



Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send,
and who will go for us? Then said I, **Here I am; send me.** Isaiah 6:8

community outreach

A MINISTRY OF PERIMETER CHURCH

THE NEXT STEPS IN SERVING

**JUSTICE
POVERTY
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WOMEN+FAMILIES**

Community Outreach:

to deploy mature & equipped followers of Christ for community transformation



**"You'll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins,
rebuild and renovate, make the community livable again."**

isaiah 58:12

As Christ followers, we believe that reaching out to our community, friends and neighbors is a way of life. Loving people the way Jesus loves people means serving them and pointing them to the One who can meet all their needs. I am constantly humbled by the invitation that God extends to us by using us to make a difference in this world! Life by life, we will rebuild this city.

So, consider this your invitation. I hope your RSVP reads: "Here I am Lord, send me!!"

Living Love,

Debra Potter

Director of Community Outreach

PS – The following pages give you a glimpse of the needs and next steps to serving opportunities with our partners in the community. For a complete list of our partners, their vision and missions, and serving opportunities, visit our website at: www.perimeter.org/communityoutreach

EDUCATION

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**"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it."
(Proverbs 22:6)**

God is mercy and justice. He tells us to love one another and take care of each other.

**What does that mean to you?
Tutor a child?
Teach ESL?**

**Volunteer in a school?
Pray for a school?
Encourage teachers?**

Public schools are recognizing that there are problems which include: lack of parent involvement, students dealing with challenging home life situations, drugs, gangs and violence. These issues have caused public schools to ask the community, including churches, for help. Public schools are now seeking to build relationships with individuals and groups who will invest in the lives of the children at the schools. It is our hope and vision in Community Outreach that families, small groups, and neighborhood congregations would invest themselves in our public schools for the purpose of meeting needs, building relationships, and influencing lives, families, and communities, through the public schools, with the gospel.

Pray For Our Schools

This is the number one need. Make a prayer commitment to pray for the staff and students at a particular school and then simply follow God's leading.

Pastors

Get involved with a program called "One Pastor One School", where each pastor commits one hour per week to a local school, often the closest school to the church. A group of pastors are making an impact by being on site to greet the kids in the morning or during the lunch period.

Support A School

Attend a sporting event, play, dinner theater or any other event hosted by a local school. The money raised at these events is tremendously important to support programs at the school.

Strengthen the Youth Programs

Help those programs that already serve in the schools such as Youth for Christ, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Young Life. Help them expand their after school programs and weekend opportunities. Connect and understand how we can support their efforts.

Homeschool Parents

This is a tremendous opportunity for you to share the wealth of your passion for learning and children. Your older children can be part of your volunteer team. Call your best home schooling friends and come together! Often mentors and mentees experience a unique and priceless friendship.

Adopt a School

You and your family may change a child's life forever. You can impact a struggling teacher or encourage an overloaded staff member.

Building Bridges to our Public Schools

If you were asked to select a focused area within our community that, if invested in by Perimeter and other churches, could produce the most significant positive transformation in the lives of individuals, families, and community, where would it be? If you answered, public schools, then your answer matches ours. We are discovering that there is great need and opportunity to invest ourselves in the lives of students by making ourselves available to serve the needs of our public schools. Unfortunately, due to discouragement and seemingly hopeless possibilities to bridge the waters of our court's misguided interpretations of "separation of church and state," the church has, for the most part, kept itself at a distance. Well, there is good news; the tide is changing.

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Opportunities to Serve

Peachtree Ridge High School Moms in Touch

Moms in Touch meets to pray for Peachtree Ridge High School on Tuesdays, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, at Old Peachtree Presbyterian Church. Please call Julie Jaques at (770) 338-1750 for details.

Findley Oaks Elementary School Moms in Touch

Moms in Touch meets to pray for Findley Oaks Elementary School on Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:30 AM, at 595 Williston Way, Alpharetta, GA 30005. Please call Christina Liming at (678) 580-0301 for details.

River Trail Middle School Moms in Touch

Moms in Touch meets to pray for River Trail Middle School. Please call Josephine Ho at (770) 754-6084.

Medlock Bridge Elementary School Moms in Touch

Moms in Touch meets to pray for Medlock Bridge Elementary School. Please contact Robin McPherson at rmmcpherson@yahoo.com.

