

Dear Friends,

Welcome to 2018! Each year, we create this week-by-week prayer guide of our MDPC Outreach Partners and hope that it will inspire you in both your prayer life, as well as in how you might be able to participate in His Kingdom work.

The ministries and organizations listed in this book serve individuals and communities that have great physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, and to care for them, they need our prayers and our help. Whether it's by stocking groceries, reading to a second grader, folding laundry, teaching ESL, encouraging those serving overseas, or helping drill a well for clean drinking water, you can demonstrate God's love and share the hope found in a redemptive relationship with Jesus Christ.

As you pray for and learn about our ministry partners, we encourage you to listen to God for where you might be called to go deeper in what He is doing in our neighborhood, our city, or around the world. And throughout the year, we hope you will remember this rich resource to either share with someone in need or to find a place where your gifts might be a blessing.

May God's grace and blessings abound in your prayers and service,

Amy Delgado

Outreach Ministries Director

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

A 2nd Cup

A 2nd Cup is a community coffee shop raising awareness, holding strategic meetings with other anti-trafficking groups, and eventually providing aftercare resources for survivors of human trafficking.

a2ndcup.com

Agape Development Ministries

Agape prepares young adults age 18 to 30 for success in life, working to stop the cycle of poverty from continuing to the next generation. Mentors, job training, and transitional housing equip clients to attain financial health and the life skills necessary for success. Agape is committed to bringing positive change and Christian love to the entire community.

agapedevelopment.org

MDPC Field Partners Reverend Andrew & Teri Adair

launched The Antioch Partners (TAP), a missionary-sending agency, in 2007 to train and equip Presbyterian cross-cultural servants, and send them into the world to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways. TAP's goals are to see people become followers of Jesus and to foster the formation of worshipping communities among the unreached.

theantiochpartners.org

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse provides support services, education, and legal representation to individuals impacted by domestic violence; battering intervention and services for individuals who commit violence; and educational curriculum to prevent violence in the future.

avda-tx.org

AIDS Foundation Houston

AIDS Foundation leads the innovative efforts in prevention of new HIV infections. It empowers individuals, families, and communities affected by HIV/AIDS to create and sustain healthy lives. Each client meets with a case manager to develop an individualized plan that includes referrals to housing, health, and employment resources.

aidshelp.org

MDPC Field Partner Urgessa works and serves in Ethiopia as the founder of Light of Hope Ministry. The vision of Light of Hope is to bring the Good News of God's love, expressed in the life and death of Jesus, to the Muslim people groups of Ethiopia, beginning with the Arssi Oromo people both in Ethiopia and in North America. We partner with Urgessa through Frontier Fellowship.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21



Aldine Family Hope Center

Aldine Family Hope Center is for residents of all ages in Aldine, a low-income, unincorporated, often-overlooked area of Harris County. Its educational, vocational, social, recreational, and spiritual programs empower positive change in the lives of youth and families.

aldineyouth.org

Alpha Houston

Alpha Houston trains, equips, and encourages Christian communities to effectively utilize the Alpha Course as an evangelism tool. This discipleship program is taken to churches, homes, business and – more recently – prisons/jails with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

alphahouston.org

MDPC Field Partner Jeff Burns has a call on his life to reach North American Muslims with the love of Jesus Christ. He and his family live in Raleigh, North Carolina, where Jeff teaches Christians ways to reach out in friendship to Muslims in peaceful, respectful witness. He has trained Presbyterian Church members in the U.S. and around the world.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Amazing Place

Amazing Place is an interactive, affirming, state-of-the-art daytime wellness center for adults with mild to moderate memory loss. Its programs serve participants age 51 to 98 who suffer from Alzheimer's or related dementia, and their care-giving families.

amazingplacehouston.org



Arms Wide Adoption (formerly Spaulding for Children)

Arms Wide Adoption is an adoption, foster care, and post-adoption ministry helping to build nurturing families for children who have endured abuse, neglect, or abandonment. It specializes in placing older children, sibling groups, minority children, and children with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities.

armswideadoption.org

MDPC Field Partners Steve and Natalie Hall base their ministry in Alaska and the Northern Territory. Working through SEND North, the Hall family focuses on the unreached people of the 60-70 parallel, who deal with elevated depression, alcoholism, and suicide rates. The Hall's ministry spreads the light of Jesus into dark places to bring hope and healing.

send.org/north

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4



Back 2 Basics Ministry

Back 2 Basics brings the love of God to forgotten teenagers living on the streets and in shelters, foster homes, and mental facilities. It provides consistent and loving relationships that help address each teen's unique spiritual, emotional, and material needs.

b2bministry.com

Be An Angel

Started in 1986 by a parent at T.H. Rogers School, Be An Angel improves the quality of life for children living with multiple disabilities or profound deafness. It provides adaptive equipment, school programs, and specialized services.

beanangel.org

MDPC Field Partners Chris and Jamie moved to the Middle East in 2012 to work in community development and share their faith in Jesus while building relationships with their new neighbors. The couple met while serving in Iraq and Jordan. Pray for Chris, Jamie, their two children, and their team to be strengthened by God as they learn the language and share His love and grace with everyone He places in their path.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The Beacon

The Beacon provides hot meals, showers, laundry service, and case management to over 300 clients each day. These essential services meet both the most basic and critical needs of Houston under-served and homeless clients.

beaconhomeless.org

Bo's Place

Bo's Place provides grief support to children and their families who have experienced the death of a parent or sibling. It offers community education and training to professionals and volunteers who work with children and families in grief. Bo's Place has offsite support groups in Gulfton, East End, and Katy.

