goal first and foremost (towards which we pray before and after each day) is that we would be a mirror of God's love and grace to each and every customer, as well as to our fellow volunteers. We have regular customers from as near as across the street, and as far away as the Northern Neck that make sure to stop in every time they come to town. We have been blessed to pray for folks across a spectrum of religious beliefs and cultures. Truly, God works alongside us each and every day!

Financially, God continues to bless the efforts of our donors and amazing volunteers. After just two years of being open, we are able to provide \$40,000 to be used for short-term project supplies this year! These funds will be used to buy medicines, ministry and construction supplies for our projects.

Each and every day our volunteers help us sort donated items, merchandise them in some of the prettiest displays in town, cashier, carry items to customers cars, and pickup furniture. Our volunteer force ranges from age 13 (accompanied by parent) to 87 – God gives each the correct serving opportunity! Have you considered joining our team but feel unqualified? Well don't-God qualifies the called-we can find something for you here at West End Thrift... consider joining us, a small group of folks dedicated to raising funds for missions through this local outreach.

West End Thrift-come and see ministry in action in our community!



**Join us at West End Thrift  
7219 West Broad Street  
Sunday, February 17, 2019  
from 2-5pm**

*Enjoy church in the morning, have some lunch and then come and see what we're doing to raise vital funds for 2019 mission projects at this private event. Our thrift store provides a major portion of our supply funds for projects.*

*Take advantage of 25% off your total sale as our special guests! No tickets to purchase, drop in anytime and no RSVP – just bring your family and friends, have dessert as you browse and shop. There might even be a couple of special items for auction! You don't want to miss this special WEAG winter sale - see you there!*

## Mothers of Young Children Toy and Clothing Sales (MOYCS)

Spring sale – March 16, 2019

Fall Sale - September TBA, 2019



Clothes, toys, furnishings, newborn supplies, books, shoes and more! The annual

MOYCS Toy and Clothing sale is a great place to purchase seasonal outfits and furnishings for the special child in your life. It's also a great place to consign the gently used clothing hanging in your child's closet – giving you more money to shop with! Proceeds for this event help families in our community and WEAG supported missionaries.



Consignors and qualifying volunteers get to shop before the doors open at 8am on Saturday. Take advantage of this special perk and sign up to help today. Be sure to tell friends and family about this annual event.

Visit [www.weag.org/MOYCS](http://www.weag.org/MOYCS) or [info@weagmoyc.org](mailto:info@weagmoyc.org) to consign, volunteer or for information.



## Glorious Christmas Nights

WEAG Productions offer us the opportunity to be involved in outreach during the holidays. There are cars to park, meals to serve the cast and crew, as well as childcare, ushers and cheerful greeters to welcome guests. Set construction helpers, painters, tech and prop assistants are needed, too! And let's not forget musicians, actors, dancers, and the people running lights, cameras, calling cues and sound! All of these are great tools for WEAGers to share their faith through the arts. We'd love to have your help for production 2019!

Watch your Weekly for ways to sign up this fall or contact [nikki@weag.org](mailto:nikki@weag.org) today.



**Rise Against Hunger**  
**Friday night, April 12, 2019 7pm**  
**WEAG Gymnasium**  
**Cost - \$10 per family**  
**Limited to 100 people!**  
**This is a great family event.**

You must be four years old to participate.  
Registration is required by contacting  
[cathey@weag.org](mailto:cathey@weag.org) by April 7, 2019.

Get your small group, your friends and your family together and help us pack a healthy, nutritious meal for 10,000 in about 2 hours. This is a great kid friendly event as we race against the gong (clock) adding protein mix to vitamins, rice, soy and dried vegetables. Meals are then shipped to the most current in need location for immediate use. Visit the Rise Against Hunger website for more information at [www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org)

This will be our 6th year to pack meals for those living in areas of natural disasters or in developing countries around the world. Our own mission's partners in Haiti and India have distributed meals packed by our church. Sign up today since space is limited for this popular event for families.

### Henrico County School Partnership



We are excited to continue our partnership with Quioccasin Middle School. Our donations of school supplies, age appropriate clothing, food and holiday dinners from our Feeding the 5000 program are administered by the guidance department- making certain those with the most need, benefit from your donations.

Donations are collected throughout the year. Your gifts can be left at any Mission bin and are shared regularly with the school. This summer as a part of Lift Up RVA, we will be back at QMS painting, weeding and getting the school ready for September classes. Help support this local school neighbor throughout the year.