Northview High School Moms in Touch

Moms in Touch meets to pray for Northview High School on Fridays, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, at 430 De Malle Court, Alpharetta, GA 30022. Please call Brenda Roberts at (404) 626-2826 for details.

Duluth Middle and Duluth High Schools Moms in Touch

Moms in Touch meets to pray for Duluth High and Duluth Middle Schools on Wednesdays, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, at Duluth First United Methodist Church. Please call Leigh Ann Sweney at (770) 418-1726 for details.

Peachtree Elementary School Moms in Touch

Moms in Touch meets to pray for Peachtree Elementary School. Please call Emily Trent at (404) 468-4132.

Centennial High School Moms in Touch

The Centennial High School Moms in Touch Prayer Group meets at 8890 Powderdam Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30022 every Monday morning from 8:40 - 9:40 AM to pray for the students, teachers, and needs of Centennial. For more information, contact Sandy Griffin at (770) 518-0674.

Opportunities to Serve (cont'd)

Holcomb Bridge Middle School Moms in Touch

The Holcomb Bridge Middle School Moms in Touch Prayer Group meets at 9050 Twelvestons Drive, Roswell, GA 30076 every Tuesday morning from 8:00 – 9:00 AM to pray for the students, teachers, and needs of Centennial. For more information, contact Amy Lavinder (770) 641-6686.

Simpson Elementary School Moms in Touch

The Simpson Elementary Moms in Touch group meets on Mondays from 9:45-10:45 AM at Simpsonwood United Methodist Church. Childcare is available. For more information, please contact Amy Barrett at (770) 840-0949 or aebarrett@bellsouth.net.

Pinckneyville Middle Moms in Touch

The Pinckneyville Middle School Moms in Touch group meets on Fridays from 9:30-10:30 AM at Peachtree Corners Baptist Church. For more information, please contact Diane Cabibi at 770-613-0757 or dcabibi@comcast.net.

Wilson Creek Elementary Moms in Touch

The Wilson Creek Moms In Touch prayer group meets weekly on Thursdays, starting Sept. 6, from 8:30 – 9:30 AM at Johns Creek United Methodist Church, room 218, to pray for the students, teachers and needs of Wilson Creek. For more information, contact Laurie Head at laurie@emilyscloset.net.

College Moms in Touch

College Moms in Touch meets Thursdays from 9:00 – 10:00 AM at 10815 Pinewalk Forest Cir, Alpharetta, GA 30022. This is a prayer time for any mom that has a college student. We pray for each student and the campus they attend. For more information, contact Barbara Noel at (678) 644-8824.

Science Force Program at Wilson Creek

Wilson Creek is in need of volunteers for the science labs. This hands-on, volunteer-based Science Program parallels the curriculum, and it relies heavily on the support of the community and the parents. Programs similar to this are also running at Medlock Bridge Elementary, Findlay Oaks Elementary, Shakerag Elementary, Creekview Elementary, and Ocee Elementary, as well as other schools outside our area. We can always find a space for a volunteer. For more information, contact Vicki Templet at (770) 623-3083.

Norcross Christian Learning Center

The Norcross CLC provides an off-campus, Christian based elective to Norcross High School. The class is taken for credit and is based on Released Time education, which allows students to be released from campus for instruction. At this time, the subjects covered are "Comparative Religions" in the fall and "The Life and Teachings of Jesus" in the spring. The class provides students with a safe and engaging environment to explore the claims of Christ and the Christian worldview. The program has been operating at Norcross since the fall of 2004, and currently holds three classes per day. For more information, please contact Lee Jones at (404) 285-3938 or leejones06@gmail.com.

ESL Classes at Perimeter Church

Every Saturday morning, Perimeter Church provides ESL and English Bible classes to about 80 internationals from our community. A large number of these students are parents from the Chinese Academy, which meets at Perimeter church on Saturdays, but our ministry has also grown to include internationals from 13 different countries. There currently are 10 classes of different levels taught by volunteers from Perimeter church. For more information, contact Tin Chee Kam at (770) 623-4060.

