

MISSIONS & OUTREACH 2019

*The motto of every missionary,
whether preacher, printer, or
schoolmaster, ought to be
"Devoted for Life."*

Adoniram Judson,
one of the first commissioned foreign
missionaries in American history



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Haiti, 2018

*"...we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, His power,
and the wonders He has done."*

Psalm 78:4 (TNIV)

Feb 1

Rochester, IL

The Rochester Intermediate School PTO has invited us to once again host a Coffee Bar for their Winter Carnival. Volunteers are needed to make coffee, fill and serve orders, keep the area tidy, and engage with parents. No time to volunteer but still want to help? Consider donating a baked good for the Cake Walk or a theme basket for the Silent Auction.

RIS, 900 Jack Taylor Dr, 6:00-8:00pm

Contact: Heidi Wareham at 498.9264,
heidewareham@rochesterchristian.com



Feb 8-15

Grand Savann, Haiti

Join a crew from Waverly First Baptist Church as they spend time with the children and complete carpentry projects around the In His Hands Orphan Care Community.

Contact: Chris Lyons at 435.9646, chris.lyons@countryfinancial.com

Feb 10-March 17

Rochester, IL

Annual "Be Their Difference!" campaign to raise awareness of the issue of Foster Care and Adoption in our community. When children transition into Foster Care, they often have to leave most of their favorite belongings behind. If they are able to bring some personal items with them, the items are often carried in a garbage bag. According to the Center for Youth & Family Solutions, something as simple as a backpack can make a huge difference during this frightening time in a child's life. Therefore, we will be collecting backpacks as well as supplies to fill the backpacks (*examples-school supplies, hygiene items, socks, underwear*). The backpacks will then

be given to CYFS to give to a child transitioning into Foster Care.

Contact: Curtis Batchelder at 498.9264,
curtisbatchelder@rochesterchristian.com



Dec 1-7 (tentative)

Grand Savann & Gressier, Haiti

Partner with Just 4 Them as they begin fluoride treatments for the students at Evens' School for Restavek Children and at Grand Savann Christian School. These treatments will continue on future trips. The team may also help with construction on Evens' School. Visit your Just 4 Them sponsored child! Approx cost \$795/person plus airfare. *Max team size is 10.*

Contact: Evens Sanon at 433.2884,
letthemcome@just4themhaiti.org



Throughout the Year

Haiti Child Sponsorship

Are you interested in serving the people of the village of our Sister Church, Grand Savann Christian Church, but aren't physically able to travel to Haiti? Here's a way you can help right from home!

Consider sponsoring a child for \$40 per month through Just 4 Them. Your sponsorship will provide an underprivileged child at Pastor Benito's School or at Evens' School for Restavek Children with a Christian education, school uniform, meals, English classes, and basic life skills training. You will also have the opportunity to visit your sponsored child during our annual summer mission trip to Haiti!

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ICOM

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

MISSIONS

Nov 14-17 International Conference on Missions Kansas City, MO

The International Conference on Missions (ICOM) is a family-friendly annual conference with the singular focus of world evangelism and missions. ICOM strives to train new mission recruits, encourage those already on the field, and equip those doing missions wherever they are.

You will be inspired by testimonies of missionaries from all over the world, participate in corporate times of worship with thousands of other believers, and choose from workshop sessions on a wide-range of topics including: how to share the Gospel with your neighbor; how to reach people who follow other world religions (Islam, Hinduism, etc); how to reach internationals right here in the Rochester area (among university students, immigrants, etc); how to pray for and with your child; how to nurture your own personal relationship with the Lord; and how you can use your business as a mission.

**Registration opens March 1st. \$40/individual,
\$80/family, \$10/college student.**

To register and to book housing, go to: <http://theicom.org/>

March 25-30

Taylorville, IL

On December 1st, an EF-3 tornado ripped through Taylorville, causing damage to over 500 structures. A small team from RCC went shortly thereafter to assist with the clean-up efforts. There is still much to be done! Skilled and unskilled labor will be needed to help with renovations which could include projects such as: painting; landscaping; and installing insulation, drywall, and flooring. **Come all week or join each day as you are available.** *Minors accompanied by a parent are welcome to join this team.* **An info meeting will be held on Feb 24 at Noon in Rm 221.**

Contact: Donnie DeLong, 371.1107



April 26

Rochester, IL

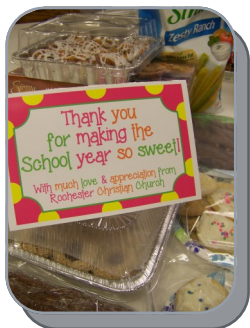
Secret Church 2019: Prayer, Fasting, and the Pursuit of God

Our culture is constantly telling us that we can achieve anything we set our mind to. Sadly, many followers of Christ and many churches have adopted this self-sufficient mindset, relying on their own wisdom and abilities instead of relying on God. We were never intended to be self-sufficient...God has designed us so that our greatest satisfaction is found as we depend on Him fully for everything we need!

