

Fellowship of Faith Mission Partners

We believe God calls us to serve those in need and give the first-portion of all we receive as a faith offering back to him. We believe this is true of us as individuals, but also as a church. FOF supports missions and ministries both locally and globally. Below are our current partners.

1st Way Life Center: Provide assistance and support for pre- and post-natal women facing financial and life crises.

- **Parameters:** Assist with parenting classes, operating a food & clothing bank for mothers, administrative needs, and other professional services (ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, counseling).
- **Contact:** Judy Cocks at rjcamby@comcast.net

Bethesda Lutheran Communities: More than 90% of people with developmental disabilities have no access to any kind of church or spiritual care. Bethesda reaches out to this forgotten people group and their families.

- **Parameters:** Team-based visits to group homes, residences, and summer camps, assisting with short Bible studies, worship experiences, and encouragement.
- **Contact:** Jana Peters at zjanaz@hotmail.com
- **Financial Support:** Make checks payable to FOF and memo "Bethesda."
- **For more information:** Visit bethesdalutherancommunities.org

Haiti: Haiti is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere and the 3rd poorest in the world. Its people are plagued by hunger & malnutrition, high unemployment, rampant illiteracy, disease, political corruption, and regular devastation from natural disasters.

- **Parameters:** Provide relief effort and support for Pastor Isaac Jacquet's orphans. Pastor Isaac is our mission partner in the Jeremie district. He has brought over 20 orphans into his home and is engaged in helping rebuild 20+ churches, schools, and orphanages in the wake of recent hurricanes. He provides them with an education, medical care, food, the love of a family, and the good news of Jesus.
- **Engage in relief efforts:** Contact LutheranChurchCharities.org or contact Sue Gross at Suelynn144@aol.com
- **Financial support:** Make checks payable to "FOF" and memo "Haiti."

Home of the Sparrow: HOS provides shelter, food, and services for homeless and battered women and their families in McHenry County.

- **Parameters:** Food distribution and personal interaction at area locations.
- **Contact:** Bob Marckese at BMarckese@comcast.net
- **For more information:** Visit hosparrow.org

Turkey: Turkey is a primary destination for Middle-Eastern refugees. Refugees face persecution because of race, religion, nationality, and political instability. Millions are forcibly displaced.

- **Parameters:** Short-term trips and financial support for an FOF family serving as partners in Turkey, ministering to the holistic needs of refugees.
- **Contact:** Pastor Dave at pastor@fellowshipoffaith.org to learn more about this family and where they serve (identity not published for their safety).
- **Financial Support:** Makes checks payable to FOF and memo "Turkey."

Oasis for Orphans: There are an estimated 2.4 million orphans in Kenya. Over 110,000 reside in six counties in the Southwest region. Less than half the girls in this area go to school, undernutrition is rampant, and 79% of HIV-positive kids go untreated. Oasis sponsors Care Centers and engages in partnerships with local leaders to meet orphans' physical, educational, spiritual, and emotional needs.

FOF helps support Elaine Filter who is beginning full-time missionary work with Oasis. She will be training Kenyan teachers, implementing literacy programs at three orphanages, and overseeing the spiritual development of high school students.

- **Parameters:** Short-term mission trips, financial support, sponsored races (5Ks, marathons, etc.), and awareness events throughout the area.
- **Financial Support:** Make checks payable to "FOF" and memo "Oasis for Orphans," or sponsor Elaine Filter directly at theafricaseason.com. General gifts to Oasis may be given online at oasisfororphans.org.
- **For more information:** Contact Lynn Overbay at overbays@sbcglobal.net or Lynn Mueffelman at lmueffelmann@gmail.com for organized relief work through Fellowship of Faith. Visit oasisfororphans.org for information on the organization and local races. Follow Elaine Filter on her blog: theafricaseason.com.

Refuge for Women: A non-profit, faith-based organization that provides long-term care for women who have escaped human trafficking or sexual exploitation.

- **Parameters:** Assist with physical, emotional, and spiritual care of residents, ranging from giving rides to appointments, vocational training, Bible study leaders, custodial & administrative tasks, prayer partners, and overall encouragement.
- **Financial Support:** Make checks payable to "FOF" and memo "Refuge for Women," or give online at refugeforwomen.org
- **For more information:** Visit www.refugeforwomen.org or contact Juli Chaffee at juli@chaffee.com

Salam Christian Fellowship: Salam witnesses and ministers to Muslims and Middle-Eastern immigrants in Chicago's western suburbs. Many come fleeing the turmoil in the Middle East – including religious and political persecution – with little resources and poor English language skills.

- **Parameters:** Assist Hicham Chehab, founding and lead pastor of Salam who is a former Muslim from Lebanon, in witnessing the gospel and helping newly arrived families acclimate to American life.
- **Contact:** Hicham Chehab at hicham@salamchristianfellowship.org
- **Financial Support:** Make checks payable to “FOF” and memo “Salam.”
- **For more information:** Visit salamchristianfellowship.org

In addition, FOF partners with the [Northern IL Food Bank](#), [Faith Lutheran High School](#), and the [Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod](#) in spreading the gospel and in compassion and relief efforts locally and globally.