POVERTY

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"This is the kind of fast day i'm after to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts. What i'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families."

isaiah 58:6-7



**What does that mean to you?
Collect food bags?
Move furniture?
Fix a fence?
Organize food co-ops?**

Many families in this community are living on the edge, struggling each day to provide for the basic needs of their families. Who are these families? They are single working parents, homeless families, women fleeing domestic violence, elderly who have no family to turn to, teenage moms who have been forgotten by their families and men and women who are faced with serious medical conditions. They are the "least of these"; they are our neighbors.

Through organizations and ministries in our community, we minister to these people, showing them the love of Christ in very tangible ways. We offer prayer, a listening ear, food, referrals, clothing, support classes, financial aid and the assurance that someone cares about them.

Children's Restoration Network (CRN)

CRN is a non-profit agency focusing on the plight of homeless children and mothers in our community. In addition to helping meet basic needs, CRN conducts programs and special events to provide a broad range of positive experiences for over 3,000 children residing in shelters and group homes each year. CRN began its 16th year of service to metro-Atlanta's neediest children in September 2008. For more information visit the website at www.childrn.org or call Childrens Restoration Network at (770) 649-7117.

Opportunities to Serve

Thanksgiving Food Drive

During Nov. 1- 27, schools, businesses and neighborhoods collect canned foods, cereals and turkeys for holiday food baskets. Each shelter requesting help receives all the trimmings for a fine Thanksgiving Dinner and food to fill their pantry. Interested parties can share a meal at a shelter or group home during the week of Thanksgiving.

Twelve Days of Caring Campaign

Dec. 1 – 24, CRN will be collecting new toys, clothes, and gifts for over 3,000 children. Businesses, churches, schools and others participate in collections. Volunteers sort collected toys, match them to the children's wish lists, and wrap them at CRN's annual "Wrap Party" (December 18 – 20). Volunteers also deliver gifts and throw parties for the shelters (December 20 – 24). Experience true sharing and caring Holiday Spirit!

Adopt a Shelter Program

Holiday "Wish Lists" are sent to more than 100 shelters. The lists are returned to CRN with the name of each child in the shelter and the gifts they would most like to receive. Corporations, organizations, businesses, clubs, church groups and others adopt individual shelters or families. Each employee or member can then choose a specific child on the list and brighten his/her holiday season by purchasing the gifts the child requests.

Hands of Christ (Duluth Cooperative Ministries)

The purpose of the Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative is to utilize the resources of the community as a Christian Cooperative to glorify God and demonstrate Christ's love by ministering to the material and spiritual needs of those in crisis. Visit their website, www.duluthco-op.org. Hands of Christ is open to the public Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Opportunities to Serve

Pick up and Delivery volunteer needed at Duluth Hands of Christ

Duluth Hands of Christ needs a volunteer to pick up bread at designated grocery stores every Friday morning and bring it to the Hands of Christ Co-op. To volunteer, contact Mary Roberts at (770) 232-7454.

Office Volunteers

The Hands of Christ needs a volunteer to supervise other volunteers in the food pantry on Fridays. We also are looking for an office assistant one day a week. Even if you have a few hours each month to sort, prepare or bag groceries which are given out to families in need. Volunteers can serve Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays 10 AM - Noon. Contact Yvette Hammond at yhammond@bellsouth.net, or call (770) 622-3086.

Neighborhood Food Drives

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve the community in a big way find more information at www.perimeter.org/communityoutreach.

Good Samaritan Health Center of Gwinnett

The Good Samaritan Health Center of Gwinnett stands firmly poised as a beacon of light armed with the challenge of meeting the healthcare needs of those without health insurance. www.goodsamgwinnett.org

Opportunities to Serve

Medical

Physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, medical and nursing assistants are needed.

Dental

Dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants are needed to help.

Optometry

Ophthalmologists, Optometrists, assistants, technicians and other qualified individuals are needed.

Dispensary

Pharmacists, students and other qualified individuals are needed to help.

Front and Back office

We need people to help with medical records, accounting, secretarial and other office tasks.

Counseling

Good Samaritan needs Licensed Counselors (LPC, LMFT, other), lay counselors and interns.

Translators

If you are a person fluent in a second language, especially Spanish, Korean or Portuguese, we need your help.

