

# NATIONAL WEAGRAPHIC

2020



Having fun volunteering at West End Thrift Store

## A Letter from Pastor Shane

If you've been around here very long, you know our desire is to be an intergenerational and intercultural community. We are fortunate to live in the Richmond area, a place so many cultures now call home. A glimpse into an ESL classroom at WEAG on a Thursday night introduces you to 110 people from 26 different countries around the globe.



Short-term projects make it possible for us to extend the love of Jesus to those we meet in other places and countries, too. A mission trip lets us see and experience a small portion of daily life in developing nations. We have a better understanding of why some choose to leave behind everything for the hope of a better life in this country. When we build a church, school or home, teach, and hold medical clinics we strengthen the connections to our supported missionaries while serving the nationals they are called to serve. Our combined giving through Faith Promise makes it possible for us to keep these long-term missionary partners in full-time service.

In the pages ahead are a variety of ways for you to connect with other WEAGers on mission this year. I hope you will read through this book, visit with a table host over the next few weeks or contact our mission department to find out how you can get involved in an intergenerational, intercultural mission experience in our own city or someplace new to you!

Serving others together,

*Pastor Shane*

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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.

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## A Local Project with a Global Impact

Wow, it's tough to believe it's been three years since West End Thrift opened its doors for ministry! Please note we didn't say "opened its doors for business"... that's intentional! West End Thrift has become such an amazing ministry on West Broad Street, with many of our regulars telling us repeatedly that coming into our store is a highlight of their week. What's the secret? Plain and simple, we have the very best volunteers in the city!! They show every customer Christ in everything they do at the store, from greeting them as they enter, conversing with them as they shop, or taking purchased items out to cars.

Behind the scenes, our crewmembers sort donations, keep the store spotless and do whatever it takes to make sure every customer has a great experience in our store. That's why both Style Weekly Magazine and the Richmond Times Dispatch identified West End Thrift as a top finisher in their annual "Best Of" segments over the past two years. Our volunteers drive our ministry, giving us recognition throughout Richmond as a unique store, which we know is because we use the store to reflect His Love!



Proceeds from store sales help purchase supplies for our short-term mission projects from Richmond to countries around the world. The store is located at 7219 West Broad Street and we are open Tuesday through Friday, 10-5 and Saturday, 10-4.

Read through the National WEAGraphic to find out more about how we plan on using the proceeds raised from sales at West End Thrift in the coming months.

Come and be a part of our mission's story here at West End Thrift - we would love your help in sharing His Love!

Can you imagine how overwhelming it would be to leave family and friends and move to a country where you don't know the language, the culture, or anyone? Imagine how overwhelming tasks like finding housing, employment, driving, shopping, banking, and the school system would be if you could not speak the local language. Would you be brave enough to step into a church, mosque or temple to learn the language and culture of your new country? Over 100 people do just that each Thursday night as they courageously step through the doors of WEAG to learn English.

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. Each student has a story. Each student has taken the bold step to strive to learn English and adapt to our culture.

Many students are from Venezuela. Political turmoil and hyperinflation have led to increased poverty, education decline, and shortages of medicine, water and electricity, as well as violence and protests. Nearly 5000 people escape from Venezuela each day in hopes of a better life. Jhony, Yudith, and Rosa are three such people. Rosa says, *"My family live in Venezuela. I miss they very much. I love my family and I work hard for send money to they."*

Fleur, a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo and seven months pregnant, came to class after being in the United States for less than one week. Her mother, father, and brothers came with her, but her husband is still in the Congo. Her prayer is that her husband can join her and their new baby soon.

Richmond has many immigrants and refugees, and we have the opportunity to develop relationships with them and help them assimilate into their new community.

People from over 30 other countries take time out of their busy weeks to come to English class. They not only receive a great English class, but also teachers and volunteers who care deeply about them and their families. These volunteers embody what Galatians 5:14 says, *"For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

Would you be a part of this ministry helping to show love to our international neighbors? Currently, we need greeters, back up teachers, administrative assistants, and people to help provide refreshments. **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 says, "In Joppa there was a disciple named 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 exponentially since then!

