

# Faith Promise 2018



Small things  
done with  
great love  
will change  
the world.



# 2018

**B**est guess is he's 13 years old ... his father has just sent him into a war zone ... he took some gifts from home to his soldier brothers. But more than that, Dad was deeply concerned about his sons and desperately wanted to know they were alright. Before you know it, this 13 year old is standing toe to toe with the Philistine champion ... spinning his sling with a stone inside.

## Seriously?

- 3 year old boy vs. 8+ feet of Philistine muscle
- sling shot vs. armor from head to toe
- small stone vs. a spear taller than this child

Impossible you say? Then we are reminded, "Everything is possible for one who believes."

You know the name of this 13 year old boy ... the reason you know his name is because he believed.

He believed that Goliath's sword, spear, and javelin were no match for the Lord God Almighty!

He believed that he did not stand alone on that battlefield.

He believed that God could empower a small stone to topple the giant!

So God did.

**We often look at our own resources and think, "seriously?" But our small resources attached to the power of God Almighty can change the world.**

There are some giant-like opportunities in this booklet. Peruse the pages, be inspired by the hope within, see the vision of Jesus reaching this world ... then select your stone.

Together, let's display the faith of this shepherd boy and topple giants in Jesus' name.

— Pastor Dave



# Faith Promise Weekend — January 27-28

## Eunice Brubaker



Pastor Eunice was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. She is married to Ken Brubaker, who is from Topeka, KS.

While in college, Eunice prepared to go into government work, with a desire to be an ambassador some day. The summer following her graduation from college, God spoke to her and asked if she would be an ambassador for Him.

Her affirmative response to His call led her to spend 13 years as a missionary in the Philippines, serve as Global Nazarene Missions President for the Church of the Nazarene (which allowed her to minister all over the globe), serve as Associate Pastor at Lawrence First in Lawrence, KS, and at Topeka Fairlawn in Topeka, KS. God honored her obedience to His call and her original interest by allowing her to serve as Chaplain for the Kansas House of Representatives for ten years.

Eunice graduated from MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, KS, and received her Masters degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, MO.

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Eunice’s philosophy of ministry is based on these passages of Scripture: Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:42-27; and Ephesians 2:10; 4:12. The body of Christ, filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit, is to join the mission of God to reach the lost and make Christ-like disciples. She believes that Christ set the pattern for us in that He went OUT to where the people were to share His message of love and hope. The role of the pastor is to model the Spirit-filled life, to help believers live a holy life, and reach others with the message of peace.

# The Village Norristown

The Village Norristown is a compassionate ministry that serves the community and families located primarily in the East end of Norristown. We are dedicated to building a strong, positive relationship within the community, working together in unity.



## We do this through:

- Wednesday Evening Bible Study
- Our After-School Program
- Summer Bridge Program
- Celebrate the Journey, a support-recovery ministry
- ESL (English as a Second Language)
- GED Tutoring
- Kids' Discipleship Program



The Village Norristown is always looking for compassionate, loving volunteers to help make a difference in families' lives. For more information, or to sign up to volunteer, please contact Megan Brooks at [megan.brooks@fvcn.org](mailto:megan.brooks@fvcn.org).



# Norristown Hospitality Center

They serve approximately 85-90 people per day, 6 days per week, or 27,000 per year. On average, 50% have never been clients there before, resulting in 14 new people touched each week.

65% of them became homeless due to extenuating circumstances, 57% have a HS Diploma OR GED and 21% have a secondary education.

Approximately 1/3 of the new clients are “Housed Poor” — which means they have a place to live but are on the verge of being homeless and cannot afford food, clothing, or other necessities.

**Available help includes:**

- Crisis intervention and case management
- Breakfast served daily
- Personal hygiene, clothing and warmth
- Groceries and holiday baskets
- Daily devotions, weekly Bible study & Christian discussion times, and Christian 12-step programs
- Flu shots & immunizations, periodic doctor visits, transportation support program
- Client mail and telecommunication

**The Yellow Bags, in the lower lobby at Fairview Village Church, are one of our methods of supporting the Norristown Hospitality Center.**

Simply pick up one of the yellow bags, fill it with items on the attached list, and bring it back to the church. Then, please pray for the homeless persons who are being served, as well as for the persons and volunteers who minister to them.



“We are showing Christ’s love, and bringing a message of hope right here in our own community.”

# El Progreso Church & Child Development Center

## El Progreso, Chorrera, Panama

El Progreso is a church outside of Panama City. They have been serving the community for 30 years, and part of their ministry is to serve children. They have planted five churches from this location, and would like to expand part of their facility into a two story addition, to increase their ministry to the community, with similarities to our church's prior project in Rancho Arriba.



Fairview Village Church is currently partnering with El Progreso's Child Development Center in Panama. Here, the children come for a hot meal, tutoring, Christian education, and a bi-monthly health checkup. Renovations have been completed to stabilize and maintain the existing building, and construction on a two story addition has begun. Our Work & Witness Team completed a trip in August 2017, and future trips are planned for February and August 2018, and 2019.



