

# VC MISSIONS

Global & Community Partners



# Global Partners

To extend our impact around the world, we build relationships with global ministry partners and missionaries abroad. This helps us hear the needs of their people, then bring them the good news and love of Jesus in ways that make sense in their part of the world. As we attempt to humbly support them, we learn much more about ourselves and the goodness of God from them and their cultures.



## ASIA & SOUTH PACIFIC

Don & Caroline Armstrong continue to oversee the Asia/South Pacific region for Global Strategy, the mission organization of the Church of God. There they focus on networking and empowering church leadership to impact their communities - stretching from Japan, Pakistan, China, and New Zealand.



## BELIZE

Alfonso and Elizabeth Alaya are involved in medical and educational ministry in Belize. Alfonso ministers in community health and mentors local pastors while Elizabeth encourages and guides former students and high school teachers.



CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

Jason and Abby Torgeson oversee the Latin America region for Global Strategy. As Church of God Ambassadors to Central & South America, they train and develop local pastors and their congregations.



KENYA

KIMA International School of Theology (KIST) is the primary theological institution of the Church of God in East Africa. KIST offers certificates and bachelor's degrees in Christian Ministries, Bible and Theology.



LEBANON

Camille Melki and Heart For Lebanon provide humanitarian aid, education, emotional support, and evangelism to marginalized Syrian War refugees who find themselves in Lebanon without a home.



TAIWAN

Brian and Faith Janssen (former King's Way teachers) and their family bring the Gospel to people in Taiwan, primarily through working class families and at-risk youth.

# Community Partners

To get beyond our four walls, we partner with local ministries and non-profit organizations. Our goal is to magnify Jesus and share the practical help of his people in providing care for our neighbors in need. We rely on the expertise of our community partners to maximize the effectiveness of our efforts in meeting the needs of the most vulnerable throughout our county.



ARBOR RIDGE

Brightening the lives of both residents and staff during this challenging season. Each week personal cards, small gifts, snacks & treats are delivered and relationships are being built, speaking volumes to those that are often isolated from the rest of the community.



THE GIVING CLOSET

Collects and provides clothing, food and other basic resources to those living at or near the poverty level, including the homeless who are transitioning to a new home. Their goal is to help restore hope and dignity in our community.



OPEN HOUSE MINISTRIES

Provides temporary housing and is committed to equipping homeless families with the tools necessary for resolving issues that lead to poverty and homelessness.



OPTIONS 360 WOMEN'S CLINIC

Provides caring and knowledgeable assistance to women and teens who find themselves faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Through two clinics they offer pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, education, spiritual counseling and unconditional, non-judgemental support.

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## SACAJEWEA ELEMENTARY

Supporting nearby families in our community by preparing and providing dinner events, seasonal backpack supplies, weekend food, and stocking an emergency food pantry for a local elementary school with a particularly high population of underprivileged families.



## TEACH ONE TO LEAD ONE

Developing leaders of integrity by mentoring at-risk kids throughout the community in individual weekly visits at schools. A curriculum that focuses on universal life skills helps transform kids expressing a loss of hope into hope-filled teens and adults.



## YOUNG LIVES

Carrying the hope of the Young Life curriculum to teen moms & dads and their children through monthly meetings held at Vancouver Church. Through dinner, fellowship, games, and childcare, Young Lives reintroduces the joy of youth and the community of Christ.

# Additional Ministries We Support

## CAMP ATTITUDE

Provides and promotes active participation in a safe and inclusive outdoor camping environment for youth with special needs and their families.

## FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

A community seeking to make disciples through engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same.

## His Heart Foundation

Providing counselor referrals and mental health education from a Christian worldview. VC refers people to them to be placed with Christian counselors in the larger community.

## FORT VANCOUVER HIGH SCHOOL

Working alongside the Family-Community Resource Center (FCRC) to help alleviate barriers to student success brought about by poverty.

## LAKOTA

Missionaries Tim & Kim Wardell pastor Pass Creek Church of God serving the Lakota people. Providing winter boots and backpacks for the youth and children of the Lakota community helps meet physical needs during the cruel winters, and also serves as relational connections into the families and pathways to building trust to discover Jesus.

## ROYAL RIDGES

Provides a fun and safe experience for campers attending a Royal Ridges camp while also teaching important Biblical principles in the context of God's beautiful outdoors.

## VANCOUVER JAIL MINISTRY

Bringing the eternal hope of Christ to inmates incarcerated locally at the Clark County Jail, by distributing donated Bibles and other Christian reading material, and visiting with inmates who ask to hear more.

## WARNER PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Educating collegiate and graduate students in a Christ-centered, urban, liberal arts environment designed to intentionally prepare students for the ever-changing cultural landscape.

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## **King's Way Christian Schools**

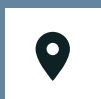
King's Way is growing! What started as a small ministry at Vancouver Church is now a thriving independent school. Last year King's Way served 1,038 students from 12 months through 12th grade - their largest enrollment ever!

King's Way not only provides high-quality education, but additionally has the opportunity to be a mission field, with the ability to share and teach about Jesus. Each year King's Way increasingly enrolls a higher percentage of churchless families. As a result, many students chose to follow Jesus this past school year!

Assistance to families within the community is annually provided by King's Way through scholarships and loans. Currently, 20% of students enrolled at King's Way are receiving need-based assistance, with \$700,000+ awarded last year.

The effects of that Christian-based education are joyfully apparent when you hear and observe worship during weekly chapel time - and especially during all-school chapel! Keep it going King's Way! VC is glad to be on mission with you!





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