In Secret Church 19 we'll take an in-depth look at the Bible's teaching on prayer and fasting. Our inabilities and weaknesses are the very place where God meets us with His strength and sufficiency. Faithfulness to the mission of Christ requires depending on the Spirit of Christ. Through prayer and fasting, we demonstrate our need for God's power and our desire for His glory.

RCC, Room 216, 6:00pm-Midnight. \$5/person. Limited to 35 people.

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May 6-10 Rochester, IL

Teacher Appreciation Week is a great opportunity to show our Rochester community school staff and our partner school, McClernand Elementary in Springfield, how grateful we are for all they do! We need volunteers who are willing to do one or more of the following...

- Make baked goods or healthy snacks and deliver to all 5 Rochester school buildings and McClernand
- Donate \$5-\$10 gift cards to local businesses (Cocoa Blue, Subway, Shell gas station, Bow & Arrow, etc)
- Cook and serve breakfast for the staff of McClernand one morning

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May 28-June 5

Honduras

Join a group from Lakeside Christian Church as they travel to Yamaranguila, Honduras and several villages within the Opalaca Mountains. Spend time sharing the gospel and building relationships with the Lenca Indians while hosting medical clinics and completing construction projects. No prior experience needed to participate.

Contact: Nathan & Kacie Jones, 210.1320, kacienate08@gmail.com

Fall (dates tbd)

Grand Savann, Haiti

Serve alongside Pastor Benito and our Haitian brothers and sisters at our Sister Church in Grand Savann as they build the second level of their school. Skilled and unskilled labor will be needed.

Contact: Larry Becker at 306.1066, larrybecker1@comcast.net



Nov 3

Rochester, IL

Thanksgiving Living Loving is a family-friendly serving event hosted every year at RCC. Once again we will assemble Thanksgiving meal baskets which will be distributed locally through the Rochester schools, Riverton, and McClernand Elementary. We will also fill Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to be distributed all over the world by Samaritan's Purse, opening the door for churches overseas to do outreach in their communities.

RCC, Worship Center, 3:00pm

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Aug 3 Loving Our Hindu Neighbors Rochester, IL

Learn from *M who has been serving for 9 years in a Hindu context in South Asia. Better understand the Hindu worldview and how different it is from a monotheistic worldview; how Hindus view Christianity and the problem of Jesus being incorporated into the pantheon; why prayer is so key and how to pray; and how to develop connections that open hearts to the Gospel. If time allows we will plan to prayer-walk in the area of the Hindu Temple in Chatham.

**Full name omitted to protect her identity.*

RCC, Room 201, 8:30am-Noon. Cost to register: \$5/person.

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Sept 13, 14, 15 Rochester, IL

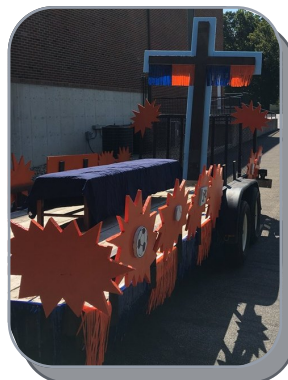
The village of Rochester is celebrating its 150th birthday! This Sesquicentennial Celebration is a great opportunity to host a community outreach event in our parking lot. Many volunteers will be needed to organize and carry out this event.

Contact: Shawn Smith at 498.9264,
shawnsmith@rochesterchristian.com

Sept 25 Rochester, IL

We'd love to have a presence in the Rochester Homecoming Parade again this year! Volunteers will be needed to plan and decorate the float and to walk behind the float and throw out candy.

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June 3-6 Rochester, IL



Vacation Bible School (VBS) opens the door for us to reach more children in our community with the Good News about Jesus. Over 160 children attend VBS, which means a minimum of 50 volunteers are needed! Check children in at the registration table; provide and serve snacks; be a crew leader for a small group of children; lead a station; assist with crafts, games, or science experiments; act in the skits.

RCC, Worship Center, 8:30am-11:30am

Contact: Curtis Batchelder at 498.9264,
curtisbatchelder@rochesterchristian.com

June 10-17 Grand Savann, Haiti

Spend time building upon relationships at our Sister Church, Grand Savann Christian Church (GSCC), and at the In His Hands (IHH) Orphan Care Community. Help IHH with current carpentry needs, participate in prayer walks through the village, plan activities for the children at the orphanage, meet with the women's and youth groups at GSCC, and visit your sponsored child. Approx cost \$1500/person plus some meals. *Max team size is 12.*

An info meeting will be held on Feb 10 at Noon in Rm 221.

Contact: Cherie Repp at 971.4457,
grammy222004@yahoo.com



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