Dorcas is a group of women endeavoring to help those less fortunate by using our crafting skills. Partnering with local and foreign mission ministries to reach the poor by recycling plastic bags into woven sleeping mats for the homeless, braiding jump ropes, and selling one-of-a-kind tote bags, baskets and novelty items. Since expanding 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. Check out the purpose of the kits at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpJpZdi9Z0&feature=youtu.be>



Each month we partner with local assisted living homes where engaged residents give back to others by making PBJ sandwiches and/or prepping the crumpled plastic bags. From time to time, we invite speakers from other local organizations and churches to build community.

Find us on Youtube and Facebook - DORCAS DAUGHTERS AT WEAG

Last spring, the DD CRAFT SHOW was a HUGE success! On March 15th, we will host our 2020 Spring Craft Sale.

Whether it is crafting at home, distributing hygiene kits, stuffing Easter Eggs/ Christmas stockings, sewing, weaving, crocheting, or knitting, each Thursday morning we look forward to a member-led devotion and warm fellowship. If you can sew, crochet, knit, flatten a crumpled plastic bag, cut fabric, or make a sandwich - we need you!

**STUDENTS** - POSSIBLE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS ARE AVAILABLE!



### JOIN US!

Meeting each Thursday  
10:30-Noon (Sewing Group 10-1)  
WEAG South Hall

### Contact:

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



### **ALL are invited to the Dorcas' Daughters Annual Craft Show! Sunday, March 15th, 2020**

Between services and after the 11am service. See you in the gym!

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

## You're Invited to a Missions Open House & Auction

Enjoy one of our church services in the morning, have some lunch on the way to West End Thrift Store, and then come and see what we're doing to raise vital funds for 2020 and 2021 mission projects at this private event. Our thrift store provides a major portion of our supply funds for all of our projects, which helps keep costs down for participants.



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 will even be a few special items for a silent bid auction! You don't want to miss this special, private WEAG winter sale - see you there!

**Join us at West End Thrift 7219 West Broad Street  
Sunday, February 9, 2020 from 2-5pm**

## Local Projects

### **Mothers of Young Children (MOYC) Toy and Clothing Sales Saturday, August 15, 2020 We're having a summer sale this year!**



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

Clothing sale is a great place to purchase outfits for all seasons 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.

Contact our team at [info@weagmoyc.org](mailto:info@weagmoyc.org) to consign, volunteer or for information.

### **Glorious Christmas Nights**

The holidays offer WEAGers a special opportunity to share our faith with family and friends by inviting them to our annual Christmas production. Before the curtain lifts though, there is a great deal of work that needs to be done. All skill sets are needed for this two-week-long production – painters and dancers, technicians and singers, ushers and greeters, childcare workers and parking lot directors – there is a place for everyone to serve!



Work actually begins in the summer and kick off will be on Thursday, September 10. It's a time to come together – find out what the show will be about and where you can get involved. Watch your Weekly to sign up or contact [shirley@weag.org](mailto:shirley@weag.org) today.

### Henrico County and Richmond City School Partnerships

It's a privilege to partner with two local schools. Our neighbor, Quioccasin Middle School in Henrico and John Marshall High School in Richmond City, both need our help. 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 donations. It's difficult to concentrate on your studies when you are hungry or don't have the resources needed to purchase required supplies.



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. Our partnership with WEAG's Love Cupboard allows us to help stock food pantries at both John Marshall High School and Quioccasin Middle School, as well as prepare take home bags for the students with the greatest needs. School staff members are grateful for food donations to supplement meals for hungry middle and high school students.

Healthy non-perishable snacks are always in short supply and high demand. Donations are collected each week all year long. Your gifts can be left at any Mission bin and are shared as needed with both schools. Help support these local schools and their students throughout the year.