**Poverty, Inc. • May 4, 2019 from 9 -11:30am**  
**RSVP at [julia@weag.org](mailto:julia@weag.org) by May 2, 2019**

Join us for a screening of this thought provoking movie documentary, *Poverty Inc.*, and begin to explore how our good intentions can actually be harming the very people that we are trying to help. After years of pouring millions of dollars into poverty stricken areas, we now see that many well-intentioned programs have not worked. In fact, in many situations, they have had the opposite effect. *Poverty Inc.* is a wake up call that will challenge your definition of "helping" and ask you to examine how you will be part of the solution instead of part of prolonging the economic issues that many of our poorest communities/nations face. A time of discussion will follow the video to address local issues.

### Do you know how to:

- get a gun, even if you have a police record
- live without electricity and a phone
- move in half a day
- keep my clothes from getting stolen from the laundromat
- live without a checking account
- physically fight and defend myself
- get by without a car



These sample questions came from "What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty", by Bill Ehlig and Ruby Payne. This discussion and video are great resources for those working within CARITAS, our local ministry partnerships and for anyone with a desire to equip and empower people caught in the cycle of poverty.

### Healthy Snacks for the Hungry

Nabs, chips, pretzels, small cans of fruit, trail mix, juice boxes and nutritious breakfast bars help hungry children begin and get through their school day. By partnering with WEAG's Love Cupboard, we are able to help stock food pantries at John Marshall High School and Quioccasin Middle School. Both of these schools are so grateful for food donations that supplement hungry and needy middle and high school students in our country and city. Healthy non-perishable snacks are always in short supply and high demand. Donations can be left throughout the year in any mission's bin.



# Helping the Homeless and Hungry

## Friends of the Homeless

Richmond's *Friends of the Homeless* allows WEAGers to prepare and serve lunches at Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church on First Street. Can you cook, serve or provide a specific menu item? It's easy to make a casserole from a provided recipe one, two or even twelve times a year. Your entree is then placed in the FOH refrigerator right before your rotation. Side dishes, desserts and serving products, as well as many helpers, are needed to serve meals and pray with guests. We have a wonderful time together showing Christ's love while providing a meal to hungry people. Contact [jill@weag.org](mailto:jill@weag.org) to sign up.

## CARITAS June 15-22, 2019



This year we will be hosting the CARITAS women for one week only in June. CARITAS is transitioning from multiple mobile shelters to a new permanent building where the majority of their ministries will be housed. This is amazing and long anticipated news! So potentially, this could be our final year to host CARITAS guests at WEAG.



In years past, their homeless clients have moved from church to church each week. This new facility means it will no longer be necessary to move. So, while this type of ministry will be coming to an end there will be other opportunities to form relationships with those in need at the new facility.

We need folks to wash clothes and towels and provide a variety of different food items to cover breakfast and lunch. We also need people to give workshops on everything from crafts to nutrition! Contact Jaime Woltz at [jaimewoltz@gmail.com](mailto:jaimewoltz@gmail.com) or Sarah Pena at [sarah.d.pena@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.d.pena@gmail.com) for the link to the sign up sheets.

## Monthly Caritas Furniture Bank Work Days

WEAGers assist warehouse workers as they organize donations for the CARITAS Furniture Bank. We sort and restock the store and also repair and restore furniture the first Wednesday of each month.

As families move out of the CARITAS program into affordable housing, they are allowed to select a minimum amount of furnishings and household goods for their new apartment. Volunteers act as "shopping" assistants – making it easier for guests to find what they need. Contact [cathey@weag.org](mailto:cathey@weag.org) if you would like to be a CARITAS Furniture Bank volunteer.

## Homeless Goody Bags and Purses

When you see a sign -out of work, need money, God Bless – are you offering hope or feeding an addiction? Homeless goody bags filled with practical things for daily use include contact info for local agencies that can assist with needs, as well as a scripture card of encouragement.

Socks, crackers, lip balm, small hygiene items, small packages of wrapped nuts, trail-mix, gum, tissues, and gallon zip bags are all needed. Stop by your favorite bulk food store and pick up a pack or two of something to donate. Your donations can always be left in the Mission bins. Are you part of a small group and looking for a great project a group can do together? This is fun, easy to do and then can be stored in members cars to hand out as needed or given to missions for others to distribute.

Contact [julia@weag.org](mailto:julia@weag.org) for more info.



## My Story

by Lisa Eggert

There's a place called Dumbrava. Its location is but a spec on a map, somewhere down a bunch of windy, countryside dirt roads in Bihor, Romania.

