

# The Heart of Missions: First Presbyterian Church of Champaign's Missions Magazine

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## **October Missions Events and Meetings**

*Every Sunday: ESL Bible Study*

10:30 am in Rm 204 of Education Building

*Every M, T, W, and Th:*

*English as a Second Language (ESL)*

All English levels: 1-3 pm on second floor of  
Education Building

*Every Monday and Wednesday:*

*English as a Second Language (ESL): Survival English*

New English Speakers Only

9-11 am on second floor of Education Building

*October 7 and 15: African Blues*

11:30 am-1 pm in The Café

(see page 14 for more details)

*October 12: Compassion, Peace and Justice Ministry*

4:00 pm in Westminster

*October 13: Mission Team*

Noon in Westminster

*October 16: Christian Mercy and Justice*

*Network Meeting*

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in The Café

(see page 16 for more details)

*October 19: World Mission*

5:30 pm at TBA

*October 26: Cuba Steering Committee*

6:00 pm in the Parlor

*October 27: Community Mission Deacons*

6:30 pm in Westminster

## **World Missions Month**

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## **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA) IS THE KEY COMPONENT OF OUR WORLD MISSIONS**

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**By: Steve Gritten**

Our congregation - through the World Missions Committee and Mission Team - supports 6 missionaries, plus the Theological Education Fund and the Presbyterian Disaster Relief fund.

The Missionaries we support are:

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| • Bernie & Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta | Indonesia                        |
| • Mark and Miriam Adams               | Mexico-U.S. Border               |
| • Jeff and Christi Boyd               | Congo                            |
| • Cindy and Steve Gorman              | Egypt                            |
| • Jo Ella Holman                      | Caribbean                        |
| • Bob and Kristi Rice                 | Democratic Republic of the Congo |

The Theological Education fund supports our ten theological seminaries.

These partnerships, plus two other PC(USA) departments, receive the majority of our funding. We support these programs because we are a connectional church. That is, we belong to a greater body of churches that work together, and through our joint efforts with the assistance of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly, are able to accomplish more than the sum of the churches working separately. The pooling of our mission dollars with those of hundreds of other churches, in a coordinated way, has a much greater impact upon the work of the church in the world than any single church could hope to imagine. Working in foreign countries in today's environment is a highly complex task. Government restrictions at all levels in foreign lands can minimize any positive effect that we might have unless we understand how the system works in each country and in each area that we work.

That task is a service that the General Assembly of the PC(USA) provides for us. Through the years, they have initiated on-site investigations for each of the areas served and have structure such that our funds can be channeled much more effectively into the desired mission locations. They provide all of the training and administrative work necessary to maintain the missions and missionaries that we support. As a result, our dollars go directly to the missions that we choose, with minimal overhead expense. Key to this effort is the requirement that our missions outreach to others be done in a "partnership relationship." This means that we do not decide what is good for those whom we choose to help, but walk beside them so that we can learn from them while helping them in ways that are meaningful to them, as well as us.

### **PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHEASTERN ILLINOIS SUPPORTS THREE MAJOR MISSION PROJECTS**

The Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois supports three very important mission outreach programs of our congregation. They are the Marion Medical Mission, located in Marion, Illinois; Camp Carew, located along the shores of Little Grassy Lake just south of Carbondale; and Kemmerer Village located 20 miles south of Decatur. These three agencies, while unique in many ways, share one common goal, which is a better life for children and youth.



**Marion Medical installs approximately 2,500 shallow wells annually in Malawi and surrounding countries.** Clean water has eliminated the waterborne diseases that have been responsible for the deaths of a very large percentage of children. Two separate groups, approximately 25 volunteers in size, travel to Malawi each fall to install the piping and pumping apparatus for each well. At the writing of this article, Harry Bremer, one of the volunteers, is in Malawi for three weeks. One completed well shown at the left includes Dan Kingery, our Camp Carew director and volunteer (wearing a hat in the center of the back row).