bosplace.org

MDPC Field Partners Steve and Barbara Johnson serve in Budapest, Hungary, through Youth With a Mission. The Johnsons operate a coffeehouse that serves as an evangelism center, reaching out to the Budapest community with music and conversation that sparks spiritual discussion.

ywambudapest.hu

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Boys and Girls Country

Boys and Girls Country helps children of families in crisis by loving and nurturing them in a Christian environment, helping them grow up to become self-sustaining and contributing adults.

boysandgirlscountry.org

Bridges to Life

Bridges to Life ministers to prisoners and victims by showing them the transforming power of God's love and forgiveness. It connects communities to prisons in an effort to reduce the recidivism rate (particularly to violent crimes) and number of crime victims, and enhance public safety.

bridgestolife.org

An MDPC Partner living in New York is building relationships for the Kingdom and sharing the Gospel, within the Bangladeshi community. Please pray for God to cover this family, to keep them safe and healthy, and to strengthen them as they reveal Christ's grace by connecting with immigrants and sharing stories of Jesus.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25



Camp Aranzazu

Camp Aranzazu is a year-round barrier-free camp located on Copano Bay. There, the lives of children and adults with chronic illnesses and disabilities are enriched by environmental study and unique camping and retreat experiences.

camparanzazu.org

Camp Blessing Texas

Camp Blessing shows the love of Christ to people with disabilities and their siblings in a summer camp setting. The Camp believes children should enjoy experiencing the love of Christ in a beautiful camp setting, no matter what their level of ability!

campblessing.org

MDPC Field Partners Tihomir and Christine Kukolja direct Renewing Our Minds (ROM), a reconciliation program in Croatia that brings together different faiths, ethnicities, and cultures in the Balkan region by sharing how following the teachings of Jesus transforms lives. Participants in the ROM program are chosen based on leadership potential, with the hope that they will return to their home countries and impact their spheres of influence.

forumforleadership.blogspot.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

Camp For All

Camp For All is a unique, barrier-free camp in Burton, 85 miles north of Houston. It works in partnership with other nonprofits to enrich the lives of individuals with special needs and those affected by challenging illnesses.

campforall.org



CanCare of Houston

CanCare provides one-on-one, long-term emotional support to cancer patients and their families. Cancer survivors volunteer to work with newly diagnosed patients, listening to and encouraging them. Volunteers also visit cancer patients and their family members in 18 hospitals and clinics.

cancare.org

MDPC Field Partner Dr. M and his family are called to reach the unreached for Jesus Christ. Dr. M practices and teaches dentistry while sharing the Good News of Jesus with tribes living in abject poverty in South Asia. There, the 98% Muslim population has the least amount of dental care in the world. Please pray for their ministry and family's health as they continue working in their community.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Family Alliance

Candlelighters offers emotional, educational, and practical support to children with cancer and their families. It also provides Medical Center parking vouchers, a major expense that parents of these children face.

candle.org

Casa de Esperanza de los Niños

Casa de Esperanza is a loving home for children who are in crisis due to drug abuse, neglect, or the effects of HIV. Casa provides residential care, and coordinates medical and psychological services according to the needs of each child.

casahope.org

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Dan McNerney works with Frontier Fellowship, which seeks to bring the Gospel to unreached people groups all over the world. He has led MDPC members on mission in Egypt and other areas of the Middle East. Dan also leads friendship groups in Chicago, which gather Christians, Muslims, and Jews to dialogue on Kingdom life, reconciliation, and the teachings of Jesus.

newsfromthefrontier.com



SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Casa El Buen Samaritano

Casa El Buen shares the love of Jesus Christ while providing whole-person (body, soul, and spirit) healthcare to low-income and uninsured Houstonians. Volunteer nurses and doctors treat patients for a number of general health issues, including women's health, diabetes, and hypertension.

casaelbuen.org

Child Advocates

Child Advocates trains and supports volunteer caseworkers to handle court-appointed abuse and neglect cases of Houston children. In 2017, it helped more than 2,350 children, but there are thousands more young victims lost in the system who need advocates.

childadvocates.org

MDPC Field Partner Alyssa is living and working in South Asia among high-caste Hindus, sharing the gospel with them and meeting their families. Her aim is to start ongoing house churches all over the city. Their prayer is that the Gospel will trickle down from the high caste to the most forgotten street children.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

ChildBuilders

ChildBuilders promotes healthy social and emotional development of children in pre-school through high school. Its services and prevention programs build strong families and protect children from being victimized.

childbuilders.org

Children's Activity Center

Children's Activity Center reaches at-risk children with a mobile interactive worship program that brings the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Houston's most impoverished areas. Its volunteers begin to identify needs of the kids' families through weekly home visits.

sgnh.org

MDPC Field Partner in Central Asia. This MDPC partner family focuses their ministry on reaching those who have not yet heard about or encountered Jesus Christ. They demonstrate God's love and power within the community and work with local believers on training and modeling church planting. They leverage their creation of a local business to build community and spread the love of Jesus.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Cho-Yeh Camp and Conference Center

Established in 1947 by Presbytery of New Covenant, Cho-Yeh Christian Camp in Livingston, Texas, is a place where Jesus Christ transforms lives through meaningful relationships and outdoor adventures.

cho-yeh.org

CCSC Martha's Way

Martha's Way is a vocational training program offered by Christian Community Service Center that helps low-income women increase their earning potential through education and hands-on training. It offers the support they need to begin and operate a professional housekeeping business.

ccshouston.com

MDPC Field Partners Reverends David and Kim and their team train and coach church leaders and new Christians in Asia, and connect them to resources and curriculum. Pray for Dave and Kim and their two children as they build community and future mission plans. Pray that God would continue to go before them in every way, helping them build new support systems and connections for ministry.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

