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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JEANIE



I have been thinking a lot lately. One of the great challenges to ever face the Christian Church is before us today. How do we engage as the Body of Christ when we can't meet face to face, share the hugs and handshakes of passing the peace, and engage one another as we have done for centuries?

I have been thinking a lot about this question. How do we engage? I think about it when I visit

members ten feet away, masks on, from their driveways or doorsteps. I think about it when I'm told I cannot visit members in their hospital rooms. How do we engage as the Body of Christ?

As I reflected on this question, I thought about how God engages with us. **Throughout history, God has engaged us through covenants.** God engages us through covenants, the last one being the new covenant, Jesus Christ.

We'll be talking about covenants during worship the next few weeks. Please join us by Zoom or in person this Sunday at 10:00!

*Blessings and Courage,
Pastor Jeanie
Ph: (916)996-6236*

YOUR CHURCH OFFERING

We are hoping you are able to continue your regular weekly offering. We also ask you to prayerfully consider an additional contribution to help TLPC cover its expenses. Giving is easy! Click the button below to give now... Thank you for your faithfulness!!

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OPERATION GRATITUDE & SUPPORT

HEALTH KITS FOR VILLAGERS IN RURAL NICARAGUA

During this season of pandemic, we have been supporting the essential workers and ministries of our Truckee community with prayer, letters of gratitude, and with small gratitude bags of appreciation. However this pandemic hasn't just affected our community and nation

"I have been to Nicaragua all three times the program has been able to happen, and it is very tragic to see people who give so much in helping

Every nation of the world has experienced the fear and grief of this virus.

For the last three years, TLPC has fielded a mission trip to Nicaragua where we have supported a rural village in a region with the highest poverty index in the nation. Through our partner CEPAD, the Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua, we have given shoes and clothes to children in the village, supplied school essentials to the teachers, installed a computer lab in the high school, dug water cisterns and funded wells and latrines, and built an addition to a community house in the village. The friendships in the community are deep.

Nicaragua has been hit hard by COVID-19. In a nation where there is not a governmental lifeline, the situation is dire. Despite the challenge, CEPAD has remained committed to supporting rural villages by providing health kits with masks, disinfectant, and seeds for families to grow family gardens. **CEPAD is able to purchase, assemble, and distribute the health kits for \$35.00 per kit.**

It is a blessing that we have such wonderful friends that we can help in this time of crisis. We are dedicating the next two weeks of our Operation Gratitude & Support to help CEPAD provide health kits to rural villages in Nicaragua. **You can make a contribution by mailing a check to TLPC at PO Box 10620, Truckee, CA 96162; please write "Nicaragua" on the memo line of your check. Or, you can easily and securely make an online contribution from your credit card or checking account... Simply click the button below and select "Nicaragua Mission" when asked to "Select Fund" on the GivePlus+ online giving form.**

HEALTH KITS FOR NICARAGUA



JOIN US TUESDAY NIGHT at 7:00 for a Zoom call with Damaris Albuquerque, the Executive Director of CEPAD. Computer service in Nicaragua is very difficult. This is a HUGE gift of Damaris to join us on this call. She will be talking about the work of CEPAD.

Please make every effort to join us on this call!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 AT 10:00 AM!

TLPC outdoor worship will be very casual. We are planning for meaningful and enjoyable worship; however, the experience will be somewhat different from what we are accustomed to. **To learn what to expect and how to prepare prior to attending outdoor worship, please click the button below to view a list of instructions and guidelines... It's important you review this guide before attending. Thank you!**

We understand that there is a wide spectrum of risk and comfort level in our congregation. In order to honor those who are not able to meet together, we will be continuing an online worship. Although the building has been locked, the church has never been closed and worship has never been prohibited. If you are in an "at risk" group or if you are not able or willing to join us outdoors for any reason, we encourage you to continue to worship with us online!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP GUIDE

educate the village's kids receive little pay, and now they are not getting paid at all. Please help our friends in Nicaragua." -Ben Breuch

The people of Nicaragua have been so welcoming to all of us. They always give us precious things like bottles of honey and fruit from their orchards." Tammie Reetz
"Working alongside the Nicaraguans is humbling. They make you feel that you are strong even though they could do it twice as fast" Spencer Edmundson
"No importa lo malo que sea, simepre eres amado" Stefan Hatch

"I'm so thankful for your support, for the masks, for these small expressions of love. We're so thankful. Honestly, we didn't have access to buy these things since we're so far out. We've tried to just always distance ourselves from others, from other communities and towns. But yes, now thanks to you, we have masks, and won't have to use our little bit of money to buy them. Thankfully you are here supporting us with these. We're so thankful." Lester – from the village of La Uva

"Thank you for everything, whether it's a lot or a little, we feel so thankful. Thank you! You can find masks to buy, but they are expensive and hard to get. You know, without work, it takes a lot to go out and buy them. People want to wear them, but they're hard to get. The same with disinfectants, all of it. You can get it, but it's difficult. We're so thankful to everyone." Migdalia – from the village of La Chorrera

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TLPC

Everyone needs God's word and comfort... Please consider forwarding links to worship services to your friends and neighbors!

Sunday, August 16

- **10:00 am: Worship and Holy Communion online or outdoors at 11662 Hope Court** - Pastor Jeanie preaches this week; her sermon is entitled "God's Covenant: Creation." You can view this week's service and bulletins by clicking the buttons below.

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Tuesday, August 18

- **7:00 pm: Together Tuesday. An opportunity for fellowship via an on-line Zoom Meeting. Instructions for participating in the Zoom Meeting will be emailed to you prior to the meeting. Damaris Albuquerque, CEPAD Executive Director, will be on the call this week to talk about CEPAD's work in Nicaragua.**

Sunday, August 23

- **10:00 am: Worship and Holy Communion online or outdoors at 11662 Hope Court!**

Closing Thoughts

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Psalm 46:1-3

As part of Operation Gratitude & Support, please add a petition to your daily prayers this week for the staff of CEPAD and the people of Nicaragua.

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If you have requests for announcements to be included in future editions of TLPC NEWS, or if you have ideas on additional topics to be included in future issues or ways we can improve, please call or email Mark Heyne: 612.741.9119 / office@tlpc.org Thank you!

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