

ENCOUNTER MISSIONS

HIGHLIGHTING OUR PARTNERSHIPS AND UPCOMING EVENTS // FALL 2020



New Partnerships



Jubilee Ministries exists to serve those affected by incarceration by being ambassadors of life change through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Their primary focus is to “Rebuild, Restore and Renew” lives that are broken and caught in cycles of addiction, incarceration or homelessness.

They do this through many volunteer and fundraising opportunities, as well as through ministering to men and women inside prisons, to the families of those in prison, to men released from prison, and to homeless families. If you wish to support Jubilee Ministries, please visit their website at <https://jub.org/> to apply to be a volunteer or to donate and shop online. Please also consider visiting their physical store locations to contribute to their fundraising and keep the ministry alive.

Samantha Oates

Samantha Oates is currently serving with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Guatemala City. YWAM Guatemala City seeks to reach its own community of children, teens, and adults who need to know Jesus and they engage locally through long standing ministries that continue to grow and challenge the base to grow as well. They partner with a daycare located in a dangerous neighborhood and the local hospital. They also engage globally through hosting Discipleship Training Schools that not only invite students from all over the world but also sends these students out to the world for Global Outreach.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Angel Tree / PASD Gift Drive

Collection of gifts for children for these opportunities are due December 13. If you would like to volunteer to help with gift delivery please contact Drew and Renee Dreisbach at ddreisbach@comcast.net

Christmas Eve

Join us for our Christmas Eve services on Thursday, December 24 at 3:00, 4:30, and 6:00 or view our pre-recorded service on our website.

An Update on Partnerships

On behalf of the Missions Team I want to thank you all so much for your continued support of Encounter Missions and the different local, regional, and international partnerships we have been cultivating. Over the past 2 years our Missions Team has been in a process of continuing to focus our mission involvement as a church, in keeping with our stated Values. Our goal moving forward is to develop a deeper partnership with a smaller amount of mission partners.

With that in mind, we wanted to let you know that effective January 2021 we will be ending our partnerships with Bethesda Mission, North Star Initiative, BIC Overcomers, and David & Kim Spirek in Ukraine. (We should also note that our partnerships with Sheryl Fahnestock, Jordyn Hoke and Stephen and Kaitlyn Brock all came to an end in 2019, due to other factors outside of Encounter's control.) We are so thankful for the opportunities we have had to partner with and serve alongside those organizations and people, and ask that you would continue to pray for the work that God is doing in their ministries.

We are also excited about the beginning of two new partnerships: Samantha de Osorio with YWAM Guatemala City, and Jubilee Ministries in Lebanon. We have already begun to serve in different capacities alongside Jubilee, and are beyond excited for what the future holds with them and their amaZing ministry. Likewise, we are humbled to partner with Samantha, a "homegrown" product of Encounter Church, as she works with YWAM Guatemala City. God is so good!

Thanks for your continued faithful giving, and continued prayer support for all of our mission partners. We hope you'll post this newsletter somewhere that would help you remember to consistently life our partners up in prayer over the course of this year.

God bless, Pastor Ryan



Our Values

- We value a holistic view of missions that encompasses a lifestyle of going out with the Gospel in both word and deed.
- We value partnerships that allow for opportunities of greater awareness and participation in the local, regional, and global mission of God.
- We value the work of the Holy Spirit in raising up missionaries who will go and be God's witnesses wherever they are.
- Partnership to us is a joint belief and participation in the work God is doing through each other.

Current Partnerships

Encounter Church of Palmyra supports various ministries all over the globe, both families and organizations of different ministries in different parts of the world. The individual families we support include **Bruce and Merly Bundy** in Spain, **Jay and Judy Smith** in London, **Jim and Karen Avella** in Cyprus, and **Samantha Oates** in Guatemala. The global organizations Encounter supports include **Champions in Action** in Guatemala, Passion Center for Children in Malawi, **FGA Bible College** in Pakistan, and **Operation Christmas Child**. The local organizations Encounter partners with include **The Charing Cupboard**, **Align Life Ministries**, **Paxton Ministries**, and **Angel Tree**. Encounter supports these ministries and organizations not only financially but with volunteers and resources. If you are interested in being involved or learning more information about any of these other local or global ministries, please visit the "Missions" tab at encounterchurchofpalmyra.org or contact Pastor Ryan Cagno at ryan@encounterchurchofpalmyra.org.