

## MISSION NEWS APRIL 2020

This is a challenging time in our journey of life. We hope that all of you are safe and managing through the quarantine from so many places we take for granted. We have resources to fall back on: friends, family, churches to help us. But imagine just for a moment that you are a youth who has faced such a desperate situation that you are having to live on the street. Which of us would survive very well? So we continue to ask for your support for Covenant House, the organization you've been hearing about in the newsletter and at church, both live and now through streaming.



For over 40 years, Covenant House has helped transform and save the lives of more than a 1.5 million homeless, runaway and trafficked young people. They offer housing and support services to young people in need.

They cannot provide all their services without funding, so we're working to match our Advent giving of \$4000 to save our youth. Your generosity has helped us reach \$2000 so far!! We will continue to take donations all through April [and even beyond], since the virus has disrupted so many routines. If you can help, you can donate through Vanco online, mail a check to church, or drop one in the box outside Pastor Steve's door. Make the check to church and on the memo line indicate "Covenant House." If you can't help financially, then keep Covenant House on your prayer list. The paper chains in the sanctuary on both side walls represent hundreds of youth. You can't come to worship services right now to see them, but you can see a photo, and on our live streaming services. There were four LONG chains. As we remove a link for every \$20 that comes in, the chains are getting shorter. One is gone altogether. Let's make them all disappear.

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Next month we hope to have a report on all the seeds you donated. Thanks for your help!!  
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**We are praying, for many reasons, that our world returns to normal life quickly. But with no certainty on the time-line, we are rescheduling the annual auction for missions for our first Sunday back to regular worship in September.**

### SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION FOR MISSIONS

You have lots of extra time now to work on items for our auction. This is the mission's team only fundraiser, which allows us to do all the work we accomplish throughout the year. In 2019 your missions team was able to support ministries here and abroad by donating \$14,129.

So start thinking of items you can donate for the auction: household decorations, children's objects, outdoor articles, a service such as babysitting or washing cars, theme baskets, i.e. movie night at home, bath toiletries, etc., all kinds of food, jewelry, tools, gift certificates from businesses - anything that you would like yourself. In addition, a live auction presents more expensive donations. Be thinking of something you might donate to this part of the missions fundraiser. In the past we've had chairs, antiques, artwork, hand made wooden items, and so forth.

Your support of this event is a priceless gift to the work of missions. Contact Marcia Grunder or Connie Zeleny with any questions.