North Gwinnett Cooperative

The purpose of the North Gwinnett Cooperative is to extend a hand to residents of Buford, Suwanee and Sugar Hill who are in need. We provide food, clothing, financial assistance and spiritual support, and collaborate with other organizations and programs within the community to identify and assist in meeting other needs. Visit the website at <http://www.northgwinnettcoop.org/>. For more information, contact Maureen Kornowa at (770) 271-9793.

Opportunities to Serve

Neighborhood Food Drive

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve the community and begin building relationships with the neighbors you still haven't met, Neighborhood Food Drives are the answer! This opportunity is ideal for Neighborhood Congregations, Discipleship groups, or families. Donated food is given to the North Gwinnett Cooperative to help them feed families in need throughout North Gwinnett. For more information, contact Maureen Kornowa at (770) 271-9793.

Serve at the North Gwinnett Co-op

Are you looking for a way to make a difference in the community? You can make a big difference by volunteering for a few hours this month at North Gwinnett Cooperative. Opportunities include: working in the food pantry or thrift store, cleaning and maintenance, yard work, administrative assistance and sorting & stocking donations. For more information about volunteering, contact Carol Preston at (770) 271-1993.

Home Repairs Ministry

HRM seeks to meet the needs of widows, foster families, single moms, elderly and disabled individuals by assisting with home maintenance and repair. The ministry serves anyone, regardless of religious background, in order to meet very real needs and build relationships. We bring volunteers together with a variety of skills to serve families in the community. We are volunteers from all walks and stages of life who have skills or expertise in the area of home repair, maintenance and renovations. From general repairs to yard work to roofing, painting and HVAC, we will do as much as possible to help those who are not able to make repairs or perform maintenance on their homes, for one reason or another.

For questions or information about the Home Repairs Ministry, contact Neale Hightower at (770) 447-3763 or visit <http://www.homerepairsministries.org>.

Movers and Shakers Furniture Ministry

Imagine if you came home at night and had no table to gather around for dinner with your family, no sofa to relax on, or no bed to sleep in. For many people not far from our own doorsteps, this is reality. With this in mind, the "Movers & Shakers" ministry distributes donated furniture and appliances to those in need throughout our community. Further, we desire to extend a hand of friendship, pray for and serve each of our recipients, donors, and volunteers.

Calendar

Our current 2008 schedule is below. Pickups and deliveries are coordinated based on activity (donations and needs) two weeks prior to each work day. We encourage volunteers to sign up for one of these dates in advance. For all donors, recipients, and volunteers, a Movers & Shakers representative will contact you approximately one week in advance to give you additional details.

Oct. 25, Nov. 8, Nov. 22, Dec. 6, Dec. 20

Opportunities to Serve

Needs Coordinator

Movers and Shakers seeks a volunteer to log incoming requests for furniture assistance, work with Needs Assessors to identify and prioritize needs and schedule deliveries of furniture to families in need. This would require 4-8 hours per week. Training is available. Spreadsheet skills are a plus. To volunteer in this role, please e-mail admin@atlmoversnshakers.org or call (678) 405- 2448.

Movers Needed

If you've been looking for a serving opportunity that doesn't require much time, this is it! We need able-bodied men, women and teenagers to help pick-up and deliver furniture on Saturday mornings for about 5 to 6 hours. No commitment - we'll keep you informed about opportunities to serve, and you let us know when you can serve! If you're interested in helping from time to time, please e-mail admin@atlmoversnshakers.org or call (678) 405- 2448.

Norcross Cooperative Ministries

Our purpose is to show and share the love of God by supporting the Norcross Co-op in its assistance to over 10,000 local families who come each year for food, clothing, money, Christmas gifts and help in finding employment. For more information, visit the Norcross Cooperative website at <http://www.norcrossco-op.org/>.

Opportunities to Serve

Norcross Cooperative – Volunteer Opportunities

Have you got a free day now and then? The Norcross Co-op is seeking additional volunteers to either pray for or interview clients, help arrange and process assistance for clients during the following hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays 10 AM - 2 :00 PM, Saturdays 10 AM - Noon or Wednesday evenings 6 - 8 PM. You can choose your work days, and they can vary from month to month. Spanish is helpful but not required. Please call Leslie or Shirley at (770) 263-0013 to volunteer or get more information This is a wonderful way in which to assist others in need. The ability to speak Spanish is very helpful, but not necessary.