College of Biblical Studies

The College of Biblical Studies (CBS) offers a nationally accredited theological curriculum taught by highly qualified faculty. Due to low tuition rates and the availability of need-based scholarships, financial aid, and flexible class schedules, CBS helps many students who otherwise might not be able to successfully obtain college degrees.

cbshouston.edu

Cornerstone Family Ministries

Cornerstone is a multicultural, faith-based nonprofit in Spring Branch that believes when parents do well, their children do well. It partners with churches to address practical and spiritual needs in a less threatening setting outside the institutional church.

cfmhouston.org



African Enterprise

AE is a global partnership that believes in a bright future for Africa under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Its aim is to proclaim the Gospel to the residents of Africa's major cities, making a special effort to reach the continent's leaders, since Godly governance can result in major transformations of whole countries. Through evangelism, reconciliation, leadership training, relief, and community

development, AE ministers to often overlooked community crises, such as AIDS, infant mortality, street children, and polluted water.

africanenterprise.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

East Spring Branch Food Pantry

East Spring Branch Food Pantry is a small, completely volunteer-run organization. Located at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, they distribute food five days per week to families residing in 77055, 77043, 77024, 77092, and 77080 zip codes.

eastspringbranchfoodpantry.com



Easter Seals: Adults With Disabilities

Easter Seals ministers to adults with a range of physical and cognitive disabilities, most of who are low to extremely low income and have few (if any) opportunities for activities or social engagement. They meet weekly at MDPC for yoga, ceramics, speakers, and lunch. The needs of mentally and physically disabled adults in Houston far exceed the available resources.

eastersealshouston.org

The Antioch Partners

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theantiochpartners.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

ECHOS

Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services, or ECHOS, an outreach of Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, is a faith-based organization serving the vulnerable and at-risk. It educates and provides support for them to gain access to healthcare, education, and job training. Collaborating with providers, ECHOS offers health screenings, a food pantry, ESL classes, and more for families in their community.

echos-houston.org

ESCAPE Family Resource Center

ESCAPE works to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing intervention, education, and support programs to families in crisis. It teaches families techniques to prevent violence in the home, especially the emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of children.

learntoparent.org

Berea Bible Institute | Monterrey, Mexico

This small Bible college began as one family's dream to educate young leaders in Scripture. Students are ingrained with a love for serving their communities and for teaching those communities to reach out in service to their neighbors. Each year, graduates are sent into remote parts of Mexico where they lead churches and teach the sacrificial love of Christ through the way they live.

institutoberea.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 29



Faithful Fathering

Faithful Fathering encourages and equips dads to become the true heroes of the next generation by sensitizing men and their families to the impact a father has on his children. Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and father figures are encouraged to establish the legacy of rearing a godly generation.

faithfulfathering.org

Faithwalking

Faithwalking is a ministry that serves Christians seeking to live a fully integrated, missional life, building missional communities where they live and work. There are now 50 such communities across Texas, in corporations, public schools, impoverished neighborhoods, and prisons.

faithwalking.us

Evangelical Theological Seminary | Cairo, Egypt

Almost all of the leaders of the Evangelical Church in Egypt have graduated from Evangelical Theological Seminary (ETSC). The most exciting aspect of the seminary is how it equips students to witness to the gospel of Jesus in and beyond Egypt in the midst of political and cultural transitions, especially in neighboring Sudan. Pray for the Body of Christ in Egypt, and for ETSC's Dr. Atef Gendy and his team as they share the love of Jesus.

etsc.org

SUNDAY, MAY 6

FamilyPoint Resources

Family Point Resources empowers children and families in the Nottingham Park area of West Houston to overcome the cycle of poverty. Its programs include a community library; after-school educational enrichment; art, theater and dance classes; and a full schedule of summer activities and camps.

familypointresources.com

The Forge for Families

The Forge for Families is a Christ-centered ministry that works to rebuild and strengthen distressed families in Houston's Third Ward. Its programs include Bible study, discipleship, mentoring, and tutoring.

forgeforfamilies.org

Faith In Practice | Antigua, Guatemala

Faith In Practice works to improve the physical, spiritual, and economic conditions of the poor in Guatemala through short-term medical mission trips and health education. The doctors, nurses, and dentists who volunteer on these missions are called by God to demonstrate the love and compassion that is a sign of His presence among us.

faithinpractice.org

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Freedom Place

Freedom Place is a safe house for girls age 10 to 18 who are rescued from the sex trafficking trade. These young victims receive up to 18 months of treatment to address their educational, developmental, psychological, and spiritual needs. When they are ready to move out of the treatment program to independent living, onsite housing is provided.

freedomplaceus.org

MDPC Fuente Food Pantry

The MDPC Food Pantry provides an important food resource to those in need. The Pantry serves approximately 200 families every Saturday with bagged groceries, produce, and bread. It is considered one of the more generous giving pantries in the Houston area. Twice a year, Spring Branch Family Health Clinic holds a wellness fair offering health screenings for Pantry clients.

fuelle.mdp.org



Faith Ministry | Reynosa, Mexico

Faith Ministry aims to meet the basic physical needs of families living in poverty on the Mexican border, and in so doing, it shares the love of Jesus Christ. Through home construction, medical, feeding, child sponsorship, and skills training programs, it cares for the community and makes Christ's Name known. Mission teams are invited to join Faith Ministry in its work.

faithministry.org

SUNDAY, MAY 20

The Gathering of Men

The Gathering of Men brings disciples to maturity in Jesus Christ through outreach and service. The ministry continues to grow by word of mouth as participants bring men in their lives that are important to them. Events range in size from five to 1,000, with attendees coming from all walks of life.

