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***IN 2022***





## How To Connect

Our staff would love to help you connect to the volunteers and staff leaders who help make these ministries happen. If you have questions or are ready for the next step, give us a call or send us a quick note:

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# *22 Ways to Serve in 2022*

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**A list of local missions and ministries  
and how you can find your place to serve.**



# THIS TIME THIS PLACE HIS PURPOSE

Trevor Brown



“From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’”

Acts 17:26-28

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In those powerful days following the resurrection, John's gospel tells us that Jesus appeared to his disciples in a locked upper room. Standing before men and women He had trained, equipped, and mentored—His disciples—Jesus proclaimed: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21) With this, He breathed on them, telling them to receive the Holy Spirit. Jesus' command was clear: His disciples were to go and teach others about Jesus and His message in the same way that Jesus Himself had taught them.

They were to become witnesses to the redeeming and reconciling work of God in the world. As the Father sent Jesus, He also sends us into our time and culture. In Acts 17, Paul teaches that God has marked out the places and times of our lives so that some might seek God and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him. Each of us has been uniquely called and equipped for a purpose. To the Corinthians, Paul puts it this way: "We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us." Here we are: in this time, in this place, but for what purpose?

The good news of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ addresses every part of our lives that has been marred by sin and death. Likewise, we have sought to live out a gospel that cares for whole people. The love of Christ has compelled us to love our community and to share the hope of Christ with all we encounter. The missions, ministries, and partners found in these pages are a glimpse of the depth of the love of God, the power of the saving cross of Christ, and the richness of the calling of Christian life.

It's our hope that this resource can help you consider how your gifts and time and place can join in the redeeming work of God this year. For that reason, this list focuses almost entirely on kingdom work here in Amarillo, in our local community.

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."



# |01| Perkins Community Center



Pack, sort, or interview at our food and clothing ministry.

The Perkins Center is the food and clothing ministry of FBC and is open every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:00-10:45am. Clients come each week for food assistance and are able to shop our clothing room. More volunteers are currently needed to sort food deliveries, pack food, hand out food boxes, interview clients, or sort clothing donations during those open hours.



In 2020, nearly 2,000 families received items from the food pantry, impacting around 5,600 individuals.



Monthly totals show that 300-500 people will receive food assistance every month through the ministry of the Perkins Center.



Donations of food items or clothing can be dropped off during open hours and can also be placed in the collection bin, located in the Fellowship Hall near the elevator.

*"If you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday."*

*Isaiah 58:10*



# |02| *Margaret Wills Elementary*



## **Be one of our weekly Wills Mentors.**

We partner with Wills Elementary to fill gaps in parental support, meet needs, and help lead kids to successful futures.

Mentors will choose a regular hour every week or two to meet their student for lunch or another time during the day, as available. Some will need tutoring while others just need a friend. Join us in building transforming relationships with students, parents, and teachers.



# 03 *Fostering Hope*



**Join a community of care for foster children, parents, and agencies.**

Fostering Hope is a ministry helping children, families, and agencies in the Amarillo area who are involved in foster care and/or adoption. They provide meals, assemble beds, receive Care Portal requests, and have events for local foster agencies and parents. The ministry team usually meets the first Monday night of the month and communicates ongoing ministry regularly.



If you have a desire or passion for these special kids and families, there are many ways to participate: from group meetings to a closet full of supplies to care boxes for college students and respite care for parents.



The Fostering Hope Care Closet helps meet the physical needs of children in our area by sorting donations and responding to needs submitted by agencies through the Care Portal.



In 2021, the Fostering Hope College Care Box Ministry was granted the "Community Resource of the Year" award by the Texas Council of Child Welfare Board.

## |04| *International Friends ESL*



**Volunteer or teach in our weekly International Friends ESL classes.**

FBC volunteers provide an English as Second Language program to internationals, newcomers, and refugees in our community. Volunteers can teach, assist, or serve elsewhere. Classes range from basis ABC's to advanced conversation, as well as citizenship test readiness and other needed skills.

Volunteers are needed for weekly Fall/Spring sessions that meet either Sundays, 4:00pm-5:30pm, or Thursdays, 10:00am-12:00pm.



## **|05| Drive a van**

Transportation is a key to this ministry. Keeping a regular schedule of van drivers helps to ensure that our newest neighbors have access to these vital services and loving community. Van drivers provide transportation preceding and following classes.