Neighborhood Food Drives

Organize a food drive in your neighborhood or workplace.

Food Pantry/Exit Table

We need volunteers to work in our food pantry and at our exit table on Saturday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. No experience necessary! Come join us and help us help your neighbors in need! Please call Leslie or Shirley at (770) 263-0013 to volunteer or get more information.

Childcare/Homework Helpers

We need volunteers to watch and play with children during English for Speakers of Other Languages classes on Tuesdays from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM and Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

We also need volunteers to watch and play with children and help with school homework during English for Speakers of Other Languages on Thursday evenings. Please call Leslie or Shirley at (770) 263-0013 to volunteer or get more information.

Christmas Toy Drive

Conduct a toy drive for our 2008 Christmas program. Get your family, friends, neighbors and business associates involved. We especially need NEW toys/gifts for: infants/preschool children, girls ages 7 – 11 and teens. Please call Leslie or Shirley at (770) 263-0013 to volunteer or get more information.



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JUSTICE

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**"Learn to do good; Seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow"
isaiah 1:17**

Justice is putting God's truth into practice in the world around us. God has called us, as followers of Christ, to look after those who can't look after themselves. James 1:27 tells us, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."



God requires justice of us because He is just Himself.

**"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8**

**"He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice;
Righteous and upright is He." Deuteronomy 32:4**

"For i, the LORD, love justice; i hate robbery and iniquity." isaiah 61:8

"Clouds and darkness surround Him; Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne." Psalm 97:2

Wellspring for Girls

Wellspring Living seeks to address the problem of child prostitution in the Atlanta area. Since, 2005, both the FBI and the United Way have ranked Atlanta as the number one center for child prostitution in the US. There are not many services for child victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Rather, minors that are taken into custody for prostitution typically end up in juvenile detention. The metro Atlanta area is desperately in need of services that meet the unique needs of these children. Wellspring Living is in a distinct and unique position to minister to these girls. We have extensive experience dealing with childhood sexual trauma, and our desire is to implement a juvenile version of this program with female victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Our target population is girls, ages 12 - 17. The goal of this program is to restore exploited girls to wholeness and enable them to rebuild their lives. Our implementation strategy is a collaborative, therapeutic day program, 12 - 24 months in length. By boldly partnering with other juvenile care organizations, businesses, civic groups, churches and volunteers, a caring community can rally behind these girls to restore them to wholeness. The program will be holistic in nature, incorporating elements to heal the body, soul and spirit. Like the program used at the Wellspring Home, this program will be intensely therapeutic and based on Biblical principles of wholeness and healing. It targets specific areas of woundedness and enables girls to experience wellness in the body, thriving in the mind, will and emotions, and becoming dependant on God. Contact Angel Vickers at (770)866-2395 or avickers@wellspringliving.org about how you can be involved at the new home opening in South Atlanta for girls ages (12-17)

Other Opportunities to Serve

Seek Justice for Children

Informational Dessert Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 23, 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Learn how you can join one of our teams and this growing movement to stop the trafficking of children.

Join one of our Justice Teams

Contact Amy Walters for more information at (678) 405-2104 or amyw@perimeter.org.

- Awareness
- Aftercare (Female only)
- Arts & Design (Works with events)
- Prayer
- Events/Fundraising
- Civic Concerns
- Volunteer Support
- Research Team

Attend Training at Wellspring

This training is for individuals who are interested in volunteering with the Wellspring for Girls Program. Participants will go through Hands that Heal, the FASST curriculum for volunteers working with victims of trafficking. Please contact Jenn McEwen if you have any questions: 770.631.8888 or jmcewen@wellspringliving.org.

Read the Following Books

- Good News about Injustice by Gary Haugen
- Just Courage by Gary Haugen
- Not for Sale by David Batstone
- Watch the Human Trafficking video

(These resources can be found in the Community Outreach Department)

WOMEN + FAMILIES

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"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."

James 1:27



Whether for financial reasons, domestic violence, substance abuse or other reasons, there are women and children who have found themselves in crisis. By supporting and serving with organizations in our community, we can help them get back on their feet and share with them the love of Jesus Christ.

