

MISSIONS & SERVICE

at Knollwood Baptist Church



For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat;

I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink;

I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

Naked, and you clothed Me;

I was sick, and you visited Me;

I was in prison, and you came to me.”

~Matthew 25:36



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We embody our faith in a holistic way as we seek to grow in body, mind, and spirit. That faith compels us to be deeply engaged in our community, serving alongside many partners to meet vital needs.

In addition, we seek to be significantly involved in a variety of global ministries, serving others around the world. Both locally and beyond, we prefer to be “doing *with*” rather than “doing *for*” or “doing *to*” those we serve.

Amos Health and Hope, Nicaragua: Amos is a Christian non-profit organization, supported by American Baptists and addressing the problems of poverty, disease and preventable deaths in Nicaragua. The mission of Amos is to improve the health of impoverished communities by working alongside the residents in improving health, education and development. Evaluations have consistently shown reductions in infant and child mortality and improvements in maternal health in each of the communities in which Amos works. KBC delegations have visited Amos to provide hands-on assistance and supplies. (Contact mjensen@wfubmc.edu)



CBF Field Personnel, Cindy and Eddy Ruble, Malaysia: Cindy and Eddy Ruble, who are members of Knollwood, serve as Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel in Southeast Asia. Cindy is an advocate for women and children, with long experience aiding and empowering survivors of human trafficking. She works to create safer communities for women and children. Eddy is CBF’s coordinator of international disaster response during crises such as earthquakes, typhoons, and floods throughout Asia. Both work to bring persons and communities out of crisis into long-term transformational development. We support the Rubles through our missions offerings. (Cindy and Eddy may be reached through this email: ecr113@gmail.com.)

Pico Escondido—Roy and Rebeca Clifford working in the Dominican Republic and Central America. The Cliffords are Young Life Missionaries working in both the Dominican Republic and Central America. Roy, who grew up as a member in KBC, has focused on the creation, continued expansion, and management of Pico Escondido, a beautiful camp and retreat center in the DR. Dominican adolescents, most from low-income families, have transforming Christian experiences in summer outreach camps and on-going discipleship retreats through the year. In addition, churches and non-profit groups hold retreats here. Teams of KBC youths and adults have assisted in building projects at the camp and in nearby communities, and our giving supports the Cliffords’ presence there. In addition, Rebeca is Director of Operations for Young Life in Central America and supervises staff in several countries. (pico@picoescondido.younglife.org or yldr@picoescondido.com)



Through prayer and financial giving, we support more than two dozen other mission partners.

See the current list at
www.knollwood.org/missions-service

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

Overflow Shelter at St. Timothy's: Each year, Knollwood volunteers assist City with Dwellings in providing Winston-Salem's only women's Overflow Homeless Shelter for the four coldest months of winter. Volunteers and homeless guests alike share stories, eat together, and journey towards a stronger community for all. Volunteer spots are available for early morning work; evening mealtimes; and during the night. (diane@knollwood.org)

Habitat for Humanity: KBC partners with others in Forsyth County through the Faith Build, a collaborative effort with brothers and sisters from other churches, temples, and mosques to construct or repair homes for low income residents in the community. (josh@knollwood.org)

MINISTRIES OF WELCOME AND SUPPORT

Refugee Resettlement: Knollwood is actively engaged in assisting and supporting refugees arriving in our community. These efforts include involvement on five Good Neighbor Teams, providing on-going help and friendship to families from Syria and the Congo; facilitating the Refugee Advisory Coalition, which works systemically to enhance services available for refugees; and assisting each summer with both Welcome Week for newly arrived families and recreational activities for all refugee families. (cliffordconsult@mindspring.com)



Sew and So's: This unique group is a vital part of the mission efforts at Knollwood Baptist Church. These individuals have a passion for helping others through the work of their hands... sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting and crafting. They provide handmade items of warmth and comfort to the neediest infants, children and adults in our local and extended communities, as well as for 3rd world countries. (judyowen@bellsouth.net)

GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERSHIPS

Africa Exchange, Kenya: Africa Exchange engages specific marginalized communities in East Africa through integrated child development centers, building local capacities, and promoting conservation of critical ecosystems. Knollwood' missions giving supports this organization initiated by Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel Sam and Melody Harrell. Church members have also traveled to Kenya three times to support Africa Exchange's educational and healthcare efforts. Our giving specifically supports healthcare initiatives, especially for children, including parasite treatment, treated mosquito bed nets to prevent malaria, daily nutritional supplements and multivitamins, immunizations, and construction of pit latrines. (tginn@triad.rr.com)



KNOLLWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sharing God's Reign of Love and Justice *Mission and Service* *Our Values*

Accompanying

- Knollwood has a continuing commitment to “doing for” others— providing resources and often labor to serve those in need. However, we place higher priority on mission and service that aims at “doing with” or “responding to” others, working alongside those we wish to assist and respecting their knowledge, goals, and assets.

