



CALVARY CHURCH
MISSIONS &
OUTREACH

Community
Ministries

POVERTY, ECONOMIC DECLINE, ILLITERACY, HOMELESSNESS, HUNGER...

All of these are issues in our local community. As Christ's ambassadors, where do we start to help make a difference in the lives of people facing these issues? Believing that God calls us to compassion and advocacy, Calvary Church has specifically chosen to reach out with the message of Christ's love to the:

- * Poor and oppressed
- * People who are displaced from their homes or home lands
- * Developmentally disabled
- * Women and children in our local community

Our desire is to meet their physical and emotional needs so that we can share with them about their most critical need: knowing Christ as their Lord and Savior. This catalog outlines a list of the organizations that Calvary Church partners with in our community to address these issues. Also included is a contact for you to connect with to learn about serving opportunities within an organization that interests you.

THE POOR AND OPPRESSED

Our goal in reaching out to the poor in the core of our city is to bring hope and help through education and mentoring as we serve those in need. We seek to help individuals and families reach their full potential as members of God's family by demonstrating Christ's love through deeds of compassion.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

Camp Beechpoint – This camp provides a quality Christian camping experience to urban youth with the purpose of demonstrating Christ's love, presenting the gospel and providing an environment for learning and practicing Christ-like principles.

Contact: Mike Still - backyard@iserv.net
Website: beechpoint.com

Mel Trotter Ministries – Mel Trotter serves the homeless, victims of drug addiction and the unemployed in West Michigan through a Christ-centered, holistic program of crisis intervention and Biblical counseling to restore them to a right relationship with God, their families and society.

Contact: Dona DenBoer - djdona@comcast.net
Website: meltrotter.org

Urban Family Ministries - Urban Family Ministries exists to provide "hands on" ministry to serve urban families of Grand Rapids to meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

Contact: Marla Broek - ibweb@comcast.net
Website: urbanfamilyministries.org

Urban Transformation Ministries - UTM exists to redeem inner-city youth, families and communities (specifically in the Belknap-Lookout, South Creston and Highland Park areas) with the transforming gospel of Christ and to develop leaders who will impact their neighborhood for Christ through small groups, sports and one-on-one ministry.

Contact: Don Marrell - donmarrell@comcast.net
Website: utmgr.org

Degage Ministries - This ministry in the Heartside neighborhood seeks to reflect the love of Christ by building relationships and offering programs that foster dignity and respect. Volunteer opportunities range from office work to food preparation, and mentoring to special event planning.

Contact: John Rosier - tallboy2@comcast.net
Website: degageministries.org



DISPLACED PEOPLE

Our goal for those who have been displaced from their homes through imprisonment, refugee status, immigration or natural disasters is to develop supportive relationships that provide physical, emotional, social, educational and spiritual help during a time of adjusting to different life circumstances.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

Hispanic Ministry-Iglesia Emanuel - Our desire to reach the Hispanic population has fostered our partnership with Iglesia Emanuel, where we are involved with English as a Second Language, computer classes and assisting the church as it ministers in the local Hispanic community.

Contact: Corey Venti – cventi@cc.mi.org

Health Intervention Services brings Christ's healing to the medically uninsured through the collaborative provision of medical and dental services, counseling and spiritual care. They serve many Hispanic people in southwest Grand Rapids. Volunteers are healthcare professionals and office workers.

Contact: Susie Oviatt-oviatt4@comcast.net
Website: hisgr.org

Forgotten Man Ministry - FMM works within local jails in Michigan by providing chaplains, inmate rehabilitation and religious programs. Follow-up help for inmates and their families and volunteer opportunities exist for the community to assist in this work.

Contact: Todd Bradford – TRBradford@comcast.net
Website: forgottenman.org

Chaplaincy Services provides compassionate care to hurting people in both healthcare and workplace settings. Trained chaplains build a relationship of trust and respect as they help people navigate life's challenges.

Contact: Don Kosten – junekosten@comcast.net
Website: chaplaincyservices.com

Community Emergency Response Team - This is a future goal that the Community Ministries Team will develop and implement

Refugee Ministry - This is a future goal where Calvary Church seeks to develop ministry opportunities to reach out to immigrants and refugees. Our hope is that those who have returned from short term mission trips can use their skills with these people groups.



DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

Our goal is to reach out to those who experience disabilities in their physical, mental, or emotional development, by coming alongside of them to allow them to experience the love of Christ.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

David's House provides adult foster care homes and supportive services for individuals with developmental disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury. Their objective is to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of each individual in a way that is honoring to God.

Contact: Jim and Lee Kingma - jameshkingma@comcast.net
Website: davidshouseministries.org

King's Table Ministry reaches out to differently-abled adults to share the love and life changing message of Jesus Christ with them, their families, and caregivers.

Contact: Sally Gallagher - sallyktm@gmail.com

Servant Center works to enhance the reputation of our Lord Jesus Christ through the provision of high quality, relationship-based street outreach and ongoing support services to mentally ill poor and homeless people in our community.

Contact: Tom Ellsworth - ellsworth.tom@gmail.com
Website: servantscenter.org

WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Our goal is to reach and disciple women and children, especially those experiencing suffering due to abuse or a crisis situation in their life. We seek to provide them with the tools they need to move forward and to provide mentoring opportunities for them.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

Safe Haven provides domestic violence services offering residential emergency shelter and non-residential services including counseling, support groups, case management, advocacy and children's trauma workshops. Their outreach programs bring education and prevention initiatives to agencies, schools, businesses and churches in the community.

Contact: Carol Keller – cskeller@charter.net

Website: safehavenministries.org

Pregnancy Resource Center is a Christ-centered, pro-life ministry working to demonstrate God's character as they protect pre-born children, meet the needs of those unprepared for pregnancy, help heal lives affected by abortion and challenge people to embrace a Biblical view of sexuality.

Contact: Gaylen Demarest - gdemarest@michigancpas.org

Website: prcforlife.org

Garden of Hope is a memorial garden for the post-abortive community. Located in Restlawn Memorial Park, 3450 Eastern Avenue, this site offers a place of comfort and healing for those experiencing great loss due to abortion. It offers the opportunity to mourn privately and to experience the reality of God's love. Information is provided for anyone seeking further counseling.

Contact: Julie Stoutjesdyk – farmon3corners@juno.com

Website: gardenofhopememorial.com

Child Evangelism Fellowship ministers to children with the purpose of evangelizing boys and girls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, discipling them in the Word of God and channeling them into a local church for Christian living.

Contact: Mark Potter - markpotter7@yahoo.com

Website: cefonline.com

Youth for Christ Grand Rapids reaches young people in every people group, in every nation to raise up followers of Jesus Christ. Often working in school settings, activities are planned to provide opportunities that will allow students to make an informed decision to be a follower of Christ.

Contact: Shane and Kim Thorsen – kthorsen@grar.com
Website: gryfc.org





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