



# The Heart Of Missions

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN  
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## Raindrop Project 2018

It's that time of year again – time for the Missions Ministry *Raindrop Project* - an opportunity to support a special Mission Project with generous hearts. As you may recall, we are asked to choose a paper “raindrop” from a variety of raindrops on a bulletin board with varying dollar amounts printed on them. The funds received are then donated to a special project.

The project this year is a

ministry called *Healing Hearts* and was suggested by Christi Boyd, our Mission Co-Worker in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Christi has been deeply involved with this project: a training program for professionals who work with victims traumatized by violence.

*Healing Hearts* training staff teach professionals (teachers, social workers, medical personnel) who might encounter

traumatized victims how to help these victims heal from the trauma. They work with adults and children.

The next training session will focus on Children's Trauma Healing. The *Healing Hearts* children's program (for children 9 – 13) consists of either a one week “camp” or ten weekly sessions that focus on concepts such as ...*(continued on page 2)*



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...“I Am Important to God,” “Why Do Bad Things Happen,” Saying How We Feel,” “Loss and Grief,” “Rebuilding Lives” and others. The professional facilitators use strategies such as stories, games, drawings, crafts, songs, and others. This program has been used in various parts of Africa and facilitators report observing

significant changes in the children by the end of the program.

Our donations will help to provide lodging, meals, materials, and travel expenses for those professionals training to be *Healing Hearts* facilitators in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We can support this vital ministry by visiting the Raindrop table set up in Westminster Hall on July 15 and July 22.

## SAVE THE DATE

August 12 at 1:30pm will be a tour of the new Salt & Light location in Urbana. After the tour for our church, we will shop together from the new grocery store, supporting the expanding non-toxic ministry!

## Help for Homeless

*Exciting news from CU at Home!*

CU at Home is finalizing a contract with Rosecrance to move into the TIMES Center facility and continue to provide wraparound services to those without an address.

There will be volunteer opportunities in the coming months as the group prepares to move and expand their services.

## Pentecost Offering

Thank you for your donations to the 2018 Pentecost Offering! The total received was \$2,284.00. Of that amount, \$612.11 went to our children Youth and Families program. \$301.49 went to the DREAM House. The rest of the amount was sent to PC(USA) to support Young Adult Volunteers, Ministries for Youth, and Children-at-Risk.