### Helping the Homeless and Hungry Friends of the Homeless

Our local chapter of Friends of the Homeless allows WEAGers to prepare and serve lunches at Greater Mt. Moriah Baptist Church on First Street in Richmond. The Wednesday and Thursday meal rotations provide a healthy lunch for our inner city neighbors in need.



If you can cook, serve or provide a specific menu item, we would love to have your help! 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.

### 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.



Watch your Weekly for additional ways you can be involved with CARITAS throughout the year. Their new facility is now operational and churches are no longer housing guests.

### Homeless Goody Bags

Almost every day, each of us encounter people asking for money – standing in the median strip as we wait at a traffic light or as we walk down the street. Their needs are many, but are we offering hope or feeding an addiction? Our homeless goody bags are filled with practical things for daily use and more importantly include contact info for local agencies to 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 be left in the Mission bins.

Are you part of a small group looking for a service project to do together? This is fun, easy to do and then bags 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

Where Joy and  
Sorrow Meet  
by Lisa Eggert



The trash-lined dirt road told me that we were close. This stop has become familiar, yet each visit always promises something unfamiliar. As we stepped out of the vehicle, my heart raced a bit with anticipation for what the next 30 minutes would hold. On my left was a two-story building that housed 25 kids and on my right, a tin-roof structure that was home to 15 or so women. These aren't your ordinary kids and women, though. Instead, these are the outcast, the abandoned, and the forgotten; a small group of orphans and widows in a small town in Hyderabad, India.

You could easily drive past and never know the broken and beautiful faces who occupy these homes; however, once you visit, their faces will be permanently etched in your heart and mind. Each time I leave this place, I leave full of sorrow and full of joy. That's a little confusing, isn't it? How can you be both sorrow-filled and joy-filled at the same time? I can't explain it perfectly, but I can testify to their coexistence.

As we walked into the Widows home, my eyes met the familiar sting of smoke from the burning logs that would soon cook lunch. In seconds, I was smelling and seeing and hearing so many things. Quite frankly, in the kindest of ways, the experience is an assault on your senses. After quickly regaining my composure, I walked in and greeted each woman with a smile, a hug, and a small pack of cookies. The cookies seem too meager to even be called gifts, but they were received as tiny treasures.

"Praise the Lord" is the only language exchange we can make without an interpreter.

As we were finishing up our visit, I saw one lady sitting near the door. Her eyes looked so sad and tired. Her crushed spirit was on display for anyone who glanced her way. I knelt down and took hold of her hands. She began to weep. Then, she started to speak. Her words were translated: "I am so sad. Terribly sad and grief-stricken. Nobody comes to see me. I have family, but they don't come. I'm so sad. I'm so lonely. I'm



forgotten." Each word wounded my heart as I held her hands and listened to her trembling voice. Our eyes locked and I asked my friend to translate a return message. I started to speak, "I am so happy to see you today. I always want to come here when I visit India and today, I'm most happy to see you. You are special and you have value. And God loves you."

Her long, stringy gray hair got in the way of her tears as they poured out of her eyes. In that moment, I felt like my words were exactly what she needed, almost like balm to her soul. This entire interaction was less than two minutes, but I just knew that it was divinely orchestrated by only a God such as ours, One who cares for us so personally and uniquely.

As my final words were being translated, a lady who helps out in the home walked by and said to me nonchalantly, "Ma'am, she's gone deaf. She can't hear a word you're saying."

I paused, awkwardly smiled, and then nodded my head. I turned back around to look at my new friend once more. I squeezed her hands and walked away.

Out of all the women there, I chose to have a conversation with the one who couldn't hear!

I was so confident that my words were exactly from God and exactly what she needed. But then God reminded me that often times, our presence is needed even more than our words.

I love words. I love to give them and receive them. My heart can be filled in an instant with honest, sincere words of affirmation. I'm constantly aware of the power of words, and I try to use them often to uplift and encourage others. Words are my thing. But that day, God reminded me of another gift, the gift of being present and near.