A Beacon of Hope

The purpose of the Beacon of Hope Community Team is to engage in the lives of women in crisis pregnancy. A Beacon of Hope Women's Center is a non-profit organization that provides counsel and care to women who find themselves unexpectedly pregnant and in need of help regarding their decision. Beacon offers free pregnancy testing, counseling, adoption information, parenting classes, abstinence education, and more. You can visit the web site at www.abeaconofhope.com. For more information, contact Tracey Casale at tcasale@abeaconofhope.com or (678) 893-5290.

Opportunities to Serve

Volunteer Receptionist Needed

Receptionists are needed at a Beacon of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center. Volunteer hours are Tuesdays 1:00 – 5:00 PM or Wednesdays 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at cbailey@abeaconofhope.com.

LPNs and RNs Needed

We are looking for LPNs and RNs to build our team to administer pregnancy testing. Team member requirements: a short training by our Physicians Assistant on OSHA Pregnancy Test guidelines and Pregnancy Verification Instructions, a short interview with our PA, Ann, and approval by our Medical Director to come on board and signing up for shift work to cover two 4 hour shifts and five 2 hour shifts (Weekdays, 3:00 – 5:00 PM).

Bethany Christian Services

Bethany is a not-for-profit, pro-life, Christian adoption and family services agency. The Christian care also extends to people struggling with unplanned pregnancies, infertility and a multitude of other challenges. You can visit the web site at www.bethany.org/atlanta. For more information, contact Trish Small at tsmall@bethany.org or (770) 455-7111.

Opportunities to Serve

Bike for Bethany

On Nov.15, you can help Bethany with its Bike for Bethany benefit cycling ride in Jackson, Georgia. Opportunities for service include participating in the ride (four different route lengths); making a donation to Bethany; volunteering on the day of the ride to host a rest station for riders with water bottles and snacks, hand out t-shirts, staff the registration table, direct parking or helping to raise money by creating a FirstGiving page (www.firstgiving.com/bcs-ga) and letting your friends and family know that you are raising money for Bethany. If you'd like to help with this event, contact Katie Smith at Bethany Christian Services at (770) 274-3406 or katiesmith@bethany.org.

Bethany Christmas Party

Our next big event at Perimeter is the annual Bethany Christmas Party on Dec. 6 hosted by Perimeter Church. It will include a Christmas program, games, snacks, crafts, Santa and his helpers to pass out gifts. It's always a wonderful event. If you'd like to help with decorations, planning or serving that day, contact June Brunny at 770-777-4891.

Safe Families

Bethany has a brand new program called Safe Families that offers volunteer families the opportunity to extend Christian hospitality and shower Christ's love on a child at risk of abuse and neglect. When parents in the community are struggling to deal with a crisis that is short-term in nature (sudden loss of housing or job; post-partum depression; acute illness, etc), they can contact Bethany to place their child with a Safe Family temporarily, allowing them to focus on regaining their family stability and resolve the issues that might otherwise put their child at risk. Average length of a child's stay with a volunteer Safe Family is 45 days, but the goal is to reunify the biological family as soon as is safely possible. Most children placed with a Safe Family are six years old or younger. If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer Safe Family, contact Amy Harris at Bethany Christian Services at (770) 274-3449 or AHarris@bethany.org.

House of Hope

House of Hope Transitional Housing Ministry is designed to help women and single mothers in crisis by providing safe housing. We also provide training in all areas of their lives, i.e., parenting, budgeting, relationships, decisions making, spiritual and Biblical teaching. Visit the website at www.houseofhopega.com. For more information, contact Sharon Boothe at houseofhopega@bellsouth.net or (770) 650-4673.

Opportunities to Serve

- Babysitting
- Teaching job and life skills
- Leading a Bible study
- Mentoring
- Painting and cleaning ministry apartments
- Helping with holiday projects and craft projects for kids

Rainbow Village

The mission of Rainbow Village is to provide families in north metro Atlanta in domestic or economic crisis with a healing environment to rebuild their lives through a community based transitional housing program that promotes self-sufficiency.

Opportunities to Serve

Drop off food on Thursdays

Every Thursday night, Rainbow Village provides family counseling sessions for those in the program. Rushing around after work, picking up kids and getting to meetings leaves little time for a nourishing meal. You or your small group could make a huge impact on the families by dropping off food on Wednesdays once a month. Meals needed to feed 30 - 35 people. Food can be dropped off anytime on Wednesdays before 5:30 at the Rainbow Village offices in Norcross. For more information or to schedule date, contact Michelle Alcorn at (770) 813-0961.