houstongathering.org

Generation One

Generation One furthers the spiritual growth of at-risk youth and the material rebuilding of their community, Houston's impoverished Third Ward. Its focus has expanded to include both educational and economic interventions, including an after-school program, summer camp, abstinence programs, and a community beautification project designed to show children their potential.

generationone.net

Far East Broadcasting Company

Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) communicates the Good News among the nations through various media methods to inspire people to follow Jesus Christ. They broadcast in more than 100 languages in 40 countries. FEBC focuses on meeting the spiritual needs of their listeners and seeks to reach the least reached people of the world for the Kingdom.

febc.org

SUNDAY, MAY 27

The Get Together

At this monthly networking luncheon, business people have the opportunity to build relationships with local ministries. At the luncheons, ministry needs are discussed and attendees work together to find creative solutions. This allows those who are business-minded to use the skills God has gifted them with to further His Kingdom.

thegettogether.org

Gracewood

Gracewood is a transitional housing and family care program for single mothers in crisis and their children. It exists to strengthen families that are at risk for homelessness, keep the family intact, and help them become independent.

gracewood.org



Free Wheelchair Mission

Free Wheelchair Mission (FWM) takes wheelchairs to places around the world where the impoverished disabled do not have access to mobility. FWM ministers to each recipient and shares the good news of Christ's call - that we are free in Him! Pray that a life would be transformed with each chair given and that communities would see God is good as He meets needs in tangible ways.

freewheelchairmission.org

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

His Grace Foundation

His Grace Foundation provides physical, emotional, and financial support to children receiving bone marrow transplants at Texas Children's Hospital. It also provides critical support to patients' families during the 100-day post-transplant phase, serving approximately 150 patients and families per year.

hisgracefoundation.org

Home Encouragement

Home Encouragement strengthens marriages and encourages strong families in the Greater Houston area. They offer a monthly dinner for married couples, a premarital training class, and other enrichment opportunities.

homeencouragement.org

Frontier Fellowship

God is at work in the world in unprecedented ways, and Frontier Fellowship is privileged to help churches join in what He is doing. It works with congregations and individuals to help them understand God's passion for unreached peoples, what God is doing in the world, and how they can be involved. Frontier Fellowship's goal is to see every ethnic group have its own church, reflecting its own cultural characteristics.

frontierfellowship.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

Hope and Healing Center & Institute

Hope and Healing is an outreach ministry of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, a comprehensive mental health resource offering education and awareness programs. It seeks to build and restore lives by providing free mental health support and coaching to clients, and continuing education for clergy and medical professionals.

hopeandhealingcenter.org



Hope for Youth

Hope for Youth builds and maintains long-term Christian mentoring relationships with at-risk urban youth, primarily those whose families are staying at Star of Hope shelter. It organizes weekend outreach activities and ongoing development programs. A popular event is Friday Night Live, which includes games, dinner, and a pastor-led Gospel lesson.

hopeforyouth.org

Light of Hope Ministry | Ethiopia

Through building village schools and literacy programs, Bible translation into local dialects, and the vision of a teaching hospital, Light of Hope is bringing the Good News of God's love, expressed in the life and death of Jesus, to the Muslim people groups of Ethiopia, beginning with the Arssi Oromo people both in Ethiopia and North America.

frontierfellowship.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Houston Achievement Place

Houston Achievement Place helps children and their care-providers develop the relationships and skills necessary for home, school, and life success. It provides foster care, adoption programs, and life skills classes.

h-a-p.org

Houston Food Bank

America's largest food bank in distribution to its network of nearly 600 hunger-relief charities, Houston Food Bank provides 74 million nutritious meals to food pantries, soup kitchens, senior centers, and other agencies, feeding 137,000 people each week.

houstonfoodbank.org

Living Water International

Living Water International exists to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, and experience "living water"—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst. Mission teams work in poor communities to provide a water well and hygiene education, and to share the love of Christ. Pray for LWI teams as they drill water wells in these communities.

water.cc

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Houston International Seafarers Ministry

Houston International Seafarers chaplains minister to seafarers from around the world on ships that dock in the Ports of Houston, Barbours Cut, Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Bayport.

houstonseafarers.com

Houston Presbyterian Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage exists to grow and renew faith in Jesus Christ. It presents three-day weekends that are purposefully designed for growing and renewing the faith of individuals and, through the individuals, the environments in which they live, work, and worship.

houstonpilgrimage.org

Lulwanda Children's Home | Mbale, Uganda

Grace International Children's Foundation (GICF) addresses the urgent needs of abandoned children and those left orphaned by east Africa's AIDS epidemic. MDPC teams have served at Lulwanda Children's Home, a GICF orphanage where 120 children receive love, housing, and Christian education. Many neighborhood children join the orphans for school.

ugandaorphans.org

SUNDAY, JULY 1

Help Us Grow (HUG)

HUG provides one-on-one tutorial help to at-risk second grade students at Housman Elementary School in Spring Branch ISD.

Contact Laura Bushong: laurabushong@att.net

IMPACT

IMPACT is a mentoring ministry at Spring Woods Middle School in Spring Branch ISD. MDPC members volunteer for a simple one-year commitment to visit a student weekly, but often end up staying connected with their students from when they enter mentoring in sixth grade, all the way through high school!

Contact Charlotte Adams (12102pebblebrook@gmail.com), Robin Helbling (robin.helbling@gmail.com), or Kathryn White (kwhite@mdpc.org).

The Micah Project | Tegucigalpa, Honduras

The Micah Project ministers to young men who have spent anguished childhoods in impoverished homes or on the streets of Tegucigalpa. The youths learn to become Christian leaders through discipleship, education, and service to others. The Micah Project supports these young men as they become the next Christian leaders of Honduras.

Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. - Micah 6:8

micahprojecthonduras.org

SUNDAY, JULY 8

Interface-Samaritan Counseling Centers

Interface-Samaritan provides high-quality, affordable counseling and educational services from a Christian perspective, serving men, women, and children in the Houston area who might not otherwise have access to quality mental health care

interface-samaritan.org

Interfaith Care Partners

Interfaith Care Partners provides free support to individuals with chronic health conditions. It offers respite to caregivers through their Care Teams: AIDS Care Team, Alzheimer's Care Team (MDPC's The Gathering), Second Family, and Kids' Pals.

interfaithcarepartners.org



New Life With Education | Guatemala

New Life is a Christ-centered school that provides education for disabled students through the sixth grade. These children struggle to gain an education in the overcrowded Guatemalan school system. Judy Kerschner, MDPC member and partner in ministry, designed this school to give dignity and education to students who would otherwise be forgotten.

newlifeguatemala.com

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Interfaith Ministries' Meals on Wheels

Interfaith Ministries' Meals on Wheels program serves meals to almost 4,500 homebound seniors, five days a week. It has over 3,000 volunteers who work to pack and deliver the meals.

imgh.org/meals-on-wheels

JoyRide Center

JoyRide offers equine-assisted therapy and occupational/life skills for individuals of all abilities. Through this emphasis, participants increase competence and become part of a community that facilitates the enrichment of clients, their families, and the volunteers. JoyRide operates mainly on volunteer support.

joyridecenter.org

One Eight Catalyst

One Eight Catalyst wants to see every Christian know about the Great Commission and how God is calling them to be a part of its fulfillment. It is working to finish the task of the Great Commission through rural Bible distribution, Bible translation, and theological training in Asia. The ministry is dedicated to reflecting the relevance and love of Jesus Christ as it shares the Good News.

oneeightcatalyst.org

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Kids' Meals

Texas is number one in our nation for food insecurity for children, according to Houston Food Bank. Kids' Meals provides lunches to preschool-aged children living in poverty in Harris County. It home-delivers nutritious meals free of cost, Monday through Friday, year-round. Kids' Meals serves approximately 2,700 children daily.

kidsmealshouston.org



Knitting for Missions at MDPC

Several years ago, a group of women who enjoy knitting decided to knit for others. It began by knitting dolls for child patients in Guatemala (distributed by Faith in Practice) and shawls for MDPC members under the care of Caring Ministries. Now its gifts have been expanded to include premie caps for babies at Ben Taub Hospital, sweaters for Guatemalan children in mountain villages, and caps and scarves for Houston's homeless.

Contact Sue Phipps with questions or to get involved: sbhipps@comcast.net

The Outreach Foundation

The Outreach Foundation is an independent Presbyterian global mission organization that focuses on the proclamation of the Gospel. It seeks to build the capacity of the global church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by sending missionaries, caring for vulnerable children, expanding mission support, and transforming lives by spreading the Gospel.

theoutreachfoundation.org

SUNDAY, JULY 29

LIFE Houston (Local Infant Formula for Emergencies)

LIFE provides baby food, formula, and essentials like diapers, wipes, and bottles to families in the Houston area facing difficult circumstances. The program is the primary (sometimes only) referral source for other social service agencies, hospitals, and clinics that serve children younger than one year old.

lifehouston.org

Little Angels Ministry

Little Angels Ministry provides gift bags for newborns in the high-risk nursery at Ben Taub Hospital. The bags include handmade cross-stitched T-shirts, knitted caps and booties, and a prayer request card to mail back to MDPC.

Contact Sandy Griffith with questions or to get involved: sandygriffith@gmail.com



Renewing Our Minds | Croatia

Led by MDPC field partners Tihomir and Christine Kulolja, Renewing Our Minds seeks to reconcile people of different faiths and cultures in the Balkan region by studying the teachings of Jesus. Participants are chosen based on leadership potential, with the hope they will return to their home countries and impact their spheres of influence.

forumforleadership.blogspot.com

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

Loving Houston

Loving Houston advances community transformation throughout Greater Houston by helping churches serve local schools. Its equipping sessions help form church-school partnerships, mobilizing a workforce of hundreds of thousands of volunteers to serve in ways that make a proven positive impact.

lovinghouston.net

Medical Center Apartments

This coalition of 13 churches operates apartments in the Medical Center that are leased to patients and their caregivers who are in Houston for long-term treatment. MDPC oversees nine one-bedroom apartments that provide a home-away-from-home.

Contact South Main Baptist: 713-524-2640



Transitions Foundation | Guatemala

Transitions mobilizes disabled Guatemalans through rehabilitation, education, and spiritual development. It was founded to give dignity to the disabled as they work together to make custom wheelchairs and prosthetics. The diligence of the workers and excellent design of their products give new life to many with disabilities.

transitionsfoundation.org

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Memorial Assistance Ministries

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) helps families and individuals in need due to temporary crisis maintain self-sufficiency and avoid homelessness. Its resources include social services, job counseling, an English as a second language (ESL) school, and a resale shop.

maministries.org

Mission Centers Houston

Mission Centers ministers to all ages in under-resourced neighborhoods in the inner city by providing Christ-centered community programs and neighborhood outreach.

missioncenters.org

Youth With A Mission | Budapest, Hungary

Youth With A Mission serves through evangelism and leadership training. MDPC field partners Steve and Barbara Johnson created a coffeehouse that serves as an evangelism outreach tool — a place where music and good coffee help conversations go “beneath the surface.” MDPC members are always welcome to visit when traveling through Budapest.

ywambudapest.hu

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Mission Greenspoint

Mission Greenspoint is an outreach ministry presenting the Gospel through both word and deed. Its programs include a food pantry, clothes closet, pregnancy assistance center, ESL classes, and Biblical counseling for individuals and families.

missiongreenspoint.org

Mission of Yahweh

Mission of Yahweh is a faith-based shelter and rehabilitation ministry for abused and homeless women and their children, and a provider of outreach services to low-income families in northwest Houston. It helps empower, enrich, and restore lives.

missionofyahweh.org

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

MDPC Mobile Unit

The MDPC Mobile Unit serves six designated locations in the community, providing gently used clothing and household goods and some new products at minimal cost to families in need.