Leave it to God to sit me down on the ground in a Widows home in India with an interpreter to have a conversation with a deaf woman! Even when I knew exactly







what she needed, God knew even better. And still, in His ever-so-gracious-ways, He used me to communicate to a woman who was in desperate need of a gift that day.

I wonder how often I might miss out on the sweet and simple gift of presence when I think I need something different? Or even worse, how often might I miss an opportunity to be that gift to someone because I think I know exactly what's needed.

I pray that this would be a year that we would walk next door, drive across town, or perhaps fly to the ends of the earth to simply sit and be with someone.

And maybe one day, you too would speak words that fall on deaf ears but in the process, extend a nearness that nourishes a dry and parched heart.

**"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18**

## Reaching Latinos

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 8:00 PM, and the weekly Worship Service every Sunday at 11:00 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 part 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 and/or any other needs.

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**

## Intertwined Family

God has revealed his love for vulnerable children. He delights in setting the lonely in families (Psalm 68:6) and commands us, as followers of Christ, to care for the least of these (Matthew 25:40).

Our mission is to come alongside those in the foster/adoptive community and serve them in ways that point to the provision, love and care of Jesus.

Our vision is to become a ministry the RVA community relies on to provide practical resources, support and hope while stepping into the lives of vulnerable children & families.

We are not all called to do the same thing, we are all capable of doing something. What's your something?



**Foster Care/Adoption:** Foster care is provided when children are in homes experiencing a major crisis or difficulty, which may include abuse, neglect, substance abuse, a mental or physical health crisis, and/or lack of family support. Foster care is intended to be a short-term situation until a permanent placement can be made, preferably back with the biological parents. Unfortunately, some parents are unable to overcome the challenges they face. In these circumstances, parental rights may be terminated and the child(ren) becomes eligible for adoption. Adoption might also take the form of private/international placement through agencies other than local social services offices.

**Wrap Around/Respite Teams:** Wrapping around foster and adoptive families is critical to their success. When we leverage skills, talents and time to help, a foster or adoptive family is more likely to thrive. Running errands, babysitting, doing yard work, cleaning & delivering meals are just a few ways you can get involved. A respite family can be thought of as an "aunt and uncle" for children in foster care. They may provide short-term care to give the foster family a needed break or provide care during a personal emergency.

**Social Workers Support:** Social workers are on the front lines serving children and families in crisis. Too often they are over-worked, under-compensated and completely forgotten. We want to love them and show how much we appreciate them in tangible ways.

**Mentoring:** Every year hundreds of youth age out of foster care without a permanent family and face overwhelming challenges. Homelessness, poverty, drug abuse, trafficking & incarceration are all too often the end result. A single caring adult can change the course of their lives. There are many ways to support older youth on their journey into adulthood.



**Birth Family Support:** No matter what has happened in the past, biological parents of children in care are not the enemy. In fact, we want to take steps and invest in their lives in ways that lead them to reunification with their children and prevention of future separation.

**CASA:** Henrico County Court Appointed Special Advocates, Inc (CASA) is a nonprofit agency committed to advocating for all abused children involved in the court process due to concerns for their safety and well-being. Henrico CASA recruits, screens, trains, and supervises local citizens who become volunteer advocates dedicated to representing the needs of abused and neglected children and children in need of services or supervision. The advocates promote safe permanent homes for all children.

Contact coordinators, Rush and Jennifer Middleton at [intertwinedfamily@gmail.com](mailto:intertwinedfamily@gmail.com) for more details. Be sure to visit [www.intertwinedfamily.org](http://www.intertwinedfamily.org) and please follow the ministry on Facebook and Instagram for the most current details and events!

## Global Professional Development

Are you a K-7 teacher or administrator, medical or dental professional that wants to see others grow in your chosen profession? Have you benefited from educational and professional experiences that could be shared with others so they can grow and avoid costly missteps? Would you like to be a part of a teaching team that shares their faith, expertise and experiences in a cross cultural setting?

