

Missions Update Winter 2023



Spotlight:
Ways to serve
here at Element

Current Needs around Element:

- On going maintenance teams:
 - Landscaping/care
 - Building/property
- Sunday service video techs (we will train!!)
- Sunday service coffee cart set-up
- Sunday service greeters (both services needed)
- Looking for help with an encouragement team and outreach/care for our elderly church family members.

eFamily volunteers needed (all positions will be trained and have a flexible schedule)
Email jenna.heuchert@ourelement.org for more info.

- 3 nursery volunteers-2 for first service, 1 for second service
- 1 toddler class volunteer for second service
- 3 pre-k class volunteers for first service
- 3 elementary volunteers for first service
- 4 elementary volunteers for second service
- Substitutes for both services
- Babysitters for March 11th 4:30-7pm

CAPTIVE HEARTS

Break free, Heal, and be Restored

Captive Hearts' goal for 2023 is to buy their own "safe home" for the women of their ministry. After renting many homes over the years, they believe God is leading them to serve a larger capacity of women in a permanent residence. They have been given a large amount of "seed money" for a home, but they need a lot more to purchase an amazing property they have found. They are hosting their first live auction, followed by a nice Valentine's dinner and dancing. Register for the event at www.captivehearts.org



Ruangold Family, missionaries in Thailand

BEUAN KAN SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT



Help keep these teens out of prostitution and low paying jobs. Give the gift of education and more opportunities to learn about the Gospel!

SCHOLARSHIP COVERS:

- SEVERAL SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SHOES
- PE UNIFORMS WITH SPORTS SHOES
- FEES FOR BOOKS, EXAMS, AND OTHER MATERIALS
- TRAVEL COSTS TO EVENTS
- DAILY TRAVEL COSTS TO AND FROM SCHOOL
- 10% ADMIN COSTS



Options to give:

- \$70/month for 10 months a year
- \$700 one time annual gift
- \$35/month for 10 months a year
- \$350 one time annual gift

Each student needs
\$70/month for 10 months
a year.

We are hoping to sponsor 15 students this year!

We need:
15 people at one student's cost or
30 people at half a student's cost

Maybe a GC wants to sponsor a student together!
Let's get creative and help these students!



Please email

justine.cassar@ourelement.org

if you would like to be a sponsor.

Watch our informational meeting from the team that went to Thailand last year on our website.



Ben Collins & Family. ANTIOCH CHURCH PLANT IN SLO

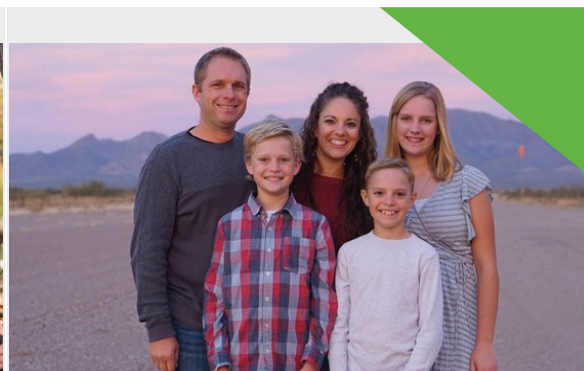
Ben and his family started a neighborhood church plant last April in San Luis Obispo. Element is supporting them as they get established.

"The Lord Jesus has heard our prayer to build Antioch through new faith amongst the people of San Luis Obispo. He has saved whole households and infused them with joy and purpose as never before. We give him all the praise for creating this new community of faith in our neighborhood. We are aiming for true friendship with Jesus and with one another here at Antioch.

I hope to see God cultivate friendship on both of these fronts throughout this next year, that we would become a community of faith that is known by our love (John 13:35). Pray for deepening faith amongst those who have trusted in Jesus, a pure heart and wisdom for me as I shepherd these precious souls, and for further new faith amongst our neighbors here in San Luis Obispo."

-Ben Collins





Pruett Family **ETHNOS 360 | ARIZONIA**

Missionaries originally in the Philippines, they relocated to the Arizona training base to train helicopter pilots who will go into many hard to reach villages to share the Gospel.

"January has had Brian continuing his training of one of our pilots here who will be moving to the Philippines later this year. This will be the year of travel for Brian, heading to Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Brazil, and possibly Indonesia at least once but likely several times! We'd appreciate your prayer for Brian as he juggles the traveling with making sure his students here in Arizona are getting the training they need and then being away from us for so long! Pray for opportunities for the kids and I to encourage these young families coming through here as they prepare to move across the world, away from everything they know and wisdom to equip them with the tools they need thrive."

