

## **Outreach & Social Justice Report, Francis Bayaca**

The Outreach Committee is a group that meets monthly.

Its function is to allocate funds for charities that we feel exemplify a worthy endeavor. Our goals are to help the hungry, imprisoned, and homeless and to provide clothing for the poor.

We exist to support those in need in our community, our parish, and the larger world.

Examples of the groups/charities we support are:

**AFC's Faith Community Shelter** program in which we are now hosting overnight dinners and overnight stays on a weekly basis. We are doing this in conjunction with other churches in the community.

**South Sudan refugee scholarships** is a program in which we provide funding for students' education on a trimester basis. This is achieved through private donations generously given by members of our parish and beyond.

**ESL (English as a Second Language) program.** This year we were able to purchase 10 iPads for the church to be used as learning tools for our ESL students through the generous donations of multiple sources—outreach, helpful individuals, and the Vestry.

**Girls, Inc of the Central Coast** is an organization that helps to teach young girls to become strong and bold leaders. They had a fundraiser at the Chaminade on April 6, 2019. We also provided a grant toward the end of 2019.

**The Helpful Shop** is an outreach ministry of our parish. It is staffed by volunteers who accept and sell used clothing and other household items donated by our parishioners and supporters in the community. Each year, the funds raised by the Helpful Shop are used to provide grants to several organizations. A list of grant recipients can be found on the parish website.

**Aptos Community Youth Program** (which was developed by the generous donation by the Rebele family) was formed in 2019. Lisa Freeman was hired as the youth director. The youth of the community have shown great enthusiasm for the program.

Other programs that the Outreach Committee are involved with and/or provided grants and funding for in 2019 are: COPA, Wings Homeless Advocacy, Bali Scholarships, Warming Center, Annunciation House, Southside Samaritans/Southside Presbyterian Church, Episcopal Diocese Northern California, Vamos, Al Otro Lado, and ECW/Diocese of El Camino Real.

This past year the Vestry approved our proposal that 10% of all undesignated bequests be set aside for an outreach project that will be developed by the congregation as a whole. It will be a project that the congregation will be involved with on an ongoing basis instead of one in which a donation would be made to a group or charity without any additional involvement.

Respectfully submitted,

*Francis Bayaca*