

PURPOSE

The missions committee consists of a group of men and women committed to promote and coordinate the support of missionary activities within the local community and around the world.

SPONSORED MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

Currently Westlake Church Lausanne devotes 10% of its annual projected income to promote the work of several missionary activities around the world. Each humanitarian project is overseen by one member of the committee responsible to report the progress on the project.

MEDAIR - ZIMBABWE



Medair is a non-governmental organisation (NGO), with internationally recruited staff who are motivated by their Christian faith to care for people in need. In 2008-2009, a deadly cholera outbreak struck in Zimbabwe, killing more than 4,000 people and affecting major urban areas that had become vulnerable because of degraded water plants, broken sewers, and uncollected waste.

Medair opened a new humanitarian program in this crisis-affected country in January 2010. Medair's main goal is to reduce the risk of water-related diseases for vulnerable people in urban and rural areas by rehabilitating the existing water-supply infrastructure.

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COLLEEN'S PLACE OF HOPE



Colleen's Place of Hope is an accredited orphanage for abused and abandoned children in Mitchell's Plain, Cape Town, South Africa. It was founded by Colleen Naidoo and her husband Farrell in 1990 and they have personally fostered many children from newborn to teenagers, providing them with a loving Christian environment and hope for the future.

Most of the children at Colleen's Place of Hope are victims of mental and/or physical abuse. They were abandoned, often seriously damaged during pregnancy or due to the mother's drug abuse and some are HIV positive. Colleen and Farrell are completely committed to shining Christ's love into these often very dark lives, and, just imagine - they usually have over 30 children in their small home!

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MYANMAR



Christianity first reached Myanmar in the early 1500s, but the task of spreading the gospel has been a challenge due to the fact that most Burmese are devoted Buddhists. The foundations of the Protestant Church were laid by the lifetime work of American Baptist missionaries, Adoniram and Ann Judson who arrived in Rangoon (now called Yangon) on July 13, 1813. In 1962 Buddhism became the official religion of the country resulting in much hardship, and all sort of restrictions, for the Christian minorities. As of today the church has grown in the midst of tribulation and many have risked their lives to deliver the Good News.

As the Church in Myanmar grows, so does the need for local leadership and reaching remote areas in the country with the gospel of Jesus Christ; Westlake Church Lausanne is privileged to partner with our brothers and sisters in Myanmar who have taken on the challenge to teach and disciple young people, from various tribes and people groups within Myanmar, and send them back to their people – all for the Glory of God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

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