Dumbrava is made up of a few buildings, eight to be exact. These buildings are home to 200 or so people. One specific home has caught my attention and wrecked my heart a bit over the last three years.

This particular home is filled with loud words, foul smells and warm smiles. It is chaotic at best and frightening at worst, as you walk through the front door.

Nobody important lives in this home, nobody with a good job or a fancy car or nice clothes. Instead, the people living here accept the shameful identity of a "nobody". In fact, some of them don't even have a name to call their own.



Can you imagine, for even a moment, not having a name or knowing when you were born? Could you fathom not being known to even one person in the whole world?

Of course you can't. And I can't, either - because we are somebody's. We have a name and a birthday and probably even a job and a car and nice clothes. Not to mention, we are known by many.

This building that I am describing is made of concrete and painted bright yellow. There are approximate 40 mentally ill Romanian men and women who call this yellow building home and who would have otherwise been left to live and die on the streets and in prisons. This yellow building embodies God's call for justice and rescue.

Psalm 82:3-4 says, "Give justice to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the poor and the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people."

This special home is filled with people who are very, very sick. It is filled with people who crave food and acceptance and who need clothes and love. This home provides dignity and care to people who would never experience those things anywhere else.

As I stepped into their home last week, I held hands with people who have been forgotten, abused, and considered worthless. I argued with God a bit, "Surely someone must know his name. Someone must know her birthday or her story. Surely these people are not completely forgotten..."

And then I was reminded of His words:

"Oh Lord, you have examined my heart and you know everything about me."  
Psalm 139:1

"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb." Jeremiah 1:5

I was reminded that they are known, even if only by God Himself. The sounds and smells and images of Dumbrava are overwhelming in the moment, but they also continue to haunt me, some, even now. I have faces of men and women hidden deep in my heart. Faces of people who have been rescued. Faces of people



who are being cared for and loved when rejection had been the only thing they knew. Their cries of anguish and shouts of joy can still be heard when I let my mind wander.

Most of the people there may not have the ability to even understand the realities of this life, but I'm convinced that they understand love. That somehow, in a way that they can't even express, they know that they have been rescued. They know that they are being cared for. They know that they are known. And they know that they are loved.

Maybe that's just wishful thinking on my part, but I'll believe it anyway. Mostly because I trust these words:

"The LORD doesn't see things the way that you see them. People judge by outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

Why is it that we, so often, let what someone has become more important than who someone is?

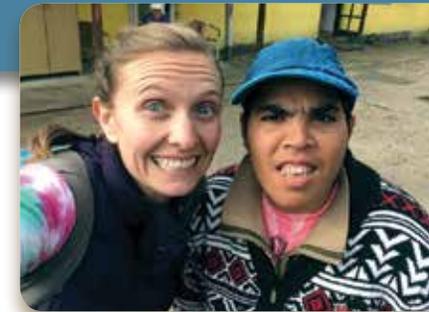
I'm thankful this morning for a few things:

I'm thankful for a man named Viorel Pasca. He obeyed when God spoke to him about caring for two people in his spare bedroom. His obedience has turned into these homes, rescuing hundreds of people over the years. He came to God with a few fish and a few loaves of bread, and God created a heavenly feast.

I'm thankful for the few gypsy workers who are employed in these homes. They are doing work that nobody sees. And if somebody did see what they do day in and day out, I'm confident that they'd run the other way.

I'm thankful for experiences that wreck my heart because sometimes, it takes a wrecked heart to see God's heart.

Finally, I'm so thankful that God sees people differently than we do. He sees value and purpose in every person in that home. He knows each name, each birthday, and each story, even if no one else does. And He loves them. Not for what they have to offer, but for who they are: holy, dearly loved and pleasing in His sight (Colossians 3:12).



Many of our outreaches focus on the needs of the fatherless – in our own city and around the world. On Orphan Sunday this coming November, we'll consider ways each of us can do what God's word has instructed us to do in Isaiah 1:17, "...defend the cause of the fatherless...." Here are some ways you can defend the cause of the fatherless.

**Go on a short-term mission project!** Join a project with an orphan focus – almost every project has some focus on children in need.

**Adopt or Foster locally** - Contact you local city or county Social Services department. They are devoted to placing Virginia foster children in forever homes. Currently there are almost 5,000 children in foster care in the state of Virginia.