Contact Maritza Pujols for information: *mpujols@mdpc.org*

Mo-Ranch Camp & Conference Center

Mo-Ranch hosts individuals, groups, and churches primarily from the Synod of the Sun for both church retreats and Mo-sponsored programs. The ministry is a safe place for renewal, reflection, and discernment, leading people to have a deeper faith and be a stronger disciple of Jesus Christ.

moranch.org

MDPC Field Partners Steve and Natalie Hall base their ministry in Alaska and the Northern Territory. Working through SEND North, the Hall family focuses on the unreached people of the 60-70 parallel, who deal with elevated depression, alcoholism, and suicide rates. The Hall's ministry spreads the light of Jesus into dark places to bring hope and healing.

send.org/north

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Newspring

Newspring nurtures Spring Branch businesses to help create jobs and income, thus stabilizing families otherwise subject to transiency. When parents are able to find work and affordable housing, their children aren't moved around. Newspring's Visual Arts program encourages SBISD students to work hard, stay in school, and turn their gift of art into a career.

newspringcenter.org

Open Door Mission

Open Door Mission is a faith and evidence-based recovery and rehabilitation facility dedicated to transforming the lives of severely addicted, destitute, homeless, and disabled men in our community. It works to repair lives and families, thus interrupting the cycle of abuse, poverty, and violence.

opendoorhouston.org

MDPC Field Partners Chris and Jamie moved to the Middle East in 2012 to work in community development and share their faith in Jesus while building relationships with their new neighbors. The couple met while serving in Iraq and Jordan. Pray for Chris, Jamie, their two children, and their team to be strengthened by God as they learn the language and share His love and grace with everyone He places in their path.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Outreach Center of West Houston

Outreach Center offers programs that restore purpose and productivity to clients' lives, helping them learn new skills, develop healthy relationships, and experience positive growth. Its core programs include Palmer Drug Abuse Program, Alcoholics Anonymous, Family Point Resources, Young Life, and Fellowship of Memorial.

oc-wh.org

Palmer Drug Abuse Program

Palmer helps youth and their families recover from the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse. The program is run in Houston-area churches, providing 12-step programs, support, and education and prevention workshops. It also offers free individual and family counseling.

pdaphouston.org

MDPC Field Partners Steve and Barbara Johnson serve in Budapest, Hungary, through Youth With a Mission. The Johnsons operate a coffeehouse that serves as an evangelism center, reaching out to the Budapest community with music and conversation that sparks spiritual discussion.

ywambudapest.hu

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16



Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, Houston

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy serves the Duchenne community in the U.S. and in the world. It is committed to finding a long-term treatment and cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. This is done through research funding, advocacy efforts, raising awareness, and an annual conference for parents, families, and medical professionals.

parentprojectmd.org

Passages Treatment Center for Women

Passages offers an intimate and supportive environment for women in recovery and their children. Its residential treatment program meets the spiritual and physical need of chemically dependent women in recovery. Women arrive at Passages after going through a detoxification program, and stay for a very structured, 90-day holistic program.

passagesforwomen.com

An MDPC Partner living in New York is building relationships for the Kingdom and sharing the Gospel, within the Bangladeshi community. Please pray for God to cover this family, to keep them safe and healthy, and to strengthen them as they reveal Christ's grace by connecting with immigrants and sharing stories of Jesus.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Piney Point Elementary

MDPC partners with the children and staff at Piney Point Elementary School through daily programs that include reading with second graders, teacher projects, staff appreciation events, outreach workdays at the school, field trips, classroom help, and more. MDPC is considered part of the Piney Point Family!

For details or to get involved, contact Judy Hartman (judyehart@gmail.com) or Chris Gehrman (chrisgehrman@gmail.com).



Prayers of the People

Prayers of the People, which began at MDPC in 1974 as POPS Ministry, visits patients in the Medical Center and hospitals throughout greater Houston. The volunteers purpose in visiting is to listen, offer comfort and support, and affirm God's loving, healing presence.

popministry.org

MDPC Field Partners Tihomir and Christine Kukolja direct Renewing Our Minds (ROM), a reconciliation program in Croatia that brings together different faiths, ethnicities, and cultures in the Balkan region by sharing how following the teachings of Jesus transforms lives. Participants in the ROM program are chosen based on leadership potential, with the hope that they will return to their home countries and impact their spheres of influence.

forumforleadership.blogspot.com

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services offers a future with hope to children in need. Through group and foster homes, adoption services, outreach, single-parent family support, and an education/aftercare program, it serves over 4,000 children and families each year.

pchas.org



Prison Entrepreneurship Program

PEP connects business executives and prison inmates in a life-transforming program that fosters entrepreneurial passion through education and mentoring. Participants begin the program while still incarcerated, and continue to receive support and encouragement after their release.

pep.org

MDPC Field Partner Dr. M and his family are called to reach the unreached for Jesus Christ. Dr. M practices and teaches dentistry while sharing the Good News of Jesus with tribes living in abject poverty in South Asia. There, the 98% Muslim population has the least amount of dental care in the world. Please pray for their ministry and family's health as they continue working in their community.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Pro-Vision