*"The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt."*

*Leviticus 19:34*



*Through nearly 200 registered and certified CWJC/CMJC sites across the nation, thousands of women and men each year gain hope for their future.*



# |06| *Christian Job Corps*



**Mentor, teach, or volunteer in a job and life skills program.**

Christian Men's and Women's Job Corps helps adult students receive job skills training, mentoring, relapse prevention, and connects them with great employment opportunities. Volunteers, teachers, and mentors are always needed. The 10-12 week sessions begin every Spring and Fall.



Within the context of a Christian community, caring allies and knowledgeable instructors provide tools and support to help our participants make progress toward the educational and employment dreams and goals.



The classes cover the following: getting and keeping a job, college admissions, saving money, getting out of debt, studying the Bible, interviewing, resume writing, how to type, computer skills, and better relationships.



Our prayer is that our participants' lives will be transformed in a way only God can, and, after leaving us, they are one step closer to becoming the men and women God has created and designed them to be.

## |07| *High Plains Food Bank*



### **Serve at the area food bank**

Our area food bank is essential to alleviating hunger. Volunteers help in The Garden, sort food in the product recovery warehouse, or help serve a meal in Kids Cafe.

Product recovery volunteers inspect, sort, and repack donated food, so it can be distributed across the Texas Panhandle.

## |08| *Heal the City*



### **Help at Heal the City**

Heal the City provides free quality medical care and referral services with dignity and compassion to the uninsured of our community and is currently accepting volunteers who are able to commit to at least 6 months of service. The clinic has specific volunteer opportunities available each quarter and hosts monthly orientations for new volunteers.



# 109 | *Snack Pak 4 Kids*



## **Pack or deliver for Snack Pak 4 Kids**

"Kids can change the world when they're full." That's why every Friday of the year, Snack Pak 4 Kids provides kids with reliable, nutritious food over the weekend so they can succeed.

FBC packs and serves the needs at Glenwood Elementary. Come help our volunteers pick up food, sort it, package it, and deliver it to the school to be placed in students' backpacks.



# |10| *Refugee Ministry*

**Help welcome and support our city's newest arrivals**

First Baptist Church works diligently to care for the physical, social, and spiritual needs of our newest neighbors. In addition to weekly worship and Bible study for all ages, FBC mobilizes volunteers to help ease the resettlement process by delivering basic household items, forming relationships, providing education, and building support systems.





## |11| Welcome Kits

FBC helps to provide a full set of basic housewares for new arrivals in our city. Welcome Kits are clear plastic tubs filled with new household items that provide refugees the starting essentials needed in their new homes. Find a the kit list on our website to donate or host a drive from home.



## |12| Welcome Teams

Volunteer Welcome Teams partner with a refugee family during their first six months in Amarillo. Welcome Teams connect refugees with critical resources and community, act as a support system, and love and honor refugees with the gift of friendship. This is a great way for your group, class, or family to serve.



## |13| *Colorful Closets*



### **Collect and donate clothing**

Colorful Closets is dedicated to providing clothing/mini-wardrobes for children in need, right here in our community. They collect, organize, and distribute clothing throughout the area. Need a place to send your best hand-me-downs? Think about planning a time for your family to bring or buy quality clothing for the closet, or get in contact to find a time to help. Look out for a blue bag collection and other opportunities to donate.

## |14| *Hope Choice*



### **Volunteer at local pregnancy centers**

Do you have a heart for helping women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy? Hope Choice Pregnancy Centers offer a full range of services, including partnership opportunities in which they train, equip and oversee programs being implemented in your community or school system.

*"Now faith is the certainty of things hoped for, a proof of things not seen."*

*Hebrews 11:1*



# 15 | Refugee Language Project



## Be a host and helper at the PLACE

The PLACE is a brand new community center operated by Refugee Language Project. Volunteers go there to help refugees with conversational English, teach other classes, or make cross-cultural connections. You can also serve as a “host” and just help keep the place welcoming while you make new friends.

You might also connect with additional mentoring, table talk, or refugee-focused programs.



RLP exists so that individuals from refugee communities in the Amarillo area are increasingly flourishing as they confidently interact with the world around them, enabling them to honor God with their lives.