**The Possibilities Project** invests in the lives of youth ages 18 to 25 who have aged out of Virginia's foster care system without being adopted. These young people are provided with critical assistance as they develop into independent community members. Resources are needed to assist with the occasional extra, unexpected expenses – most who are trying to live on wages from minimum wage jobs. Contact WEAGer, Kim Lewis for more info at [kim@chsva.org](mailto:kim@chsva.org) and visit the website at [www.chsva.org](http://www.chsva.org)

**Sponsor a child** in a developing country. WEAG partners with multiple ministries to provide meals, an education, clothing, Christian training, health care and hygiene lessons for children. Visit a ministry partner at a display table during the annual mission emphasis Sundays to select a child today. Most children can be sponsored for \$40 or less per month!

**Help a family** in the adoption or fostering process by donating to our **Intertwined Orphan Fund**. This fund helps defray the cost for qualifying families. Visit an info center for an Adoption Fund brochure if you'd like to apply. Donations to assist our orphans or foster care needs can be made by writing Intertwined Fund in the memo of your check at any time.



**IntertwinedFamily**

Contact coordinators, Rush and Jennifer Middleton at [intertwinedfamily@gmail.com](mailto:intertwinedfamily@gmail.com) for more details and you can follow the ministry on Facebook and on Twitter @weOrphanCare for the most current information.

Pastors Moises and Damaris Diaz, originally from Cuba, are our Latino Pastors. They lead our Latino Ministry -both Brazilian and Hispanic communities, through welglesia de Bendición - Church of Blessing. Weekly Bible study meets every Friday at 7:45 PM, and the weekly Worship Service every Sunday at 10:00 AM. Both services meet in the Fellowship Hall.

As welglesia de Bendición serves the Latino community at West End Assembly of God, it will provide a model for expanding Latino ministry within the Assemblies of God in the Richmond/Tidewater Latino communities. Pastor Moises also serves with the Potomac Ministry Network of The Assemblies of God.



### Here are 4 ways you can help:

- **Invite** - Latinos you come in contact with & brush up on your Spanish and join them on Friday evenings
- **Invest** - you have a share that is important, necessary and sufficient for this to succeed
- **Go** - let's go to the part of the world God has sent to our city
- **Provide** - refreshments for a Friday evening service

Your prayers are welcome as we come in one accord as a church family to continue this outreach mission to the Richmond Community. Spread the news among your Latino friends.

For more information, contact Pastor Moises Diaz at [pastormoisesdecuba@yahoo.com](mailto:pastormoisesdecuba@yahoo.com) or Cell: 301-541-9541



# Delmont and Northside, Richmond, VA

## General Church Project

**Dates:** 4th Tuesdays, beginning September – May 2019, approx. 5:30pm - 8:30pm  
**Cost:** \$0 **Team Size:** 30  
**Age Requirement:** 14 yrs and up  
**Team Leader:** Lisa Eggert

Join Kids Pastor Lisa Eggert and her team as they provide a Kids Church-like outreach once-a-month at one of Youth Life Foundations ministry sites. Bible lessons, worship, games, activities, crafts, puppets, snacks, and small group discussions are all a part of this project. Energetic, willing hands and hearts are needed to love and lead these precious kids toward Jesus.

Contact Lisa Eggert at [eggert@weag.org](mailto:eggert@weag.org) if you would like to join the team. You must be able to commit to the entire school year (once a month) to be a part of this team.



# Camp WEAG Work Days

## General Church

**Dates:** March 27 -30, 2019  
**Cost:** \$0 **Team Size:** 30  
**Deadline:** March 20, 2019  
**Team Leaders:** Daniel and Beth Hamilton  
**Age Requirement:** 14 yrs and up

Join Beth and Dan Hamilton for one day or all four as they spring clean and prepare beautiful CAMP WEAG for this season's campers. There will be plenty of jobs - both inside and outside - to keep everyone busy on this 70-acre property in Amelia county. So wear your old clothes, pack your bug spray and gardening gloves and come meet some new friends as you work together. Lodging and meals will be provided in the Campana Lodge. Day workers (9 am-4 pm) are welcome to join the team whenever available. Help get Camp WEAG ready for our spring and summer campers and events!



# Belize

## Medical and Construction

**Dates:** March 16-23, med.; March 16-26 const.  
**Cost:** \$1,500 Med. & \$1650 Const. *(based on airfare)*  
**Deposit:** \$700 **Deadline:** February 11, 2019  
**Team Size:** 25 **Housing:** Jungle Jeannie's Hotel  
**Team Leader:** John Hershman & Jeff Laughlin

Two teams will be serving in Maya Mopan, Belize. Our medical and dental team will be seeing patients in the church and multipurpose building that last year's construction team helped to build. Doctors, nurses, dentists, hygienists and medical professionals are needed for a successful clinic.