Each year, WEAGers visit developing countries that lack the continuing education experiences that are available in our country. If you are interested in making a lasting impact in communities by sharing your professional knowledge in an educational setting, please let us know today at [cj@weag.org](mailto:cj@weag.org).

## Delmont and Northside • Richmond, VA

### Youth Project

**Dates:** 4th Tuesdays, beginning September – May 2020, approx. 5:30pm - 8:30pm

**Team Size:** 30 **Cost:** 0

**Age Requirement:** 14 – 18 years old

**Team Leader:** Lisa Eggert



For several years, Pastor Lisa Eggert and her team have provided a Kids Church type of monthly outreach at one of the Youth Life Foundations ministry sites. Bible lessons, worship, games, activities, crafts, puppets, snacks, and small group discussions are all a part of this project. This year we are asking our own youth to offer their energetic, willing hands and hearts to love and lead these precious kids toward Jesus. Team members carpool to the site with adult counselors.

Contact Lisa Eggert at [eggert@weag.org](mailto:eggert@weag.org) if you would like to join the team.

## Belize Construction

### Men's Ministry

**Dates:** February 29 - March 8, 2020

**Cost:** \$1700 (based on airfare) **Deposit:** \$700

**Team Size:** 15

**Housing:** A Local Hotel

**Deadline:** 2019

**Team Leaders:** Rodney Green & John Hershman



Join us in the jungle "boonies" of Belize for a sure-to-be memorable construction project! We will build a needed bathhouse to complete our commitment to the church in Maya Mopan. The bathhouse will serve the entire church property, including the new Sunday School/Conference Building that WEAG teams have constructed over the past three years. The bathhouse will make it possible for local Mayan pastors to attend week-long Bible classes, and provide teams a place to stay while serving in local villages. We need carpenters, block layers, general laborers, and men with electrical and plumbing experience.

The team will stay in a "no frills" local hotel and drive to the site each day. So pull out your passport, Bible, work gloves and bug spray and sign up for this tropical construction project. For many WEAGers, Maya Mopan projects have been life changers!



## Camp WEAG Work Days

### General Church

**Spring Work Days:** March 26-28, 2020

**Fall Work Days:** September 17-19, 2020

**Cost:** \$0 **Team Size:** 30

**Team Leaders:** Daniel and Beth Hamilton

*Minimum Age for this trip is 14.*



Join Beth and Daniel Hamilton for one or all workdays this coming year as they prepare Camp WEAG for a full year of retreats, family reunions, camping groups and special events. There will be plenty of jobs - both inside and outside - to keep everyone busy on our 73 acre property located in Amelia County. Wear your work 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 (9am-4pm) are welcome to join the team on any day available. Help get Camp WEAG ready to host hundreds of youth and adults who are ready for time away where they can come closer to God!

## Help us STUFF The Truck and Trailer!

### A General Church Project

**Dates:** Saturday, June 6 and

**Sunday, June 7, 2020**

West End Thrift store's largest moneymaker is furniture. We'd like to prepare for summer shopping by filling our storage trailer - and do it all in one day! Drop off your furniture donations at West End Thrift on Saturday, June 6th between 10 and 3. You're also welcome to stick around for an hour or so and help us process donations and get them ready to place on the floor. Also, if you have a truck, we could use your help picking up donations that day as well.



Smaller donations of clothing, housewares and other items can be brought with you to church on Sunday, June 7th and dropped off at the West End Thrift store truck located on the grassy knoll. Help us get ready for summer, clean out your closets and garages and help us raise money for WEAG missions - all in two days this June! Contact [matt@weag.org](mailto:matt@weag.org) to let us know if you have a truck and can make pick ups!

## A District Project

### Men's Ministry

**Dates:** August 26-30, 2020

**Cost:** \$150 **Deposit:** \$100

**Deadline:** August 15, 2020

**Team Size:** 20

**Team Leader:** Rodney Green



Our men's team is headed back to West Virginia to help a church in this neighboring mountain community. There will be plenty of time to connect with local church members and other WEAG men, while making some much needed improvements to this small struggling congregation.