Developing and Partnering

- We give priority to efforts that build others' long-term capacities. We seek to understand, and, when possible, to change complex social systems. We value community partnerships and long-term changes of “quick fixes” and short-term outcomes.

Balancing

- We honor our congregation's history of grassroots initiatives and diversified missional efforts, both in our community and globally. On the one hand, we value focused, intensive, long-term commitments; on the other, we remain open to new efforts that reflect members' passions, knowledge, and commitments.
- We seek a balance between an immediate focus on our own community, region, and country and a broad commitment to global missions and service.

Reflecting and Learning

- We seek to create stronger connections between our doing, our believing, and our praying and worship. That is, we wish to strengthen connections between the missional and faith formation investments of our congregation. Ultimately, we recognized that we are transformed by being in partnership with others.

There is no shortage of opportunities through which members of the church are or can become actively engaged in hands-on and continuing participation in efforts to meet the needs of our communities' children, families, and others in difficult life circumstances. Members are encouraged to identify places in which their interests, skills, and talents can be put to productive use—"where their heart's deep passion meets the world's great need." (Frederick Buechner)

For information or to become involved, use the email addresses shown in parentheses.

ADVOCACY

All God's Children: AGC is a ministry team of Knollwood Baptist Church seeking to manifest the radical love of Jesus Christ by welcoming all God's people -- regardless of sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, religion, socio-economic status, special needs, or other barrier -- to full inclusion in church and community. Knowing that we are called to seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God and with each other, we provide opportunities for education, listening and action in Winston-Salem and beyond. (*allgodschildrenkbc.com*)

Church with a Difference: This group focuses on improving ministry by, for, and with persons who live with disability or functional difference. (*diane@knollwood.org*)

EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Bolton Buddies: Knollwood Baptist Church has enjoyed a partnership over the past five years with Bolton Elementary School. Our members currently serve as Augustine tutors, one-on-one tutors, Battle of the Books coaches, reading group leaders, special event volunteers, and media center volunteers. Knollwood provides age appropriate books to all Bolton students for their personal libraries three times during the school year to foster a love of reading. (*fieldsbfields@aol.com*)

Cub Scout Pack 911: Pack 911 is entering its fourth year of existence at Knollwood with more than 50 boys on the roster. The Cubs enjoy bi-monthly Den meetings, camping, monthly excursions/activities, Cub Scout Camp at Raven Knob, and summer day camp. The Cub Scout motto is "Do your best." In Cub Scouts, the boys start with their best right-now selves and grow into their very best future-selves. (*fieldsbfields@aol.com*)

Faith in the City- Deepening Conversations: Knollwood is now offering a new series of lunch-and-learn sessions titled "Faith in the City: Deepening Community Conversations," creating a space to learn about and reflect on complicated issues our community faces and to identify ways to work together to address injustices. During 2018-19, the series is focusing on the struggle for equity in education. (*diane@knollwood.org*)

Kids' Café Tutoring: More than 20 members of our church are actively engaged as tutors each Tuesday night at the Kids' Café program at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. In partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank's Children's Nutrition program, this Kid's Café serves more than 40 children at risk of hunger and school difficulties. The students receive a hot meal, tutoring, homework assistance, and transportation three nights a week during the school year. The goal of the program is "to feed students' bodies, minds and spirits." (*csvoncannon@gmail.com*)



FOOD ASSISTANCE

Bolton Food Pantry: In the spring of 2018, Knollwood Baptist Church and two partner congregations (Wesley Memorial United Methodist and Trinity Presbyterian Churches) opened a food pantry for families of Bolton Elementary School students. The pantry is open on the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of each month at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, next door to the school. Volunteers from the partnering churches, coordinated by a student intern from the WFU Divinity School, work together to shop for the food at Second Harvest Food Bank, unload it onto pantry shelves, and assist Bolton families who come to the pantry for their groceries. Our pantry offers fresh produce, dairy products, bread, and frozen meat, shelf-stable pantry items, personal care and cleaning products. The only requirement for pantry shoppers is that they are the families of students at Bolton Elementary. We now have more than a hundred families registered. Sometimes as many as 25 families visit in a single afternoon. It takes many volunteers to run the pantry, and there are various ways to be involved in the effort. (*lsbrooks@hotmail.com*)



Crisis Control: Knollwood has both weekly and annual food collections for Crisis Control, which assists people in crisis to meet essential life needs. Just before Thanksgiving, the church conducts a massive in-gathering of food to supplement supplies reducing hunger and malnutrition throughout the year.

Meals on Wheels: More than 40 members of Knollwood deliver Meals on Wheels on a monthly basis for Senior Services of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, with our route sponsored by the Winston-Salem Foundation. Meals are delivered every weekday to 10 to 15 recipients. Some members deliver individually, while others go as couples, or with a friend. Meals prepared by Golden Corral are picked up at the Senior Services offices and delivered to residences, including both hot and cold foods. Explicit directions are provided to residences, and the entire route can be delivered within about 90 minutes. Additional volunteers are always needed and welcomed! (*bhlanning@att.net*)