They accomplish this vision by removing language barriers, honoring cultures, overcoming relational and emotional hurdles to build leaders, facilitating systemic solutions for long-term issues, and engaging with local churches.



By studying languages and teaching English, RLP accomplishes a long-term vision of cultivating community. We do this because God urges us in Scripture to love the foreigners among us and show compassion to them.

# |16| *The PARC*



## Take a trip to the PARC

The Panhandle Adult Rebuilding Center is a caring, relational place where those experiencing homelessness become aware of life's possibilities. Most volunteers spend their time meeting and getting to know the members. These relationships empower members to take a next step towards their possibilities. Any number of talents can be used to lead group classes, such as art, creative writing, life skills, financial knowledge, anger management, and Hope Recovery.



# |17| 4 Amarillo Mission Week



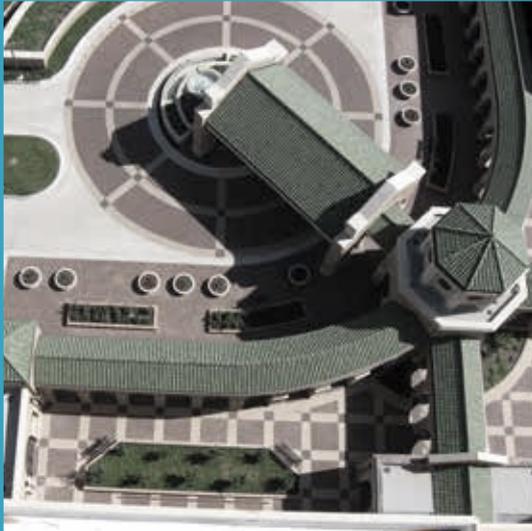
## Make a mission trip happen in your city

Each year four downtown churches partner together for missions and ministry. Once a year, the 4Amarillo partnership provides a week full of ministry for our Amarillo community. Is your family flexible in the summer? Could you take off work for an intentional week of missions in our city?

4Amarillo mission week needs food servers, kids' activities, Bible lessons, crafts, outreach, set up, and more.



## |18| *Sundays at FBC*



### Make our weekly worship and Bible study possible

Every week a host of volunteers rotate to make our Sunday School and worship schedule a blessing to so many. Our department directors, teachers, and care leaders are so essential for all ages.

We also need drivers for our 'first ride' golf cart shuttles, help with parking, and greeters at doors.

## |19| *Prison and Jail Ministry*

### Visit local prisons and jails to share

Our prison ministry teams work diligently to visit and share with inmates at both county and state institutions. Volunteers can connect with regular ministry and annual events. They lead women's Bible studies and use curriculum designed to help inmates in both Texas Department of Criminal Justice units to become authentic Christian men.



*"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."*

*1 Chronicles 16:24*



## |20| *FBC Partnership Missions*



### **Give to our annual missions offerings**

From a church plant on the West Coast to a boys home in Beirut, to women's ministry in Zambia, FBC's **Partnership Missions Fund** empowers ministries around the world in gospel work. Stewarded by staff and our missions committee, your gifts to the FBC fund during our annual missions offerings go directly to kingdom ministries we support, whether international or local.

## |21| *Autos, Bikes, and Computers*



### **Donate, distribute and help**

In addition to other benevolence, several volunteers at FBC help coordinate the acquisition, and distribution of vehicles. This ministry expanded to bikes and computers. To date, they've received over 160 vehicles and even more computers, helping to offer them to those with significant need. Volunteers willing to administrate or serve in this process can help greatly with life-changing gifts.

# |22| Short-Term Mission Trips

## Serve on a team

To participate in the global mission of God, we partner with church plants, missions organizations, and other ministries through short-term mission trips. These trips are made possible through the faithful giving and continual prayers of our people. Begin praying for open doors and your role in upcoming mission trip opportunities.

Trips in recent years have included Brazil, China, Hungary, South Africa, Dominican Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Guatemala, and Sudan, to name a few. You can learn more about these upcoming trips like these on our website:

## Zambia

Alongside a local church partner, this team will work to reach a community in Lusaka, Zambia, minister to children, lead Bible studies, support a rescued girls' shelter, assist feeding programs, and other programs utilizing the team's skills.