Meals on Tuesdays

On the first Tuesday of each month, Rainbow Village provides training for families who are in their transitional housing program. You or your small group can volunteer to provide dinner and childcare to these families on the night of their training. We usually plan to feed approximately 16 families (30-50 persons). A meal consists of entree, vegetable, drink and dessert. We have served everything from BBQ sandwiches, potatoes, corn, cookies and juice to pasta, salad, bread, tea and cake. You can bring a fun game to play with the children or just play outside on a nice evening. For more information, contact Sally Conroy at (678) 474-9044.

Other Opportunities to Serve

- After school tutoring and homework from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday
- Auto repairs: most drive older vehicles which need ongoing repairs
- General home repairs
- Clerical / administrative / office work
- Job / life skills coaches for Tuesday evenings
- Special Events (seasonal / holiday)
- Provide activities for children on Tuesday nights
- Provide Birthday box contents
- Provide Welcome Home box contents

Victoria's Friends

Victoria's Friends is an outreach and support group for women leaving sexually-oriented businesses. Our staff and volunteers befriend women who are trapped in the degrading and hopeless lifestyle of Atlanta's "adult entertainment" industry. For more information contact Vicki Benard at vdb9@cdc.gov or 678-584-5164.



Opportunities to Serve

- Making Mary Magdalene gift baskets
- Going into local clubs with gift baskets for the dancers
- Praying in the club parking lots during outreaches
- Being a mentor to women they are assisting

Wellspring Living

Wellspring for Women offers a safe place where motivated women who want a chance to start over can begin to rebuild their lives. Wellspring Living is a residential program that serves women 18-40 who are coming out of destructive lifestyles (drug/alcohol addiction, depression, childhood sexual abuse, prostitution, etc.). For more information, please see our website at www.wellspringliving.org or contact Hannah Rinehart at (404) 427-3100 or hlinehart@wellspringliving.org.

Opportunities to Serve

Connection Class (life skills) Teacher

Connection Class teachers are designed to equip Wellspring Living participants with the necessary skills for life. Connection classes are split into 3 tracks: Home Connection, Career Connection and Body Soul and Spirit Connection. These classes teach everything from cooking and home organization to conflict management and personal finances. Classes are offered Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Teachers are divided into a rotating schedule by topic and availability. For more information on volunteering as a Connection Class teacher, contact Hannah Rinehart at hlinehart@wellspringliving.org or (404) 427-3100.

Store Volunteer

Store Volunteers work in our local resale/thrift stores, assisting with sorting, pricing, merchandizing, clerks and cleaning. Most volunteers work one 4 hour shift a week on a committed basis. Shifts run 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM and 1:00 – 5:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. We have a store in Peachtree City at (770) 632-1788 and Duluth at (770) 632-3166.

On Call Heroes

The Wellspring Living Home is always in need of honey-do helpers who can be on call for various home maintenance needs: yard work, electrical issues, plumbing, pool maintenance, etc. If you are interested in being added to the On Call Heroes list for Duluth, contact Hannah Rinehart at hlinehart@wellspringliving.org or call our ministry number at (404) 427-3100.

Parties for the Girls

This is a time when women can come to the Wellspring home to interact with the women on a more casual level. We have had Discipleship or Bible study groups come and bring dinner, do a movie night, or spa night. These are great times of papering the women and showing them Christ's love. Contact Hannah Rinehart at hlinehart@wellspringliving.org or call (404) 427-1300.

Birthday Boxes

Put together all items necessary to throw a Birthday Party! Items can include: balloons, streamers, cake mix and icing, candles, Starbucks gift card, gift cards to play putt-putt, gift card to go bowling, gift card to rent a movie at Blockbuster, etc. Contact Hannah Rinehart at (404) 427-3100 to schedule a time to drop these items off.

