

FAQ's about Good Works from Lena VanAusdle and Victor Kubik August 16, 2017

1. How is GW organized? What do we call the group? Advisory Committee? What is the correct term? Names. What is the Mission? How much to outside vs inside.

--Good Works is managed by a team. Lena VanAusdle is the coordinator (everything filters through me – proposals, disbursing funds, maintaining receipts/budgets).

--I receive all of the proposals and present them to the “team,” that guides the decision making process.

--Besides the coordinator and Victor Kubik there are four team members (Milan Bizic, Sarah Bizic, Chelsea Dawe, and Rudy Rangel).

--The purpose of Good Works is to provide an organized way for brethren to help others (primarily those in the Church) who face unusual, emergency situations that could not be anticipated or budgeted for.

--How we classify our projects will determine how “inside” or “outside” they are. If we count the Eagle’s Nest projects as “inside” (since the project encompasses the local Guatemalan congregation as well) then 99% are “inside.” However, since we do work at the Eagle’s Nest Orphanage for the majority of that time, approximately 75% of projects are “inside” with 25% being outside.

2. Lena VanAusdle is the Coordinator. Reports to Victor Kubik

3. How do we determine the projects? When do we announce for people to submit requests? Once a year? Twice a year?

--How we receive requests depends on the situation. For projects that are non-emergency we announce (in the enews, and on Facebook) twice a year that we will be accepting project proposals (we aim for deadlines of May 31 and November 30). We request that proposals are approved by local ministry before submission. If there is an emergency situation we accept proposals at any time.

--See separate document that guides our decision making process in choosing projects. |

4. How do you receive reports about the financing of GW.

--We receive monthly updates from Connie Seelig with donation totals. I monitor balances through Jake Trone. We always maintain at least \$10,000 in the Good Works account for natural disaster relief

5. How long does it take to fund a project? We know that this is variable, but typically, what do we do when people ask about it.

--This definitely depends on the project. Some projects will be 100% funded within a month, but we generally allow six months of financing. The majority of our donations are general in nature, and this gets divided amongst unfunded projects.

6. Can you explain how Youth Corps is worked into GW?

--United Youth Corps is the volunteer aspect of our outreach efforts.

From the old website:

Young adults have the energy and freedom from certain family responsibilities that can allow them to serve in ways that may not be possible later in life.

Participating in service projects is an excellent way to form character, to learn the joys of giving and to prepare for further service opportunities. With this in mind, the [United Church of God, an International Association](#), has begun United Youth Corps with various service opportunities.

Youth Corps is designed to help motivated and desirous young adults (*ages 18-35*) connect with the work of the Church through service. This dimension of leadership will be awakened and directed toward the vision of the coming kingdom of God in which Christians will be helping rebuild the waste places of the earth and assisting God in serving humanity.

Following is the Mission Statement and Outcomes of the United Church of God's effort to serve the leadership training and experiential needs of our young adults—the next generation of leaders within the Church:

Mission Statement

Our mission is to help our young adults envision and prepare for the coming Kingdom of God. This would be accomplished by helping them to identify with the international nature of the Body of Christ, and with their role in the work of the Church

Although United Youth Corps is primarily for adults aged 18-35 we do consider older individuals, but those in the target demographic are given preference.

7. A few words about the new Website?

--The new website brings more visibility to the projects that we are highlighting, and provides the familiar (uniform) look of the rest of our websites.

8. Some of the most notable current accomplishments.

--Since 2013 we've had around 100 volunteers travel to 10 different countries (from six different countries). This has created connections between people and congregations.

--In the last three years we've provided (along with LifeNets) a borehole well to a rural Brazilian congregation/village. We've provided education and tools for sustainable farming practices in Brazil. We've provided buses for congregations in Africa, churches in Africa, water tanks for Feast sites in Africa. We've helped put a roof on a house for an elderly couple. We've provided volunteers to teach English and Leadership skills to church members and the local community in Chile and Argentina. We've provided volunteers for summer camps in Jamaica, Brazil, St. Lucia, South Africa, Nigeria, and Ghana. In 2013 we provided over \$100,000 for emergency relief and rebuilding efforts in the Philippines following the typhoon Haiyan.

In the past five years (not including donations specifically for hurricane Haiyan in 2013) we have nearly doubled our yearly donations.

9. Anything else?

--On a more personal note; through Good Works and United Youth Corps we've had young adults become invested in the international nature of the work of the Church; and in the Church itself.