We will be taking teams to work on the construction of the project, to have classrooms, bathrooms, a kitchen, dining area, preschool care, office and meeting space for the children. These will be the second and third of at least six trips that We will make in 2017–2019, with work on columns and walls of the first floor planned for these two trips.

A medical mission program is planned for the February 2018 trip.



# Child Sponsorship

## Panama

Fairview Village Church Work & Witness projects over the past 8 years have focused on Child Development Centers to provide or enlarge the facilities. The care for the children in these Centers is primarily funded through Child Sponsorships through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. \$30 per month sponsors a child, providing a hot meal, tutoring,



mentoring, access to a visiting physician, supervision, a safe place to belong, and spiritual care. For more information about sponsoring a child, contact Pastor Kelly Yetter at [kelly.yetter@fvcn.org](mailto:kelly.yetter@fvcn.org).

## The Village Norristown

The Village Norristown is Fairview Village Church's compassionate ministry located in the East end of Norristown. The After School Program at The Village Norristown provides a safe place for children to come, get homework help, tutoring, and explore athletics, arts and music. The kids also receive Bible teaching twice a week. The After School Program is helped through funding of our Sponsor-a-Child program. A Child Sponsorship is \$25 per month, and covers daily snacks, school supplies and other program expenses for a designated child. For more information, contact Megan Brooks at [megan.brooks@fvcn.org](mailto:megan.brooks@fvcn.org).



# Bethel Child Development Center

## Rancho Arriba, Dominican Republic

In March, 2016, Fairview Village Church completed Phase 2 of the work started in 2008 in Rancho Arriba with the addition of an orphanage for a small number of children and a large group area.



Our Work & Witness Teams have held sports and medical clinics, and in March 2016 the first dental clinic. The church in Rancho Arriba has started a church plant site on the other side of town, and, on their own, completed a basic building for worship.

Fairview Village Church will continue to stay connected and support Rancho Arriba, and plans to send teams periodically

to help perform maintenance and possibly medical or dental clinics in the future.



# Youth in Action



Youth in the Village strive to serve inside and outside the walls of the church. We have been blessed with teens serving in various roles at the church, such as involvement in the media team, worship team, children’s ministry, and various other ministries in the church.

**The students of Youth in the Village have made an impact in the world by serving locally as well as internationally.**

They spent their day off from school on Martin Luther King Day doing service projects in Norris-town. Some of those projects included cleaning up streets and parks, painting, lawn care, etc.

They also partnered with “New Hope on the Last Frontier” in July, to serve the homeless and poverty stricken in Anchorage, Alaska. There, they served food to hundreds of people. They also renovated the facilities’ worship space and food pantry, in addition to rebuilding a wheelchair ramp to make accessibility for the disabled safer.

We are always keeping our eyes open for new opportunities that offer our teens a place to serve and learn to be servants.



“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Colossians 3:17

# Missionaries Supported Around the World

## Christi Whitekettle

For the past ten years, Christi has been living in Rwanda, East Africa. There, in the small city of Muhanga, she works with a small team of Christians who serve local craftspeople by paying them fair wages for their crafts, giving them resources for growth in their faith in Jesus, and promoting them and their crafts worldwide. In this way, hundreds of rural Rwandan women and men are able to provide for their families' nutrition, health, education, and overall wellbeing. The artisans send their greetings to you, with thanks for your care and support!



You can read more about Christi's work (and purchase some beautiful gifts) at [www.azizilife.com](http://www.azizilife.com).

## Sam & Olivia Gallagher

Sam and Olivia are staff members at Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Pismo Beach, CA. YWAM exists to know God and make God known.

The way this looks for Sam & Olivia is through Discipleship Training Schools (DTS). Two times a year, students from all over the world meet in YWAM schools in Pismo Beach and go through intensive discipleship, learning about the Father's heart, the movement of the church, and YWAM's global mission. Then, after this 3

month program, they lead students on overseas mission trips that last for two months. Sam & Olivia have gone to Chile so far, but are looking forward to exploring the world and seeing how the good news of the Gospel can change a country. They are currently serving refugees in Athens, Greece, and will then be moving to Milan, Italy.



## Amythyst Roth

Amythyst works with Rally International (RI), a church in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The church exists as a safe place for the community to mobilize together for long-term transformation, both eternally and in this life. They initiate social development through education, social business and leadership development.

**Education:** Establish K-12 institutions and trade schools designed to shape communities and the next generation.

**Social Business:** Utilize innovative ideas to create jobs to alleviate poverty amongst those who are most oppressed.

**Leadership:** Develop leaders from around the world through highly intensive, tailor made curriculum and personal mentorship.

Northeast Congo (DRC) has been home to civil unrest and ethnic war since the 1990s. Rally International is a community center where orphaned hearts are fathered and mothered and lives are transformed. It has become a place of refuge and rest. Where others have seen destruction, RI has seen hope and hope is what we follow.