**Camp Carew provides a summer Christian enrichment experience for the youth of our congregations.** This wilderness setting is along the shores of Little Grassy Lake and within the boundaries of the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge center. This important ministry serves several important purposes. It has a Christian camping program for 4<sup>th</sup> grade through high school youth that provides an outreach for many churches too small to have an active youth program. The goal is that campers will strengthen their own sense of personal worth as well as their relationship to Jesus Christ and to others. Activities at Camp Carew are directed toward Christian community. Through group living in the small unit, campers and leaders are challenged to work, plan, play, study, sing, and worship together.

New these past four years is an extensive mission program where the youth learn how to serve others. Last year, all campers participated in the bagging of 7,000 dry meals for national and world-wide distribution. Youth have the opportunity to donate some of their spending money from their canteen allowance to the cost of two Marion Medical Mission water wells, as well as the distribution of Bibles and clothing in the areas where the wells are dug. High school youth may sign up for a mission work-trip. Work trips have included the reconstruction of two homes following the Harrisburg tornado, working with Habitat and spending an afternoon with retired elderly veterans living at the Anna National Veterans Retirement home. Many of the youth have reported that this has been a very rewarding experience.



Our church has been very involved with the work of the camp. Since 2004, our members have designed all of the recent buildings including two retreat centers, six hogans, and a maintenance shed. Our members have provided a substantial portion of the volunteer support for the construction. In 2014, our Mission Possible team spent a week at the camp site constructing one of the hogans and a boat dock.

## **Kemmerer Village is a residential school serving families with troubled youth.**

The clientele are upper elementary through high school-aged youth, placed there by individual families or by the Department of Children and Family Services. The programs are directed to help children and youth attain the necessary skills to become well-adjusted and productive members of society. It is their conviction that each and every contact with a child should consist of showing the child respect and positive regard to instill dignity. The staff use evidence-based interventions to improve the lives of children and their families.



The youth placed at the Village come with varied backgrounds, from hardened, heavily disturbed youth to abandoned youth who have lost their way. Others suffer from learning disabilities. Since the Village has no security fencing or walls, those that may need incarceration are not placed at Kemmerer Village. When a youth comes to the Village, a plan of action is developed as needed for the specific individual. The average stay is 10 months before graduation, but there is no limit as some stay much longer.

Residential care, education, therapy, equine therapy, and foster home care are some of the services provided. Psychiatric consultation and therapeutic recreation are included.

The women of our church have provided box tops for various foods that have helped Kemmerer raise over \$20,000 in funds over the lifetime of this program. Our church also conducted family mission trips that have included painting the interior of the classroom walls, building a wishing well, constructing 10 picnic tables, plus general landscaping projects.

*Kemmerer Village operates under the joint sponsorship of Southeastern Illinois and Three Rivers Presbyteries. Two members of our church, Steve Gritten and Katharine Jones, serve on the governing Board of Directors.*

### **Presbyterian News from Around the Globe**

9/24/15 According to <http://pcusa.org/news>, Presbyterian World Mission Partners are asking for prayer for those affected by the September 16 earthquake off the coast of Chile. Presbyterian World Mission Partners have not issued a call for material aid at this time, but are asking specifically for prayer.

9/25/15 According to <http://pcusa.org/news>, Greg Allen-Pickett, general manager for operations in World Mission, reported that staff still in Syria are receiving funds and serving those who haven't been able to leave. He expressed a continued commitment to providing relief services to Syrians unable to leave, especially those of Armenian descent, as part of the ongoing response to the current refugee crisis.



## **“Exciting Gift...Profound Challenge”**

**Submitted by: Ann Stout**

Dr. Bernie Adeney-Risakotta is director of the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS-Yogya) at Gadjah Mada University (UGM) in Yogyakarta. Dr. Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta is director of the Center for Research and Community Development at Duta Wacana Christian University in Yogyakarta. Both Bernie and Farsijana spend a lot of time working together with Christians and Muslims to build a just society.

