

This monthly newsletter contains *invitations* to participate in events and groups that align with our mission and values. Discover some great opportunities to *connect, learn* and *serve*! To always know what is happening, be sure to also join us on Facebook: Genesis Petoskey and Genesis Boyne, and watch for our Weekly Update email that comes out on Wednesdays (text us your email address if you want to sign up)!



2021 YEAR-END GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

The Christmas Offering is an opportunity to celebrate together God's blessings in our lives by offering an *extra* gift. As part of our general budget, Genesis joyfully gives 11% of our annual budget to support ministries both locally and abroad. The Christmas Offering is when we go above and beyond, giving even more! This makes visible one of our shared values as a church: open-handed generosity. This year, we have prayerfully chosen to fund five projects with local, regional, and global impact.

Ways to give: online at <https://genesispetoskey.com/give>, mail your gift to the Genesis Center at 1124 Northmen Drive, Petoskey, MI 49770, or place your gift in the giving box at the Genesis Center.



Orphan Helpers: Guatemala Expansion—In addition to Honduras and El Salvador, Orphan Helpers is expanding their work into Guatemala, where the Schuitema family will be moving. Andrea's full-time work on the frontlines will position Orphan Helpers more effectively to coordinate curriculum, lead staff development, and implement reentry and aftercare services across all three countries. Orphan Helpers would like to purchase a vehicle to be used by the Schuitema family and the Orphan Helpers Guatemala team as well as computer and video equipment to keep us up to date on the work happening in Central America.



Ghana Christian Mission: Medicine—The vision of Ghana Christian Mission is to make disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ and to make a Christ-like impact on the spiritual, physical, and social lives of the engaged communities. They do this through church planting, medical outreach, Christian education, and community development. At this time, GCM operates seven medical clinics in rural Ghana. Through these clinics they are able to demonstrate Christ's love with compassionate healthcare delivery in addition to providing physical and spiritual hope for the sick.

GRAND RAPIDS RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH PLANT

Church Plant in Grand Rapids—Dan and Adelyn Borti are launching a multi-cultural church serving the international/immigrant community in Grand Rapids. The Bortis moved to the United States from Ghana when Adelyn took up a Ph.D at the University of Wyoming, and upon completion took a professorship at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids. In August, Dan, a former church-planter in Ghana, went through the Converge Church Planter Assessment and was approved to start a church in Grand Rapids which is home to many immigrants and international students from Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, and Australia. In 2017, the US Census Bureau estimated that more than 19,000 immigrants live in Grand Rapids.



Boyne City Genesis Center Ready Fund—We are actively looking for the right facility in Boyne City that can be used as a ministry center for Genesis Boyne and as a community center that we can use to serve others. These funds will be used for a downpayment when God gives us the green light!



Genesis "Love Your Neighbor" Coordinator—To more effectively love our neighbors locally, regionally, and globally, we would like to pilot a new position at Genesis focused on empowering the congregation to love our neighbors. This person would facilitate communications with our Kingdom Network Partners and collaborate with Genesis staff to develop and utilize our spiritual gifts and leadership abilities to serve the broken and marginalized in our community in new and innovative ways.



FROST THE FOYER!

**Saturday December 4
10 am - noon at the Genesis Center**

Join us for gingerbread house decorating! Fun for the whole family! Cost is \$15 per house. One sign-up equals one house. Supplies are limited. Pay at the event.

RSVP required to reserve your gingerbread house:
<https://genesispetoskey.eventbrite.com>



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 12 @ 3 pm

We want to bless our neighbors at The Villa, American House, and Bay Bluffs by singing Christmas Carols for them. RSVP to be added to one of the three teams. This is a wonderful opportunity to spread JOY and be Brighter Together!

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SPONSOR A TABLE

We're looking for people or groups to sponsor a table at our Bridge Street Church Christmas Dinner on **December 17**. There is no cost to sponsor!

Please contact Genesis for specific details on sponsoring a table or volunteering for serving and clean-up.
Call 231.487.0081 or text 231.412.2866.



**REAL WOMEN
CHRISTMAS EVENT**

**Meets the 3rd Wednesday each month
Next meeting: December 15 @ 6:30 pm
at the Genesis Center**

Join us for this special Christmas event! All women are invited. Please bring finger food to share.

Genesis exists to know Christ and make Him known.

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