Pro-Vision ministers to disadvantaged youth on a multipurpose campus in the Sunnyside neighborhood that includes a cultivated farm, track/basketball court, nature trail, and sports field. It works with students who are two grade levels behind, improving their self-perception by creating a community that emphasizes social skills, self-awareness, and a solid work ethic.

provisionschool.org

REACH Unlimited

REACH Unlimited provides support services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. With 22 group homes, an educational/relational day program, nursing care, and supported employment, it fosters growth and independence so every individual has the opportunity to be all they were created to be.

reachunlimited.org

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Dan McNerney works with Frontier Fellowship, which seeks to bring the Gospel to unreached people groups all over the world. He has led MDPC members on mission in Egypt and other areas of the Middle East. Dan also leads friendship groups in Chicago, which gather Christians, Muslims, and Jews to dialogue on Kingdom life, reconciliation, and the teachings of Jesus.

newsfromthefrontier.com

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14



Rebuilding Together Houston

Rebuilding Together is Houston's largest community outreach organization working to preserve affordable home-ownership and revitalize neighborhoods. It provides home repair services at no cost to low-income homeowners in need, such as the elderly, disabled, veterans, and victims of natural disasters.

rebuildingtogetherhouston.org

Redeemed Ministries

Redeemed Ministries identifies and responds to the needs of women who are commercially exploited for sex in Houston and surrounding areas. Its primary focus is to communicate and address the needs of victims by partnering with federal, state, local, and non-governmental agencies to provide services directly to victims of domestic sex trafficking.

redeemedministries.com

MDPC Partner Alyssa is living and working in South Asia among high-caste Hindus, sharing the gospel with them and meeting their families. Her aim is to start ongoing house churches all over the city. Their prayer is that the Gospel will trickle down from the high caste to the most forgotten street children.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21



The Rose

The Rose's mission is to reduce deaths from breast cancer by providing screening, diagnosis, and access to treatment, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Last year they helped over 9,000 uninsured women.

the-rose.org

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is an international evangelical Christian ministry that operates shelters and transitional housing facilities in Houston. Motivated by the love of God, its mission is to preach the Gospel while meeting the needs of the community's homeless through comprehensive care and programs that foster recovery.

salvationarmyhouston.org

MDPC Field Partner in Central Asia. This MDPC partner family focuses their ministry on reaching those who have not yet heard about or encountered Jesus Christ. They demonstrate God's love and power within the community and work with local believers on training and modeling church planting. They leverage their creation of a local business to build community and spread the love of Jesus.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Santa Maria Hostel

The mission of Santa Maria is to empower women with children to become alcohol and drug free. It is Texas' largest multi-site residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment center and one of few that provides a continuum of care for pregnant and parenting women and their children.

santamariahostel.org

Scripture Awakening, The Bible in 90 Days

Scripture Awakening provides resources to encourage people to read, study, and live the Bible and to awaken the world to the power of God's Word.

scriptureawakening.com

MDPC Field Partners Reverends David and Kim and their team train and coach church leaders and new Christians in Asia, and connect them to resources and curriculum. Pray for Dave and Kim and their two children as they build community and future mission plans. Pray that God would continue to go before them in every way, helping them build new support systems and connections for ministry.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4



SEARCH Homeless Services

SEARCH helps thousands of men, women, and children each year by providing necessities such as food, showers, and laundry services. Its ultimate goal is for clients to achieve some stability so they can move into permanent housing and increase their incomes. A primary resource at SEARCH is in-depth case management tailored to individual needs.

searchhomeless.org

Sewing for Missions

These special MDPC ladies work on sewing-related projects for local community needs, such as premie blankets and walker caddies for the Medical Center, as well as for global missions, such as clothes for Lulwanda Children's Home in Uganda.

For details, to get involved, or if you have fabric to donate, contact Pat Ikard at 713-461-3654.

African Enterprise

AE is a global partnership that believes in a bright future for Africa under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Its aim is to proclaim the Gospel to the residents of Africa's major cities, making a special effort to reach the continent's leaders, since Godly governance can result in major transformations of whole countries. Through evangelism, reconciliation, leadership training, relief, and community development, AE ministers to often overlooked community crises, such as AIDS, infant mortality, street children, and polluted water.

africanenterprise.org

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Spring Branch Community Health Center

Spring Branch Community Health Center is the primary provider of comprehensive healthcare services to indigent and low-income patients in Spring Branch. The need is so great, they have opened four more area clinics, including in Katy.

sbchc.net

Small Steps Nurturing Center

Small Steps is an exemplary early childhood program that fosters the social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth of children from low-income families. Its two locations in Houston's First and Fifth Wards provide high-quality education, transportation, nutritious meals, and social and emotional therapy to 180 economically at-risk inner-city children.

ssnc.org

Free Wheelchair Mission

Free Wheelchair Mission (FWM) takes wheelchairs to places around the world where the impoverished disabled do not have access to mobility. FWM ministers to each recipient and shares the good news of Christ's call - that we are free in Him! Pray that a life would be transformed with each chair given and that communities would see God is good as He meets needs in tangible ways.

freewheelchairmission.org

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl of Caring is a global youth-led mission that raises money for people who are hungry and hurting. A Houston citywide food drive is held every February. Since 1990, hundreds of thousands of young people have experienced the joy and satisfaction of giving and serving, inspiring people of all ages to follow their generous example.

souperbowl.org



SIRE Therapeutic Equestrian Centers

SIRE improves the quality of life for disabled individuals through therapeutic horseback riding. Equestrian therapy improves muscle tone, balance, and coordination, and increases cognitive skills. Students benefit emotionally by building feelings of self-reliance and accomplishment, and socially by developing meaningful relationships with volunteers, and bonding with the horse.