Bernie writes of his experience in Indonesia: “Since I was born in China and grew up in a mission family, I have had long exposure to the challenges and gifts of the church in Asia. To work as a partner with the Indonesian Church and representative of the PC(USA) is a joy and a privilege. Although it was not easy to leave an academic career in Berkeley to share the difficulties facing a Christian university in a poor and predominantly Muslim society, basically I love it. I am amazed by the richness and diversity of the church and the surrounding cultures. I love being in a position of always learning, always being surprised at God’s work (in and outside the church), always struggling to catch up and participate in what God is doing in Indonesia. “Indonesia itself constantly amazes me. It has an



**Farsijana & Bernie Adeney-Risakotta**

ancient, rich culture, more Muslims than the whole Middle East put together, and a growing church under serious pressure from the surrounding society. Since the fall of President Soeharto in 1998, Indonesia has passed through a difficult transition period, building the third-largest democratic country in the world. Unpredictable religious, social, and political energies are being released. For me to be able to walk side by side with the church and society in this revolutionary time is an exciting gift as well as a profound challenge.” (source: presbyterianmission.org)

## **Powerful Excerpts of Correspondence with Steve and Cinda Gorman, Mission Co-Workers**

**Submitted by: Jim Berger**

*Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 11:35 a.m.*

We know that you have heard the tragic news from Libya. Twenty-one laborers from the village of El-Aour, near Minya in Upper Egypt, who moved to the Libyan Coast simply to have a paying job, were taken hostage by terrorists loyal to ISIS/ISIL or DASH, as they are known in Arabic. Two days ago, all twenty-one were beheaded in the most cold-blooded of crimes. They posed no threat to the Islamists except that they were Coptic Christians. That means they are part of the Orthodox Coptic Church, the oldest branch of Christianity, found in Egypt.

*Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 5:10 a.m.*

We have visitors galore coming to Egypt to see the work of the Kingdom in our midst. Steve is hosting two PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers and two folks from the Church of Scotland this week.

*Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.*

Cinda will continue corresponding with colleagues and she will network for the Rev. Dr. Atef Gendy, president of the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (ETSC), (<http://www.pcusa.org/news/2015/8/18/pcusa-partner-works-transform-models-church-leader/>). Next year Steve will be in Egypt 3-4 times for 2-4 weeks doing all possible to strengthen the ministries within the Synod of the Nile AND communicate their efforts to the PC(USA) and all who will pray, visit and support the Christians of this nation in this amazing time of transition.

There is an  
opening in Cairo  
for a new mission  
co-worker!

*Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 11:15 a.m.*

**Spread the word that there is an opening in Cairo for a new mission worker.**

# A Commitment to Compassionate Service

Submitted by: Ann Stout

## The Oath for Compassionate Service (from “Toxic Charity” by Robert Lupton)

- Never do for the poor what they have (or could have) the capacity to do for themselves
  - Limit one-way giving to emergency situations.
- Strive to empower the poor through employment, lending, and investing, using grants sparingly to reinforce achievements.
  - Subordinate self-interests to the needs of those being served.
- Listen closely to those you seek to help, especially to what is not being said—unspoken feelings may contain essential clues to effective service.
  - Above all, do no harm.

### World Missions Goal: Compassionate Service

In keeping with Robert Lupton’s “Oath for Compassionate Service,” the World Mission Committee is currently supporting a number of microfinance projects. Microfinance (small business loans to poor entrepreneurs) is a very powerful way to empower people, allowing them to be independent, self sufficient, and to give back to their communities. We are supporting Microfinance in the following ways:

- Hope International –Small business loans to entrepreneurs in DRC
- Kristi Rice – Works with an organization in DRC that provides small business loans.
- Farsijana Adeney Risakotta – Works with an organization in Indonesia that provides small business loans.
- Opportunity International – Forward 150 funds will go to fund school loans in a developing country.

### Kajili Guillaume –Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo\*



A pastor and father of seven, Kajili noticed there were no schools within walking distance of his community in rural Democratic Republic of Congo. So as he used HOPE loans to grow his farming business, he also started building a school. Kajili has built eight classrooms and dreams of adding four more, allowing primary and secondary students to attend at the same time. He rejoices, “It has become evident that as HOPE helps me, I can now help other people.”

