



# Missions

IMPACT

2017





## DEAR MILESTONE FAMILY,

I say it often, but I'm so grateful to pastor such a generous church. When we partner with Jesus and work together to love and serve those around us, something powerful always happens. From the beginning, Milestone has always been a church that's known for helping people, and because of your generosity we'll be able to continue to help meet the needs of those around us. You won't believe the impact you've had this year in giving generously and serving those in need in our local community and around the world.

This year we moved into our new building, hosted our very first church-wide Serve Day, and started our monthly Second Saturday Serve Day. We not only continue to help single moms, widows, and those in need in our church family and community, but as we grow we're able to launch new initiatives like the program for veterans that we are kicking off this fall. And those are just a few of the things you've done this year to reach people and build lives. It's an incredible time to be a part of Milestone and if you haven't already, we hope you'll find a place to serve in our ongoing outreach efforts.

I'm constantly blown away by the radical generosity and sacrifice of Milestone Church to live on mission every day. I want to personally thank you for serving those in need, reaching people for Jesus, and making an impact for the Kingdom.

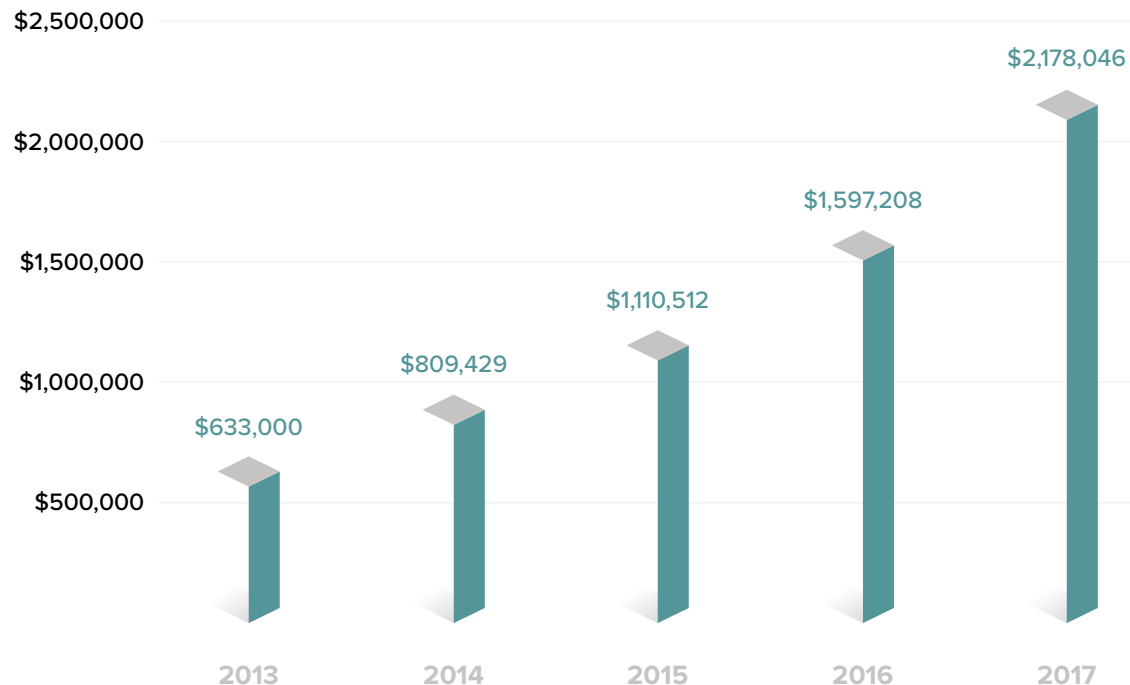
Honored to be your pastor,

Pastor Jeff Little

## MISSIONS GIVING

Over the last 12 months, we've given **\$2,178,046** to missions!

\*The total missions giving includes cash gifts and in kind donations.



In addition, 4,320 Milestone volunteers have served 20,799 hours, valued at \$523,095!