## Lebanon

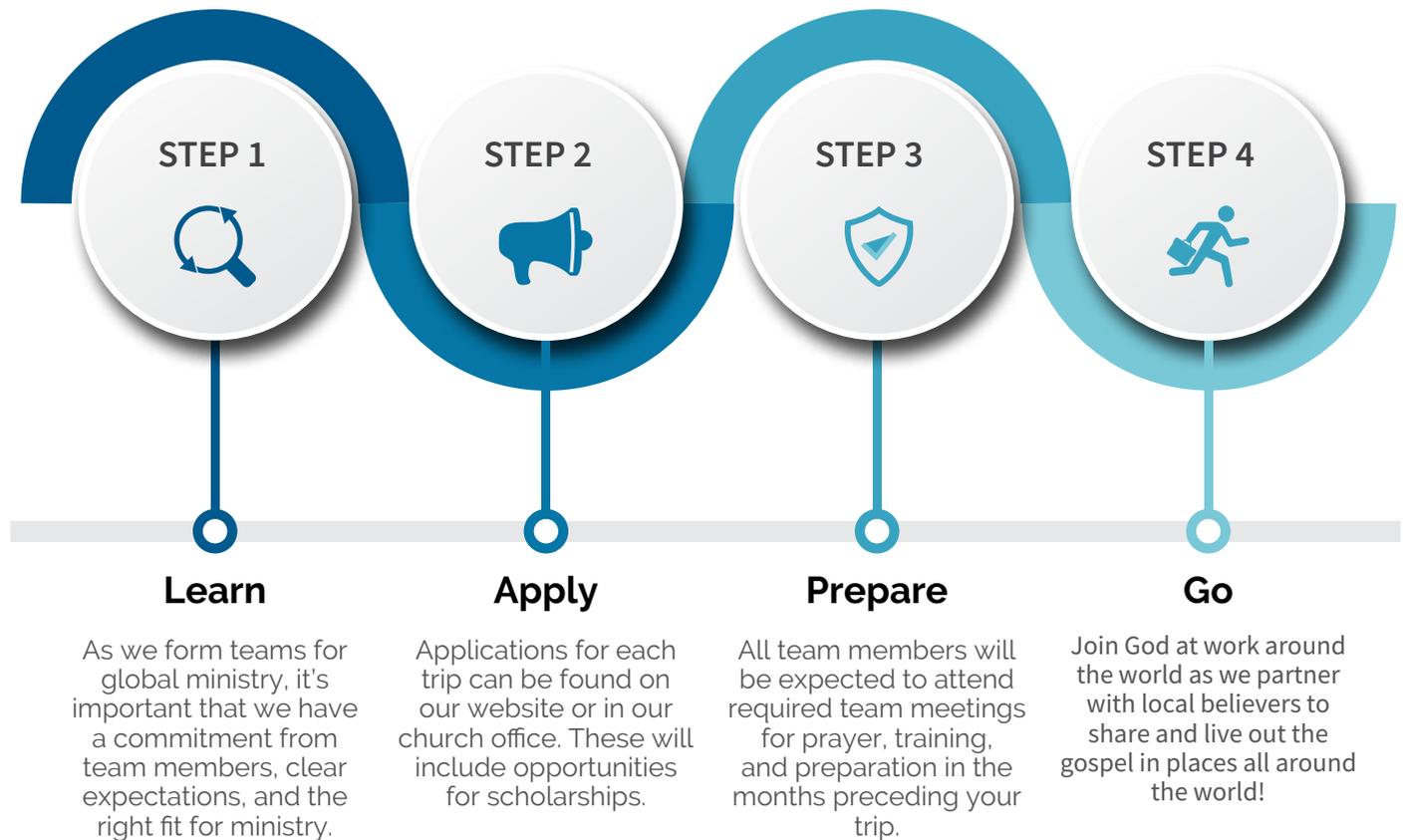
Our mission partners and missionaries assist in the daily ministry of Dar El Awlad children's home outside of Beirut, Lebanon. This team will provide a weekday camp for kids, offer a women's conference, visit refugee families, and support staff at the ministry center.





## How To Go

If you're expecting to be a part of an international trip, you should acquire a passport and follow these simple steps:





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*"He said to them, 'Go into  
all the world and preach  
the gospel to all creation.'"*

*Mark 16:15*