*\*Reprinted with permission from Hope International. See this article and learn more about Hope International’s amazing ministry at [www.hopeinternational.org](http://www.hopeinternational.org)*

# Placetas

By: Jodi Kirby

My time in Placetas was memorable for a number of reasons: delicious Cuban cuisine, beautiful weather and scenery, and the sound of Spanish everywhere. But what was most memorable were two things: the people I met there and how close I felt to God at the time I was there.

I'm not sure if I felt close to God because of the people I met and how I saw they lived their life or if it was something else. Life was centered around the church. We would spend the whole afternoon there sometimes, lying on the benches under the fans, waiting for the next church activity to begin. We might walk back home, only to return a short time later. Every day we did something with others at the church. Seeing the way they helped and embraced each other - it softened my heart. Not only that, but the way everyone treated me - I remember crying because they were so kind!

I stayed with Xiomara, a most gracious hostess. She took care of me, introduced me to her friends and neighbors, arranged activities for me, and made me speak Spanish the whole time! (I admit, it was good for me). We visited the elderly who could not leave their homes, did an activity with the senior members, had a lovely celebration at a farm, and much more, all in the name of our Lord.

I think back to that time with such fond memories. I yearn for the feeling I had when I was there and came home. Truthfully, I hope to feel that close to God again. I pray for my brothers and sisters in Christ in Cuba often, and think about them everyday. I am thankful for Xiomara giving me a home to stay in and the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people. I hope one day my family and I can visit again, and my husband and kids can experience what I was able to.



## Hospitality

*Xiomara will be our guest at First Presbyterian Church October 18-26. Let Kristi Corbin, Missions Coordinator, know if you would like to participate in our return of hospitality.*

*Su Voz is a daily devotion written by the people of the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba. It is distributed each morning by email to about 175 people. To subscribe, email Bob Kirby at [rwk3213@gmail.com](mailto:rwk3213@gmail.com)*

## Rev. Bob and Kristi Rice, Mission Co-Workers in the Democratic Republic of Congo



Kristi wrote in response to our request for additional information about the money we raised for the 2014 Raindrop Project

Warm greetings to you from the Congo! We would be happy to give you some more information about the support from your (2014) Raindrop Project. As you probably know, you raised money for tools, supplies, and equipment for vocational skills training at the rural pastoral institutes in Kasai. The most advanced of the 3 pastoral institutes in this regard is the one at Mutoto.

We were impressed that the school (Mutoto) started teaching vocational skills to students on its own. We then came alongside to help raise money for additional supplies, which you generously jumped on board to help provide. The money was given to the Mutoto institute last year, and you would have enjoyed seeing the delight on the director's face! New sewing machines and all of the carpentry tools were transported to Mutoto (60 km) by bicycle.

In this past school year, almost 15 students and their spouses were learning carpentry, sewing, and practicing agricultural skills, thanks to the supplies that you provided. They have also invited some people in the community to come and participate in the vocational skills classes for a small fee, since there is a big need for this in the rural areas. We are using Mutoto as a model now, and encouraging the other two pastoral institutes to develop a similar program.



Christi Boyd (and husband Jeff)

### *Stewardship of Influence for Congo*

*Written by Christi Boyd   Submitted by Sallie Hutton*

*\*Sensitive readers please note: the following contains disturbing topics.*

"As I entered the scene, it felt like I was standing on sacred ground. A paradox, like so much of life in this part of our globalized world. There lay a woman, motionless and blanketed by the compassion of her counselor. Her integrity had been desecrated only the day before by a group of militia men she had stumbled upon while farming in her field. They raped her and tore up her body with a foreign object. I later learned that she had been seven months pregnant at the time and had

become a widow a few months earlier, when her husband was shot by another band of rebels. Her baby was delivered prematurely through Cesarean section, an intervention that also allowed for the repair of her fistula.

Dusabe's story is but one of the many horrifying experiences that women and girls as young as 14 years old shared with me earlier this year, while I was accompanying PC(USA) partners in eastern Congo. Other accounts include the kidnapping of children for use as sex slaves and child soldiers by armed groups. This is an area where the people should be thriving, for it harbors some of the world's greatest mineral riches. Instead, their lives are cursed with conflict, destitution, and hunger – the symptoms of deeply-rooted inequities."



