

The Vistoso Voice

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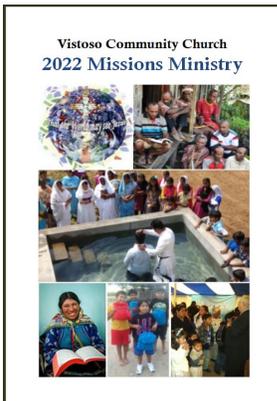
From the Pastor's Desk

MISSIONS HAS WORK TO DO!

Our Missions Committee is the recipient of many blessings and now faces a delightful challenge.

The Blessings

Our Christmas Missions Offering this year was phenomenal. We are currently supporting 14 missionaries on a monthly basis. What you may not know is that as generous as our budget is, it can only supply about two-thirds of our target support for each missionary. We rely on the Christmas Missions Offering to make up the difference, and what a blessing to be able to more than do so because of your generosity.



You can read about the ministry of each of our Missionaries in the 2022 Missions Ministry booklet available in the literature racks and in the Mission Corner in the Fellowship Hall.

The Challenge

Now for the challenge. We had several missionaries on monthly support step back from missions work at the close of last year. So, with the abundance from the Christmas Offering, the Committee is looking to add at least one missionary to monthly support. The

Committee is currently considering one couple ministering in Ecuador. It is always an exciting time as the Missions Committee begins the process of considering a new long-term monthly support relationship.

(See the next column.)

This gives you a brief idea of what is going on right now. I look forward to updating you in the near future on who the Missions Committee, acting on your behalf, might have chosen to begin a long term monthly support relationship with VCC.

In His Grace,

Pastor Kevin

THE FORMAL PROCESS

These are the steps that the Missions Committee goes through when selecting a missionary to receive monthly support:

- We primarily rely on those who fellowship at VCC to bring forth possible candidates for support by putting together a short proposal and submitting it to the Missions Committee. It is an exciting time for the Committee, as we now have the funds to take on someone new.
- The next step is evaluation. This involves having the missionary complete our *Intake Form*. The completed form provides the committee with everything from finances to doctrinal conviction.
- After the candidate provides adequate information, the Committee can evaluate the candidate for alignment with five criteria: 1) Is the work a *good fit* for our Mission and Vision; 2) are we doctrinally aligned; 3) is there evidence of effective stewardship; 4) is there documented need; 5) is it possible to maintain a regular relationship.
- After we have reviewed, discussed and obtained necessary follow-up, the Committee votes. If the candidate is approved, the committee then determines the appropriate level of monthly support.

If you bring a missionary forward, don't be disappointed if your suggestion is not chosen for ongoing support. It may be a lack of funds, a lack of information, or just not a good fit for the focus of our mission efforts.

SCHEDULE UPDATE

- **Fellowship** and Sermon Q&A resuming this weekend, February 5 and 6.
- **Tuesday** Men's and Women's Bible Study—Streaming Lesson 9 on February 8, 10:00 am.
- **Thursday**—HeartCall Women's Bible study, 9:30 am.
- **Friday**—Men's Bible Study—resuming 7:30 am.
- **Friday**—Women's Share, Care, and Prayer, 10:00 am.
- **Choir practice** resumes Wednesday, February 16.
- **Quarterly Business Meeting**, rescheduled for February 23.