Pack your tool belt, your sleeping bag, and your Bible. The team will car pool from WEAG and you must be able to stay all four days for this Assemblies of God district project. Team members will also help prepare meals in the church kitchen.



Here am I. Send me!

ISAIAH 6:8



A missionary is a person sent to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to others - here and in foreign countries. This definition means we all have responsibilities to share our faith with those we meet and have relationships with. At WEAG, our goal is to care for and support through prayer and our finances, those individuals and families serving others as full time career missionaries. This special group, leave behind friends and family, as well as a safe and comfortable environment, to help others encounter the Jesus they know. WEAG supports 112 of these extraordinary people as they teach, feed, heal, build or translate. They work with different agencies in different countries around the world.

We hope every WEAGer will participate in the Faith Promise program at whatever level they are able - our combined gifts mean we can do more! We do ask everyone to fill out a new Faith Promise card each year. It helps us adequately plan our annual financial commitment to keep long-term missionaries serving around the world.



### A Local Summer Project General Church

**Dates:** June 24-28, 2020

**Cost:** \$0

**Team Size:** 100's!

**Deadline:** June 23, 2020

**Project Manager:** Susan Chewning

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 while having 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!"

Lift Up RVA is an all-church event that allows us to meet some of our neighbors, while helping with activities and upkeep on with facilities or within their specific ministries. Last year's team served at Quiocasin Middle School in the county and with Bellemeade Park in the city. Plans are underway now for the special places we will partner with this year. Sign up today!



## Guatemala Youth

### Guatemala Youth

**Dates:** August 1-9, 2020

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

**Team Size:** 24

**Deadline:** April 5, 2020

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

**Team Leader:** Lisa Eggert



We're going back to Guatemala, working with missionaries, Hector and Ruth Aragon, at a Child Hope School. We will also help a local pastor on a small church building project just outside of Guatemala City. There will be plenty of time to make new friends as we minister with local children, work on construction projects, pack blessing packages for new moms at the local maternity hospital and visit a couple of the cultural sites in this beautiful volcanic country.

Practice your Spanish and apply for your passport today for this project. Frequently, late sign ups mean paying more for airline tickets. Help us keep costs down by signing up early!

## Belize Medical and Dental

**Dates:** September 12-20, 2020

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

**Deposit:** \$700 **Team Size:** 15

**Deadline:** April 5, 2020

**Housing:** In a local hotel

**Team Leader:** John Hershman



This medical and dental outreach will work in the villages of Red Bank and Maya Mopan. The newly constructed multipurpose building will host our clinic staff and patients. Doctors, nurses, dentists, hygienists and other medical, mental health and dental professionals are needed to see the many patients we expect to treat.

Housing is in a local hotel and you can expect very warm temperatures along with humidity, evenings at the beach and the opportunity to get to know many of the local people our teams have come to love and appreciate. *It is critical that this team observe the deadline date above, since paperwork must be turned into the Belizean health ministry for approval before we purchase tickets. There will be NO last minute sign ups for this trip because of the time sensitive documentation required.*

## Guatemala

### General Church

**Dates:** September 26 - October 4, 2020

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

**Team Size:** 16

**Deadline:** May 24, 2020

**Housing:** The Aragon Guest House



There is always a great deal of work to do in Guatemala. The Aragons will be hosting this construction team just a few weeks after the youth team returns. We'll work on a building project for Assembly of God church, Torre Fuerte and Pastor Leonidas – the church our 2018 team put a roof on. This year we will build three classrooms and extend the walls of the church. Our team will stay in the Aragon guesthouse in Guatemala City.

There will also be opportunities for the women on the team to visit the local maternity hospital, praying for the new moms and giving out layette sets and hygiene items. There will be plenty of work to do for everyone! Dust off your work gloves, your passport and your Spanish – it's time to go to Guatemala!