## Gale Sherry



Gale has been serving the pilgrims that walk the Camino de Santiago in Galicia, Spain since early 2012. The Camino or “the way of St. James” is the third most popular Catholic pilgrimage in the world, and pilgrims have been walking it for over 800 years. Over the last decade, the road has seen resurgence in popularity, with hundreds of thousands per year walking/biking to Santiago, from every culture and religion. Many are in a period of transition in life, using the Camino as a spiritual journey, and are very open to hearing the Gospel. Gale is working for International Teams, helping to open up a Welcome Center and Hostel as a way to minister to the pilgrims who have just arrived in Santiago.

## Claire Amico

Claire has the privilege of serving at The Amazima School in Jinja, Uganda. She gets to serve God and the families who serve at Amazima Ministries as the Upper Elementary and Secondary Math teacher and Biology teacher at the Amazima Staff Children's School. This allows the Amazima Staff to serve to the best of their abilities, knowing that their children are receiving a high-quality classical education. Claire also has been given the opportunity to build relationships with the Ugandan students by leading a small group every-other week. Building Christ-centered relationships with the students who attend the Amazima School is essential, as they are being taught about who God is and who He created them to be. Claire has been blown away by how deeply many of the students have come to understand the Gospel in just the one year the school has been open. She counts it a blessing to be able to do life alongside both the Western and Ugandan students she has come to know and love. Faith Promise support allows Claire to keep doing the work to which God has called her, which has come to be her greatest joy!



“Our mission is to walk with churches, leaders and families in overcoming all forms of human poverty by living in healthy relationship with God and His creation.”

# LINKS

**The LINKS program of the Church of the Nazarene is a network of personal connections between missionaries and Nazarenes around the world.**



Missionaries are assigned to districts and, then, on the district level, connected to local churches.

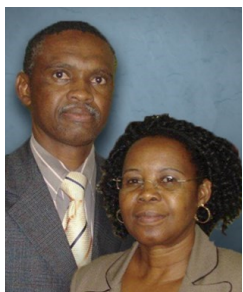
Churches feel a sense of involvement with the global mission enterprise of the church through regular correspondence from the missionaries, updates from their field, and even through deputation services while the missionaries are on home assignment. The missionaries are encouraged knowing people care and pray for them.

## **David & Jodi Cooper**



The Coopers have served as Missionaries since 1992. Beginning in 2011, they have been assigned as the Regional Personnel and Mobilization Coordinators for the Africa Region. Their ministry includes supporting the missionaries serving throughout Africa, with the many details involved in living and ministering internationally. They also oversee the ministries of Work & Witness, volunteers and partnerships for those coming to serve in the 42 countries in the Africa Region.

## **Mashangu & Remember Maluleka**



The Malulekas serve as Missionaries in Africa South Field. Rev. Mashangu Maluleka is the Field Strategy Coordinator. The South Field team is committed, and indebted to Jesus Christ, to be a part of this life flowing stream to bring about transformed lives in Christ. Their vision is building a Matthew 16:18-19, people focused, missional field!

# How is God using your Faith Promise Offering?

- Outreach to **162 world areas**
- Support for more than **900 missionaries and volunteers**
- Training for more than **6,300 national workers**
- Support for preschool, primary and secondary schools, **serving almost 147,000 children annually**
- **Support for 23,500+ students** in bible colleges, universities, seminaries and vocational and training colleges
- Support for over **60 medical clinics and 2 hospitals**
- Funding for **literature in more than 95 languages**
- Administrative expenses for **Work & Witness, Alabaster, World Mission Broadcast**, and ministries to **more than 14,000 churches**
- Base support for the facilitation of **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries projects, the Jesus Film Project and others**

# What is Faith Promise?

I am reminded of an event that happened in the life of Jesus. He was on a hillside teaching. On that particular day, over 5,000 men, not counting the women and children, arrived. After teaching all day, He had compassion on them and went to His disciples and asked them to feed the people. They said, "We have nothing, but a small boy has five loaves and two fish. But, what are they in the light of all these people?" Jesus took the loaves and the fish, blessed them, and told the disciples to distribute them. As they did, they multiplied. That day, everyone ate, *and* they had 12 baskets of left overs.

**Faith Promise is when you and I take our five loaves and two fish and allow Jesus to multiply them. It is about us partnering with God to do the impossible. It is about you and I having the opportunity to point people to Jesus.**

Most people arrive at their **Faith Promise** amount following a time of prayer and Bible reading. By listening to the voice of God, we learn what the Holy Spirit wants to do through us to support the mission ministries of our church. I cannot wait to see what God does as He blesses the gifts you bring Him.

Jerry Ginter  
Executive Director



**Our 2018-2019  
Faith Promise Goal  
\$100,000**

“But you will receive power  
when the Holy Spirit comes  
on you; and you will be my  
witnesses in Jerusalem, and  
in all Judea and Samaria, and  
to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

**Your Faith Promise giving is making a difference  
across our community and the world.**

**Thank You for helping achieve  
this year's life-changing goal.**



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