The above story is quoted from *Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice* by Christi Boyd. Currently based in Congo, Christi facilitates partner initiatives and campaigns on behalf of women and children in Congo, Rwanda, Niger, Madagascar, and South Sudan, who are impacted by root causes of violence, poverty, and hunger in a globalizing world. Christi Boyd is one of the Mission Co-workers we, as a church family, support.



# How is God Calling You to Serve?

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By: Elizabeth Pippin

As a church we support many mission co-workers and projects locally and across the world. We hear about the middle school Stay and Serve trip during the summer and the high school Go and Serve trips. The question is: why do we do it?

We do mission work because it's what God calls us to do.

But sometimes it's hard to know what it means to do mission work. In thinking about mission work, I am often reminded of the story of Samuel. As a young boy the Lord called out to him and without hesitation he responds "Here I am. Send me." JoElla Hollman, a PC(USA) mission co-worker our church helps to support in the Caribbean, answered this call.

JoElla has stated that she has felt her work in missions has been directed by God. Through her work in the Caribbean she has seen God working. She has seen God working through the people. She has seen God working through the hope and joy they have during the hardships of poverty, oppression, and injustice that pervade throughout the region.

JoElla's hope is for the churches in both the Caribbean and the USA to grow in deeper relationship together. In my experiences with mission work both on a local and global scale, I have found that the heart of mission work comes through relationships. The relationships we have with our neighbors both here and across the global are a reflection of the love of God for all to see.

Mission work is visible evidence of God's love in this world, as we show this love to our neighbors. At First Presbyterian we have opportunities to work in mission both locally and on the global level.

Mission work can be scary. It, at times, calls us to move outside of our comfort zone. However, God has given us each talents to serve. Some are great teachers, others great connectors while other are good at baking cupcakes or lending a listening ear.

I urge you to think about your talents and gifts given to you by God and find what way God is calling you to serve. It may not look the same as your friend's way of serving, but God called us to go into all the world spreading the love of Christ. For some that may mean traveling to distant lands and for others it simply means going next door. However, it seems in the end, mission work might come down to being a friend.

## Called to Mission Work?

Contact Kristi Corbin for information about ways to serve.

*[kristi.corbin@firstchurchchampaign.org](mailto:kristi.corbin@firstchurchchampaign.org)*



# A Year of Service for a Life of Change

By: Bob Kirby

“A year of service for a life time of change” is the motto of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Young Adult Volunteer Program (YAV). YAVs develop their leadership by serving in marginalized communities alongside local people of faith responding to poverty, violence, and injustice in their communities, sharing the gospel through word and deed.

For twenty-one years, the Young Adult Volunteer Program of PC (USA) has placed men and women ages 19-30 in a one year mission assignment with partners around the world. Students must raise \$4,000. The Presbyterian church, with your support, adds \$18,000 per student to meet costs.

What do YAVs do? They:

- Serve for one year in communities of need around the world.
- Meet regularly for prayer and Bible study.
- Work with mentors to explore and grow in their expression of faith.
- Build each other up as Disciples of Jesus Christ.
- Are supported in their faith journey through orientation and an end-of-term debriefing event.

“I have learned to challenge my assumptions about life, to take a critical look at the way that my privileges have led me. Now I am working to become a follower of Jesus who is teaching me to live intentionally in community every day,” said YAV Amy.

“I learned the ministry of presence over programming. Programs are flashy, but ministry is all about building relationships to promote the good news,” said YAV Jack.



## Missions Official Business

Mission Team changed its normal meeting time from first Tuesdays at noon to second Tuesdays at noon, beginning in October.

Community Mission Deacons will not meet in November. December's meeting will be on December 1st, during which allocations to agencies will be prayerfully decided.



## Caring for Creation

## Free Countywide Residential Electronics Recycling

**Saturday, October 10, 2015**

**8 am to noon**

Parkland College

2400 Bradley Avenue

Champaign

Parking Lot M-4

Enter on Duncan Road

Accepting a wide variety of electronics  
(no broken screens or broken glass).