The construction team will put the final touches on the 2nd story of the multipurpose building. All skills are needed for this project. It requires carpenters, electrical specialists (not necessarily electricians), general laborers, and encouragement specialists! Sign up today!



# North Carolina

## Men's Ministry

**Dates:** Spring, 2019  
**Cost:** \$150 **Deposit:** \$100  
**Team Size:** 20  
**Housing:** A local church  
**Team Leader:** Rodney Green

The New Bern area of North Carolina was severely impacted by flooding in 2018. We will be working through the North Carolina district of the Assemblies of God, helping rebuild the home of a widow or veteran with no flood insurance and limited resources.

This area continues to need help now that the spotlight is focused on other world disasters. Pack your sleeping bag and tool belt. There will be plenty to do on this remodel project for a neighbor to the south. You must be able to stay all four days to participate.



# Richmond



## General Church Construction

**Dates:** May 1 - 4, 2019

**Cost:** \$0 **Team Size:** 25

**Deadline:** April 28, 2019

**Team Leader:** Terry Ruhlen

Bring your work gloves, paintbrush and water bottle for this project that's just 8 miles from WEAG. We'll start each morning with devotions at 9am before work and finish each day around 4pm. All skill levels are needed for this project. We will be working at River Of Life Community Church on Woodman Road with WEAG supported missionaries, Peyton and Clover Harris. There will be plenty to do as we remodel a room, paint and spruce up this growing church facility.

# Ethiopia



## General Church Construction, Widows and Children's Ministry Focus

**Dates:** TBD 2019

**Cost:** \$2,400 (based on airfare)

**Deposit:** \$800 **Team Size:** 12

**Deadline:** March 15, 2019

**Housing:** Eva Hotel

**Team Leader:** Cindy Johnson

The Mulu Wongel Church of Debre Birhan has been in a building program for 12 years. Being self-sufficient by using micro enterprise rental space on church property to fund their building, educational, outreach and helps programs is very important to them. Today, they continue to build relationships with their neighbors, the town and villages around what is becoming a major city in northern Ethiopia.

No construction experience is needed for the limited amount of unskilled labor that we will provide. There will be plenty to keep us busy as we serve with the church staff, work with children and help with some labor on the third and fourth floor rooms that are under construction. We'll get to know members of the church, do some building, help with Sunday School classes and visit with orphans and widows.



## A Local Summer Project General Church

**Dates:** June 24-28, 2019

**Cost:** \$0

**Team Size:** 100's!

**Deadline:** June 23, 2019

**Project Manager:** Susan Chewning

Our youth have led the way over the past few years, meeting some of the needs in our own city. We're building on lessons learned from last years work with Quioccasin Middle School and the East End Cemetery cleanup. This year, we're going to be working on a variety of clean-up and repair projects with local schools and neighbors in our city for this church wide summer mission project. Multiple teams will be serving in several locations each day working on a variety of skilled and not so skilled projects.

Get your work gloves, plan for some time off work, pack your lunch, water bottle, bug spray and sunscreen – we guarantee we'll keep you busy and you'll have a great time working alongside your WEAG church family. Let's help some of our city and county neighbors that need a helping hand this summer as together we "Lift Up RVA!"



# Guatemala Youth

**Dates:** July 20 -28, 2019

**Cost:** \$1,800 (based on airfare) **Deposit:** \$700

**Team Size:** 24

**Deadline:** April 1, 2019

**Housing:** Dormitory Style in the Aragon Guest House

**Team Leader:** John Kelly

This will be our third year working in Guatemala with Hector and Ruth Aragon at a Child Hope School. We will also help a local pastor on a small church building project in Guatemala City. As always, time will be spent in ministry with local children, working on construction projects, packing blessing packages for new moms at the local maternity hospital and visits to some of the cultural sites of this beautiful volcanic country. Practice your Spanish and apply for your passport today.



# Costa Rica

*NOTE: This one is for women and girls only*

**Teaching and Ministry**

**Dates:** October 19-27, 2019

**Cost:** \$1,800 (based on airfare) **Deposit:** \$700

**Deadline:** July 15, 2019

**Team Size:** 12

**Housing:** Dormitory Style at the church

**Team Leader:** Sue Schlesman

Our ladies are headed back to Costa Rica to work with at risk 5th and 6th grade girls in two schools. Chicas de Promesa is an after school Christian club for girls. Crafts, Bible lessons, one on one discussions and several fun filled activities help the staff and our team develop relationships with preteen girls. Through these activities, a strong community bond is formed allowing this club environment to be a safe haven for girls who might otherwise become victims of abuse.