## Generosity Transforms.

Because of your generosity, our local and global impact is bigger than it's ever been. We give financially to local and global ministry partners, missionaries and church plants around the world. We also give of our time, both through local outreach opportunities and global mission trips.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

**ACTS 1:8**



## LOCAL MISSIONS

# SERVE DAY

In April, Milestone launched our first annual Serve Day. Volunteers saturated the community serving the homeless, refugees, single moms, widows, and elderly. Teams cleaned up Bear Creek Park, completed projects for Christ's Haven for Children, and delivered lunches to local first responders. We also had teams that cleared every code violation identified by the city of Keller and remodeled a home for a very deserving single mom! Serve Day was the beginning of our 2nd Saturday Serve, where local outreach teams serve together on a monthly basis. We are known as the church that helps people in our community!

*"The city of Keller would not be the same without Milestone Church."*

Mayor Mark Mathews



**1,300** Volunteers Participated

**500** Blessing Bags For Homeless

**1,428** Service Hours

**100** Lunches Sent to First Responders

**30** Different Projects

**150** People Visited Nursing Homes



## LOCAL MISSIONS

### TRACY INMAN-COX

After one outburst, I suffered a severe concussion and loss of vision in one eye. For several years, coming home was a daily reminder of the abuse I endured. I continually prayed Isaiah 61:3 over my life, family and home. A home is supposed to be a place of refuge, a place to relax and be at ease. But even though the abuse had stopped with our divorce, the signs were all still present. Holes in the walls and doors from angry fists. Broken cabinets, appliances and doors from unexpected bursts of anger.

My boys and I were forced to live in a women's shelter because it was no longer safe at home. Months later when it was safe for us to come home, we returned to empty rooms full of trash, spoiled food, water and rodent damage, and a bug infestation. During my time spent in physical and occupational therapy, I fell behind on my mortgage and was facing foreclosure.

I heard God tell me to remain faithful, trust in Him and He would bless me ten-fold. I would remind my children we needed to trust and believe in order to move forward. I attended Financial Peace University at Milestone and began trusting God with my finances. I trusted Him when I submitted years of unfiled and complicated tax returns to a Milestone member who helped me sort it all out. Then I gave Him my pride, shame and humility as I allowed a massive team of Milestone Serve Day volunteers into my home to begin renovations and repairs. I call it Restoration Sunday because those volunteers became the hands and feet of Jesus that day as they fulfilled His promises to me. The volunteers who served that day turned my house into my dream home. Our lives were changed in so many ways that day. The boys and I now come home to a place surrounded in God's love and promises, a place of solitude and comfort and actual beds to sleep in. We're no longer embarrassed to invite friends into our home, and we're able to share our

testimony of God's faithfulness. In fact, guests always comment how peaceful and tranquil my home feels. I smile, knowing that it's God's presence.

I want to say thank you. Thank you to every volunteer who willingly and lovingly gave their time, sweat, and resources to changing our lives and giving us hope and a brighter future. We are eternally grateful and continually pray blessings over you all. We can't thank you enough.



# We partner with local ministries to:

- Provide food and clothing for those in need
- Reach women with unplanned pregnancies, helping them choose life
- Prevent and rescue victims of human trafficking
- Support women leaving the sex industry
- Provide medical and dental care for the poor
- Mentor at-risk youth and meet needs of kids in the foster system
- Care for families of kids with a life-threatening illness

## LOCAL MISSIONS

### 2nd Saturday Serve

On the 2nd Saturday morning each month we serve those in need in several different ways. We have opportunities for individuals, families, and small groups to serve together. We also offer other outreach events throughout the month and on occasion as needs arise.

### Homeless

Our team serves breakfast and provides music and a gospel message for the homeless on the 2nd Saturday of every month.

### Lawn Care

This team provides mowing and lawn care for Milestone single moms and widows each summer. We also partner with the city to take care of code violations in Keller and the surrounding area.

### Medical

We have a large Milestone medical community that participates in medical mission trips and other outreach events.