Call 217-328-3313 with questions.

## Fair Trade Fair Night

**Wednesday, October 28, 2015**

**6:00pm**

**First Presbyterian Church of Urbana**

**602 West Green Street**

**Urbana, IL 61801**

Jackie Corlett, director of Urbana Champaign Fair Trade Towns Campaign, will speak in the Youth Room of First Presbyterian Church, Urbana. Jackie will present the environmental and economic benefits of Fair Trade and tell some first person stories of how Fair Trade changes lives.

Register for this event at [www.faithinplace.org/news-events/events/fair-trade-fair-night](http://www.faithinplace.org/news-events/events/fair-trade-fair-night)

### Transition

Submitted by Bob Kirby, Written by Anonymous

Our first new home in America! A dream come true. Lease signed with security deposit and first month rent- six months of work to save it. Done. Utility fee and groceries. Four rooms and a bath-beautiful for babies and we. We are thankful to Thee.

Hmmmm... how do we eat with no fork, knife or spoon? We can sleep and sit on the floor until more money soon. It's cold on the floor. There's a draft through the door. No blanket. Let's snuggle. This won't be much struggle. It's cold in Champaign and its wet in the snow. The walk to the bus? It's not a stone's throw.

One pot on the fire for the four of us; so it's stew, juice and rice; but it works until later. We'll get things for the kitchen and that will be nice.

Then chicken and milk in refrigerator.

Blessed are we in the home of the free. Praise God every day for meeting our need. He'll show us the way and we are alive. With the help of our brothers we now can survive.

**Thank-you First Presbyterian Church for being our new extended family. Thanks for welcoming us, including us and praying with us. Thanks for sharing. We love you.**

Remember, you can bless others in transition in our congregation with useful items you no longer need.

Contact Bob Kirby [rwk3213@gmail.com](mailto:rwk3213@gmail.com)  
for more details.

# Our Community

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*Courage Connection* reminds us that October is

## **Domestic Violence Awareness Month.**

Wednesday, October 7th, help “paint the town purple” to speak out against domestic violence.

Wear purple around town that day.

*Safe House* held their Gospel Jazz Benefit

Concert in August, with proceeds of over \$13,000! This was about \$3,000 more than the year before! The Steering Committee is very thankful for everyone’s attendance and participation.

*Safe House* continues to need donations for this powerful ministry. You can donate online at **[canaansafehouse.org/donate](http://canaansafehouse.org/donate)** or mail to 404 W. Main Street, Urbana IL 61801 to support this wonderful program.

Want to help *Salt & Light Ministries*?

They are in need of gift baskets to be used in their silent auction. If you or your group would like to donate a gift basket, contact Jennifer Hinds at [Jennifer@saltandlightministry.org](mailto:Jennifer@saltandlightministry.org) or call 217-355-

Want to help those experiencing homelessness? *Canteen Run* delivers basic supplies to people experiencing homelessness.

They are currently in need of:

trial sized toothpaste

medium to 2XL men’s underwear

socks

bottled water

deodorant

Cash donations (write Canteen Run on the memo line) are accepted at:

The Salvation Army

2212 N. Market St.

Champaign IL 61820 or

Savoy United Methodist Church

3002 Old Church Road

Champaign, IL 61822

**Want to volunteer or just find out more?**

**[www.cucanteenrun.org](http://www.cucanteenrun.org)**

**Email: [cucanteenrun@gmail.com](mailto:cucanteenrun@gmail.com)**

**Phone: 217-369-9344**



# Warm a New Neighbor Diaper a Baby

Consider helping new immigrants to our community through ECIRMAC (the Refugee Center).



The majority of new immigrants to Champaign County come from countries with warm weather climates and they are not prepared for our cold winters. In addition, many have young children and do not have the funds to buy diapers.

This year the Refugee Center has again asked that we sponsor the “Warm a Neighbor” program by providing funds for coats and diapers. This will enable the center staff to take newly arrived immigrants “shopping” for much needed winter coats and diapers as they arrive throughout the winter. Coats will be purchased at local resale shops such as Transitions, the Salvation Army and Twice as Nice Thrift Shop. Providing funds to ECIRMAC will allow the center to buy the correct size of coat and diapers for their youngest clients.