World Relief Refugee Assistance

World Relief is a refugee resettlement agency that partners with local churches to help refugees adjust to life in the United States. Every year, thousands of people around the world flee their homes to escape persecution. When there is no other option for them, our government grants some permanent residence here in the US. When they arrive, they usually come with one bag, know nothing about life in the US and know no one who can help them. Our desire is to bring these refugees into a life-transforming encounter with the kingdom of God through Word and deed as we assist them. There are various levels of commitment and opportunities for involvement. For more information contact Kim Kimbrell with World Relief at 404-292-4352 extension (241) or Team Leader Susan Kiker at 678-207-0187.

Opportunities to Serve

Hospitality and Friendship

Welcome a refugee family to your community by hosting them for a meal and doing fun things with them.

Home Orientation

Teach a refugee family how to operate safely in their home and how to properly care for it.

Community Orientation

Show a refugee family where to find and access various things (police, fire department, hospital, post office, library, shops, parks, etc.) in their new community.

Shopping

Teach refugees how to shop for the things that they need. Show them where to go, how to compare prices, and finally, how to checkout.

Clothing

Organize your discipleship group, bible study group, or neighborhood congregation to gather clothing for a specific refugee family.

Social Security

Help refugees apply for social security cards at the nearest social security office.

Health Care

Take refugees to their scheduled health screen and to any additional medical appointments that are necessary.

School Registration and Coordination

Help refugee parents register their children for school and understand the school system. Help the school system understand the unique needs of the refugee family.

Youth Mentor

Befriend and mentor a refugee youth. Help with homework and the social challenges of adjusting to life in America as a teenager.

English instruction

Help refugees learn English by registering adults in an available English class and then tutoring them on a weekly basis.

Public Transportation

Teach refugees how to use public transportation.

Employment Assistance

Help employable adults prepare for and find adequate jobs.

Banking

Help a refugee understand the financial system in the US and open a bank account.

Driving instruction

Most refugees have not driven before and greatly benefit from formal driving instruction. Please consider sponsoring a refugee at a local driving school.

Whirlwind Missions Apartment Ministry

Many refugee and immigrant families in Atlanta have great need, and often live in local apartment complexes. Therefore, this ministry focuses on “taking the church to the people” and demonstrating the Gospel of Jesus Christ through both word & deed by developing relationships and meeting real needs among the apartment residents, especially the children. Working in partnership with Whirlwind Missions, Unite! churches are able to provide wonderful opportunities for individuals, groups, or families to serve together in apartment ministries. Currently, there are opportunities to serve throughout metro Atlanta. For more information, go to www.whirlwindmissions.org.

Opportunities to Serve

- Whirlwind Missions has an ongoing need for volunteers for our after school programs around Gwinnett and Dekalb counties. Volunteers would help children with their homework and be a positive role model for the children. The apartment complexes where we have work are scattered around Gwinnett . Please contact Tim Cummins at whirlwindtim@gmail.com or 770-490-1668.
- Whirlwind Missions has a need for groups to host block parties within the apartment complexes where we have work. Most of the residents are from other countries. We would like to have a party for the children during Easter and Christmas and collect school supplies and distribute them in July. Please contact Tim Cummins at whirlwindtim@gmail.com or call him at 770-490-1668 to schedule a date.



CHRISTMAS 2008 CHANGING OUR COMMUNITY WITH JESUS CHRIST'S LOVE

**As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the gift of God's love for us,
we invite you to give gifts that touch lives around our community and neighborhoods.**

Last year our church family generously adopted over 100 families. In addition they also provided toys, groceries and gift cards to assist our local co-ops in blessing those in need during the holiday season. Our goal this year is to adopt over 200 families through family sponsorship and collect 500 bags of groceries!

This year there will be many ways that you can serve:

Volunteer your time to help sort/bag toys at our local co-ops and associate ministries.

Drop off toy(s) beginning November 15th in the Perimeter entrances.

Host a toy drive at your place of work, health club, or neighborhood.

Host a Christmas Party at a local shelter or apartment complex.

Adopt a family.

Wrap gifts before they are delivered to thousands
of children in our community.

Beginning November 5th you'll be able to check out our
website at www.perimeter.org/holidayassistance and join in our
Holiday Giving Program being sponsored by Community Outreach.

We encourage you to begin thinking now!
Talk with your family, your friends, your neighbors, and co-workers.
As we spend time during the holidays with our family and friends,
reflecting on God's perfect gift of love to the world, his son, Jesus Christ,
let's share the love with those in need this Christmas season.



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