sire-htec.org

New Life With Education | Guatemala

New Life is a Christ-centered school that provides education for disabled students through the sixth grade. These children struggle to gain an education in the overcrowded Guatemalan school system. Judy Kerschner, MDPC member and partner in ministry, designed this school to give dignity and education to students who would otherwise be forgotten.

newlifeguatemala.com

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Spring Branch Family Development Center

Spring Branch Family Development Center enhances the wellbeing of local families through a multi-agency collaboration that provides health, educational, recreational, and social services. They are located in an area with a largely Hispanic population. More than 6,000 residents live in 1,500 apartment units within walking distance of the Center.

sbfdc.org

Spring Spirit Baseball

Spring Spirit focuses on the personal development of at-risk youth through baseball, softball, and educational programs. Its goals are to provide a safe and healthy outdoor environment for children to play and learn, to improve the quality of life for youth and their families, and to enrich the lives of youth through mentoring relationships.

springspiritbaseball.org

Transitions Foundation | Guatemala

Transitions mobilizes disabled Guatemalans through rehabilitation, education, and spiritual development. It was founded to give dignity to the disabled as they work together to make custom wheelchairs and prosthetics. The diligence of the workers and excellent design of their products give new life to many with disabilities.

transitionsfoundation.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Star of Hope Mission

This Christ-centered mission for men, women, and children provides shelter, meals, counseling, education, and childcare. It introduces each child to a loving relationship with Jesus. Positive life changes are encouraged through programs for spiritual growth, employment, and recovery from substance abuse.

sohmission.org

Stoney Creek Ranch

Stoney Creek Ranch helps young people come to know Christ and His role in their lives, and to develop an authentic personal relationship with Him. It works closely with churches and organizations that support urban youth. These young people, who rarely experience the beauty of God's creation, visit Stoney Creek for a life-changing camping adventure in the great outdoors.

stoneycreekranch.org

The Outreach Foundation

The Outreach Foundation is an independent Presbyterian global mission organization that focuses on the proclamation of the Gospel. It seeks to build the capacity of the global church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by sending missionaries, caring for vulnerable children, expanding mission support, and transforming lives by spreading the Gospel.

theoutreachfoundation.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Fuller Theological Seminary

Fuller Seminary, the largest multi-denominational seminary in the world, provides professional, graduate-level education through its schools of theology, psychology, and intercultural studies. Fuller serves 4,000 students from 90 countries and denominations.

fuller.edu/campuses-online/texas.aspx

Urban Outreach

Urban Outreach is a Christian apartment ministry with onsite locations at apartments in Spring Branch, Aldine, Alief, Gulfton, Eastside, and Northside neighborhoods. It offers programs that address spiritual, physical, and social needs to help strengthen and preserve inner-city families.

urbanoutreachinc.org

One Eight Catalyst

One Eight Catalyst wants to see every Christian know about the Great Commission and how God is calling them be a part of its fulfillment. It is working to finish the task of the Great Commission through rural Bible distribution, Bible translation, and theological training in Asia. The ministry is dedicated to reflecting the relevance and love of Jesus Christ as it shares the Good News.

oneightcatalyst.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Vita-Living

Vita-Living offers lifelong services and support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It maintains homes with trained staff and specialists, also offering in-home care. Vita-Living is best known for its success with those who have a dual diagnosis of mental retardation and mental illness, and those with behavioral challenges.

vitaliving.org



Westside Homeless Prevention

Westside Homeless Prevention is a two-stage housing initiative in Spring Branch for homeless families with children, or families in imminent danger of becoming homeless. Through financial support and comprehensive services, clients receive education and counseling needed to achieve self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

westsidehomeless.org

Faith Ministry | Reynosa, Mexico

Faith Ministry aims to meet the basic physical needs of families living in poverty on the Mexican border, and in so doing, it shares the love of Jesus Christ. Through home construction, medical, feeding, child sponsorship, and skills training programs, it cares for the community and makes Christ's Name known. Mission teams are invited to join Faith Ministry in its work.

faithministry.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

The Women's Home

The Women's Home offers an 18-month residential program that helps women build the skills and self-confidence necessary to overcome mental illness and addiction and achieve self-sufficiency. The program is divided into three phases, each providing the support a woman needs on her path to healing.

thewomenshome.org

Women's Pregnancy Center

Women's Pregnancy Center reaches out with compassion to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of pregnant women and their families. The Center fosters the truth of Jesus Christ in their lives by teaching biblical principles, redeeming lost hope, unifying families and relationships, and healing wounded hearts.

wpchouston.com

The Woods Project

The Woods Project develops leadership and life skills in low-income youth through outdoor education/environmental awareness programs. It prepares students for college and beyond by encouraging interest in science and nature, and expanding their experience with challenging situations and diverse environments.

thewoodsproject.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30



WorkFaith Connection

This Christ-centered nonprofit helps people achieve economic self-sufficiency through job placement, job retention, and career advancement. It empowers clients to provide for themselves and their families emotionally, spiritually, and financially, stabilizing families and our community.

workfaithconnection.org

Yellowstone Academy

Yellowstone Academy is a high quality Christian private school exclusively serving children from low-income families in Houston's Third Ward. It is founded on the premise that, through education and intensive intervention, children living in poverty can transcend their circumstances and grow up to become responsible, productive adults.

yellowstoneacademy.org

Young Life, Greater Houston

Young Life is a Christian support organization operating on high school and middle school campuses. The urban program has expanded to include chapters that minister specifically to unwed mothers (Young Lives), junior high students (Wyldlife), and urban Latinos.

younglife.org