Much like our Raindrop Project, you can select a donation amount by taking a coat or box of diapers from the “store shelf” and giving the “store clerk” cash or a check for the amount of the item. Stop by the display in Westminster Hall between services on October 18th or 25th to help support this worthwhile cause.

Thank you!

A close-up photograph of a man with short dark hair, wearing a light blue and white striped shirt. He is playing a guitar and singing, with his eyes closed and a focused expression. The background is blurred, showing other people in a warm, indoor setting.

# African Blues

**Free lunch time  
mini-concerts.  
Bring your lunch  
and a friend. Come  
as you are, leave  
when you must.**

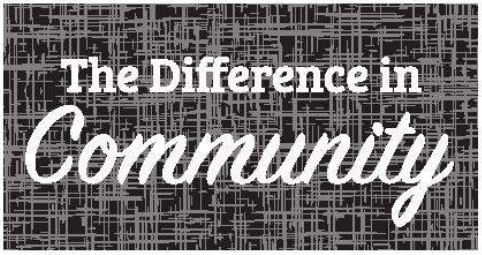
## **Jean René Balekita and the Bomoyi**

- ▶ Tuesday, September 29, 11:30am-1:00 pm
  - ▶ Wednesday, October 7, 11:30am-1:00 pm
  - ▶ Thursday, October 15, 11:30am-1:00 pm
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- ▶ At First Presbyterian Church of Champaign  
(downtown Champaign at the corner of Church St. and State St.)  
In the Café (second floor) of the Education Building  
302 West Church Street  
Champaign, IL 61820



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH** OF CHAMPAIGN

# Schnucks



## Together, you and Schnucks make the difference!

There is no cost to you, and you still earn your fuel points if you use the fuel card! Proceeds go to feed hungry C-U individuals and families in need.

### *Pick up a card and support our group*

Select First Presbyterian Church of Champaign

### *Easy!*

- Visit Schnucks and request a Community Card.
- Register your card at [www.escrip.com/schnucks](http://www.escrip.com/schnucks).
- Present your card to the cashier when you shop at Schnucks.

## *The more you shop, the more we earn!*



for every dollar you spend, Schnucks will contribute up to 3% of your purchase amount

To register your fuel card or community card go online or call

[www.escrip.com/schnucks](http://www.escrip.com/schnucks)  
1-800-931-6258

## eScrip

First Presbyterian Church of Champaign is hosting the October  
*Christian Mercy and Justice Network Meeting*

Thursday, October 15th

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in The Café

Dr. Ken Cuffy will guide us with his teaching and a discussion time, as we think together about how to live out both mercy and justice as a local faith community. All are welcome to attend.

Find out more about this network at [cmjncu.weebly.com](http://cmjncu.weebly.com)

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# THE HEART OF MISSIONS

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## Special **World Missions Month** Edition

I hope you enjoyed this special issue of **The Heart of Missions**, with an emphasis on World Missions! If you liked learning about missions activities, you may enjoy receiving *The Heart of Missions* electronically on a monthly basis. If you would like to receive *The Heart of Missions* automatically each month when it is published, just let the Missions Coordinator know. Please send an email to Kristi Corbin at [kristi.corbin@firstchurchchampaign.org](mailto:kristi.corbin@firstchurchchampaign.org) and she will get you on the electronic mailing list. An electronic copy will then automatically be delivered to your in-box monthly.

If you prefer a paper copy, we normally print some of those as well. This month we distributed this special issue on paper during worship in order to get the word out to the congregation about many of the World Mission ministries (plus other missions events/work) and to let people know about **The Heart of Missions**. However, this was an exception to the rule. To keep costs down, and save trees, we normally print just a few paper copies. However, many people prefer paper copies for ease of usability and portability, and thus, we make sure some copies are also available each month in Westminster (on the wall near the Welcome Desk) and in the church office (outside of Marcia's office).

— — Kristi