This will be a busy team with little down time. There will be sessions at one school in the mornings, a break for lunch, and sessions at another school in a neighboring village in the afternoons.



# Romania

This is a great parent and youth trip.

**General Church**

**Dates:** November 1 -10, 2019

**Cost:** \$1,650 (based on airfare) **Deposit:** \$700

**Team Size:** 13 **Minimum Age:** 12

**Deadline:** August 1, 2019

**Housing:** The Noble Guest House

**Team Leader:** Lisa Eggert



Caminul Felix is an international faith based non-profit agency that believes in keeping orphaned & abandoned children in Christian home settings within their culture. The village of Oradea is located 3 hours outside of Budapest in northern Romania. This team will be helping with the construction of a home for a Romanian family. They will also visit a state run orphanage and gypsy camp, as well as have other fellowship ministry opportunities with the staff, children and house parents. This is a great family project!

The team will spend the last day and one night sightseeing in Budapest before coming home.

## Connect With Us

Our WEAGraphic is a great way to find out what we plan for in missions this year. Don't forget these other great information resources to keep you informed on a daily basis.

**www.weag.org/missions**

**Facebook: Weagmissions**

**Twitter: @weagmissions**

**Email: missions@weag.org**

**Pick up your team application online or at the WEAG info centers.**

**Let us know if you're going on a project with another ministry!**

If you are joining a short-term mission team led by another organization, we want to pray for you as you go. Email [cj@weag.org](mailto:cj@weag.org) and let us know when and where you'll be serving so we can pray for you and your mission trip!

# Collecting and Repurposing

At both ends of our building there are bins to accept donations of goods, clothing and assorted items collected and used in our outreaches with local and foreign missionaries and ministries. Your tangible gifts make it possible for us to stretch resources and for everyone to be involved in missions at WEAG. Watch *the Weekly* for items currently in need and see what you can help us collect for WEAG Mission projects and our ministry partners. Be sure to clearly mark your donation for the appropriate ministry or event.

**Here are some items we regularly collect. Hang onto your Missions tote bag and use it to restock our bins throughout the year.**

We work with two schools that have a large percentage of lower socioeconomic students, a wide range of academic needs among students and students who score lower on standardized tests. At risk students start the school year at a great disadvantage. Your donation of school supplies gives our partner school students a helping hand.

## School Supply Needs:

- College lined notebook paper
- #2 pencils
- Blue, black and red pens
- Highlighters
- Spiral notebooks
- Lined index cards
- 3 - ring binders
- Colored pencils
- 4 function calculators
- Dry erase markers
- Washable markers
- Backpacks

## Mission Gift Certificates



We're committed to keeping the cost of projects as low as possible for team members. A gift certificate is a great way to help a friend or family member go on a project and save you some shopping time.

Call Cindy Johnson at 774-4315 or [cj@weag.org](mailto:cj@weag.org) for more information on getting a personalized certificate to present to your team member and a tax deduction for you!

## Clothing Needs:

New and gently used, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets and mittens are distributed through Friends of the Homeless and our school partners. Clean out your closet after Christmas and help someone stay warm this winter and spring.



## School & Food Pantry Needs:

- Non-perishable food items
- Cereal, Oatmeal
- Tuna, Chicken, Spam
- Pasta and Sauce
- Soups, Veggies and Fruit
- Nutritious snacks, trail bars, crackers
- Peanut Butter and Jelly

- Used Eye Glasses for foreign mission projects
- Gently used toys for children at Christmas

**All West End Thrift donations go to the store at 7219 W. Broad Street and are not collected at WEAG.**

For a complete list and a list of items we can't sell – please visit our website. New and gently used items sell best – no pet hair, smoke or musty smells on furniture or in-season clothing. Jewelry, garden and home décor, household linens, lamps and pictures sell well also.

# WEAG STATEMENT OF MISSION

WEAG is committed to the work of the Great Commission, which Christ gave His disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). We believe in practically meeting the physical, social and spiritual needs of the peoples we meet, using project opportunities to share the gospel and "make disciples of the nations."



*Delmont and Northside*



*Bolivia*



*Men's Construction*



*Belize*



*Guatemala*



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