### Mentor

We mentor at-risk youth through a partnership with Christ's Haven for Children and C3 Student Ministries.

### New Neighbors

The Metroplex is growing rapidly as new individuals and families move into our area. We serve and connect with these families by delivering welcome boxes to their home.

### Prison

We are currently serving weekly in juvenile detention centers and in men's and women's units through various outreach events.

### Refugees

On the 2nd Saturday of each month we minister to children and visit refugees in their homes. Every 4th Saturday we provide groceries to over 300 refugee families in a farmer's market type setting.

### Seniors

We love the elderly and have family-friendly serving opportunities at Evergreen Senior Residences through a monthly dinner on the 3rd Thursday night of each month. On 2nd Saturday we assist the seniors with household and gardening needs. We also host holiday events at Evergreen and the Keller Senior Center.





## Single Moms & Widows

We care for single moms and widows through a Mother's Day dinner, Back to School event, Christmas gifts at Joy and more. We meet tangible needs through our lawn care and skilled projects teams. We invest in their future by providing scholarships for Financial Peace University and college tuition, as well as camp scholarships for their children. For more information, please go to [milestonechurch.com/singlemoms](https://milestonechurch.com/singlemoms).

## Skilled Projects

Our skilled projects team meets the needs of single moms, widows, elderly and disabled as they arise. They also participate in larger projects such as home makeovers on Serve Day and various needs in and around the church.

## Teachers

Each year teachers and administrators are blessed with a back to school appreciation gift and provided with resources throughout the year.

## Tutors

We provide tutoring for children of our single moms and other families in need within our church.

## Veterans

It is our desire to bless veterans in our local community, get them connected in life-giving relationships, and encourage them as they grow and walk in all that God has for them and their families. For more information, please go to [milestonechurch.com/veterans](https://milestonechurch.com/veterans).

## Vehicle Donation

We accept vehicle donations to provide for families in need within our church. Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by IRS guidelines.

**To serve at one of our local outreach events  
visit [milestonechurch.com/missions](https://milestonechurch.com/missions).**



## LOCAL MISSIONS

# LOCAL MISSIONS HIGHLIGHTS

**1,100** welcome boxes delivered to new families in our community

**\$30,000** in supplies to renovate homes on Serve Day

**\$50,000** in Easter meals and gifts given to families in need

**\$10,000** in gifts and prizes for widows and single moms on Mother's Day

**3,600** meals served to the homeless with over 100 salvations

**310** teachers given a back to school gift

**100** single mom households provided with backpacks and school supplies

**1,500** meals provided to low-income seniors

**\$172,000** in groceries provided to refugees from 30 different countries

**100** veterans provided brunch on Veteran's Day

**\$805,000** in Christmas gifts for single moms and widows

**\$30,000** in toys and other Christmas gifts for single parents and families in need

**\$70,000** in needed items for hurricane victims



## LOCAL MISSIONS

### SHAINA PICKERING

#### REFUGEE OUTREACH

I've been coming to Milestone for about three and a half years, and I am an American Sign Language Interpreter for the Deaf. I have worked alongside the Deaf for about two years now, but never would I have even thought that my work life and my church life would mix as they do now!

When I signed up for the Fort Worth mission trip this summer, something was telling me I was able to use my gift for His glory in the spiritual family He placed me in. My prayer was to simply meet a deaf refugee and be given an opportunity to minister using the language, skill, and gift that God has given me.

On our first day there, the schedule changed. We were supposed to leave the complex by 6:00pm, but instead we came back to do more ministry. This change of events wasn't planned by us, but God knew exactly what He was

doing because at 6:30pm, in the same clubhouse we were in, there was an American Sign Language class being held for the deaf refugees who were living there. While we were still getting ready to go out and do ministry, 14 of the kindest, most welcoming people I have ever met came in to get ready for their class. And all I had to do was stand there and say, "Lord, I'm willing." It amazed me.