## Romania

### General Church

**Dates:** October 30 - November 8, 2020

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

**Team Size:** 14 - **Minimum Age:** 12

**Housing:** The Noble Guest House

**Deadline:** July 26, 2020



Keeping orphaned or abandoned children in Christian home settings, within their culture has been the goal of Caminul Felix since its founding. This team will continue the construction of a home for a Romanian family. There will be visits to a gypsy church and village, dinner each night with a different Caminul family, ministry opportunities with the staff of the Noble Guest House staff, and a visit to one of several respite homes in Dumbrava. This is a great project if you value relationships and don't mind a day that begins early and ends after dinner at night – you definitely stay on the go all day! The team will spend one day and night sightseeing in Budapest before coming home.

## Costa Rica

### General Church

**Dates:** March of 2021

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

**Team Size:** 14

**Housing:** A Local Hotel

**Deadline:** December 15, 2020

**Team Leader:** Sue Schlesman



Our host missionaries have several projects that involve the boys and girls clubs that they sponsor. Details are still being worked out as we look at a long wish list of needs at a Child Hope School– everything from light construction, painting, leadership training, kids ministry, and even some trauma training. This team stays in local hotels and has a day to sight see before returning home. Email [cj@weag.org](mailto:cj@weag.org) to be added to the list for more information on this trip. Practice your Spanish and apply for your passport today for this project. Frequently, late sign ups mean paying more for airline tickets. Help us keep costs down by signing up early!

## France

### General Church

**Dates:** March 2021 – a Fri. through a Sun.

**Cost:** estimate of \$1,900 (based on airfare)

**Deposit:** \$700

**Team Size:** 12

**Housing:** A hostel or rental house

**Deadline:** December 1, 2020



Powell and Audrey Harrison, WEAG missionaries live in Hossegar, on the coast of France. They are actively involved in church planting and working within the large international surfing community in the area. The team will help them prepare for the summer surfing season, doing a variety of projects at the hostel and at surf church. There will also be ministry opportunities as well. Brush up on your French and pack your passport for this first project with the Harrison family. We need plumbers, landscapers, painters and willing helpers.



# Collecting and Repurposing

We have bins at both ends of our building to accept donations of goods, clothing and assorted items collected and used in 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.

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:

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

## 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:

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| • Non-perishable food items  |   |
| • Cereal, Oatmeal  | • Canned Soups, Veggies and Fruit         |
| • Tuna, Chicken, Spam  | • Nutritious snacks, trail bars, crackers |
| • Pasta and Sauce  | • Peanut Butter and Jelly                 |
| • Used Eye Glasses for foreign mission projects  |   |
| • New baby clothes, lightweight blankets, diapers and feminine hygiene products for Maternity Hospitals in Guatemala |   |
| • Gently used small toys for children we meet on our teams   |   |



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

Here are a few of the items that sell very well at our thrift store. For a complete list and a list of items we can't sell – please visit our website.

## ITEMS WE NEED:

Dressers • Night Stands • Seasonal Clothing • Coffee Tables • End Tables • Buffets • Tables • Chairs • Barstools • Clean Upholstered Furniture (no rips, smells, mildew or pet hair) • Pots • Pans • Cookware • Small Kitchen Appliances • Dishes • Silverware • Linens • Towels • Curtains • Pictures • Lamps • Mirrors • Small Electronics • Jewelry • Shoes • Purses • Garden Items • Tools • Luggage • Current Title Books

## WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

*Please DO NOT leave the following items, relieving us of the burden to dispose of them.*

Mattresses • Box Springs • VHS Tapes • Cassettes  
DVD, Books or games with M, X, R rating or explicit pictures.  
Old Format TVs, Computers • Printers or Out-of-Date Electronics  
Large items such as home entertainment centers, wardrobes, china hutches, exercise equipment, appliances. Items that are torn, dirty, covered with animal hair, mildewed or have a smokey/musty smell. Office furniture like large desks and file cabinets.

# 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."



*Belize*



*ESL (English as a Second Language)*



*North Carolina Men*



*Glorious Christmas Nights*



*Delmont Youth*



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