-Bailey Pruett



Delta High School

Delta High School is an ongoing place we seek to share the love of the Lord throughout the year. Here are a few ways you can get involved currently:

Valentine's Day-Help us assemble treat bags and individualize cards for every student on Sunday, February 12th, 12:30-2pm in the barn

Easter-Help us stuff Easter eggs on Sunday, April 2nd, 12:30-2pm in the barn

Donate toiletries, socks, clothing, blankets, etc... to our Delta shed (bring items to the welcome center any Sunday)

Help teach any skills/talents you have (if interested, we can discuss logistics of how to make that happen)

If you are interested in helping with any of these things, please see the Delta Group on the Church Center App for updates

<https://ourelement.churchcenter.com>

or email justine.cassaro@ourelement.org.



CENTRAL COAST RESCUE MISSION

An Outreach Ministry of
RESCUE MISSION Alliance

The Rescue Mission's Easter outreach is taking place the week of March 26th. They will be packing a few hundred sack lunches and passing the lunches and coats out to homeless and families with children at risk in our community during that week. Please email Kelsie at KTeves-Chang@erescuemission.org for more info!

If you would like to donate items for their thrift store, please drop them by Mon-Fri from 10-5 at 306 N Broadway or schedule a donation pickup by calling 1-800-417-5678.



The next serve day is Saturday, April 22! There will be 2-4 community projects and 2 school projects. If you would like to learn more, please go to servesantamaria.com



<https://www.isi-santabarbara.org/>

Kristal Melton oversees the Santa Barbara UCSB chapter of International Students Inc. The organization exists to promote community within the international students with the goal to share the gospel with these students, who then hopefully return home to their various countries and share the gospel there. They invite the international students to American meals in a local volunteer's home twice a month, where they get a home cooked meal and break out into different discussion groups, including a Bible group option. From there, they offer weekly Bible studies to those who are interested. They also do other fun events, as well as pair students up with an "American friend" who checks in with them, builds a relationship, and hopefully gets to share their faith with them.



"We held two dinners: one Jan. 13 and one Jan. 27. We had between 50-60 people at each dinner, and lots of fun! Our Jan. 13 dinner was held indoors at Bethany Church due to the possibility of rain, and students loved the very American Chicken Divan casserole we served. We had four students join the Bible discussion time, and we are starting to go through the book of John. John 1:1-18 is very poetic, and we had a lot to talk about in regard to Jesus being called the Word and the light. I was so encouraged to have these conversations with two students who are following Jesus, and two who are not yet; one student is Muslim, and another has a Hindu background. Thank you, Lord, for their interest and this opportunity!" -Kristal Melton

We sponsor a room in the **Project P.R.E.M.I.E. House of the Good Samaritan Shelter**. If you would like to help by donating and decorating the room with new bedding and some other room supplies one or two times a year, please email justine.cassaro@ourelement.org.



Other organizations we are connected with:



www.pfssfa.org



www.tamarcenter.org



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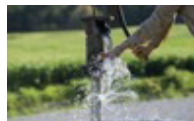
Brandon Lambert - Santa Maria Rep of
www.centralcoastFCA.org



Bentley Family
Missionaries in London;
Instagram handle:
bentleys_in_london



Wheelchairs and clean drinking water and the Gospel to Indonesia and Bali-Ask Justine for more info, as their name can't be associated online with churches.




www.partnersincaring.org



Email Sandy at
SRives@t-mha.org for
more info

(Your Name Here), missionary witness where you are!

We are all called to be on mission. Our calling is to serve others sacrificially, make and grow disciples of Jesus. This is a big task! The book *Art of Neighboring* can help us narrow it down a little bit. It challenges us to think about if we really know those neighbors (could be work colleagues, classmates, etc.). In the following exercise think of 8 “neighbors” and see how much you already know about them, and then pursue getting to them and their stories. This is the beginning of building relational equity so that we are then able to share The Good News of the Gospel with them! (More on that in the next update).

a.	a.	a.
b.	b.	b.
c.	c.	c.
a.		a.
b.		b.
c.		c.
a.	a.	a.
b.	b.	b.
c.	c.	c.

The center square is your home, apartment, maybe even your cubicle. The eight squares around it are your eight closest neighbors/coworkers. Do the following for each neighbor:

- On line A, fill in their name. Ideally first and last, but just put down what you know. If you don't know their name yet, just put down a question mark, or leave it blank. Do the same for the next two lines.
- On line B, fill in any factoids you know that you couldn't get from waving across the street: where they work, where they are from, how long they've lived there, what they do for fun, etc.
- On line C, see if you can fill in any in-depth information: their dreams for the future, relationship status, their faith (or lack of it), experience with God or church, their childhood story, any pain, etc.

As a general rule, only 10% of people can fill in line A, only 3% can fill in line B, and less than 1% can fill in line C. The point here isn't guilt and shame; it's simply to plot out just how well you know (or don't know) your neighbors, to get you started on the journey to loving them by listening to them.

If you want to take this exercise even further, head to artofneighboring.com for more info or resources such as their block party kit, which is a great primer on how to throw your first block party.