I invited everyone to come to our outreach festival knowing that I would be interpreting for the Deaf. I made friends, I felt like I belonged, I interpreted prayers, and I was able to talk about Jesus in my second language, which was really cool! Since then I have been serving the Deaf through weekly classes, 2nd Saturday Serve refugee kids outreach, and the monthly refugee food distribution.

I am so very grateful for the serving opportunities Milestone Missions has created that allow me to be a part of an amazing team of people who love

Jesus and which allow me to use my gifts for His Kingdom on a regular basis. The refugees that I have been blessed to connect with through sign language have made such an impact on my life and have really confirmed the path I believed God was leading me on several years ago. It has fueled an even greater passion and boldness in me to continue to serve the Deaf community and lead others to Christ, all while glorifying HIm. For all this and more, I am so thankful!





## HOLIDAY & OUTREACH EVENTS

# HOLIDAY EVENTS

### Valentine's Day

Each year we host a Valentine's Day brunch for our Milestone widows.

### Easter Eggstravaganza

Through a partnership with the Community Storehouse, we host an incredibly fun day for families in need in our local community. There is an Easter egg hunt, lots of games and prizes, a clear presentation of the gospel and each family takes home a box of food to prepare for their Easter meal.

### Mother's Day

We host an elegant dinner for our single moms and a brunch for our widows each year. They receive Mother's Day gifts and hear an encouraging message.

### Back To School

We provide our single mom's children with backpacks and school supplies each year. We provide a meal and fun activities for the kids.

### Fairy Tale Ball

We partner with HopeKids to host a Fairy Tale Ball for families with children who have life-threatening illnesses. This incredible evening consists of princes, princesses, photo opportunities, a delicious meal, DJ and dancing, and ends with a carriage ride.

### Veteran's Day

We honor veterans each year through a Veteran's Luncheon. We are expanding this outreach to include more events over the coming months.



## HOLIDAY & OUTREACH EVENTS

### Thanksgiving

**Brunch:** We serve an elegant Thanksgiving brunch to the seniors at Evergreen each year.

**Thanksgiving Meals:** We provide full Thanksgiving meals to single moms, widows, and refugee families who are in need.

### Christmas

**Toy Drive:** Throughout the month of November, we collect toys for our Christmas Compassion event and for those in need in our local community.

**Christmas Compassion:** We host a Christmas party and allow Milestone families in need to shop for toys while we entertain the kids in a fun and festive environment.

**Joy:** Each year we bless our single moms and widows with generous gifts at Joy, our Christmas women's event.







# 2017 MISSION TRIP RECAP

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## **Fort Worth Refugee Team**

44 missionaries went to Fort Worth to minister to refugee families from over 30 different countries who live right here in our own backyard. We build relationships all year long through monthly outreach events and then immerse ourselves with the refugees for a few days each summer. Through our last mission trip, we were able to share the gospel with over 400 refugees and lead 19 of them from many different backgrounds to Christ.

## **Nicaragua Evangelistic & Medical Team**

40 missionaries went to Nicaragua as a part of a 1 Nation 1 Day effort, with a total of 2,500 missionaries reaching every state in Nicaragua at the same time. We had the privilege of presenting the gospel to 6,480 people resulting in 1,272 salvations. Our medical and dental team treated 1,524 patients and witnessed many miraculous healings.

## **Guatemala Family Team**

22 missionaries as young as 8 years old went to Guatemala this year and led a VBS outreach, provided food and supplies to families in need, cleared land, built drainage systems and more. Through school assemblies and other events they were able to share the gospel with over 1,000 adults and children and witnessed 30 salvations.



## GLOBAL MISSIONS

### CHRIS COOPER, M.D.

#### NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP

I practice as a family and sports medicine doctor in our local community. I have been on three medical mission trips with Milestone to Honduras, the Dominican Republic, and most recently Nicaragua. Serving with global missions allows me the unique opportunity to use my gifts in a setting completely different than what I experience in my practice at home. It is so rewarding to serve people where the only thing they have to give in return is their gratitude. Amazingly, God uses that to fill me with such joy, knowing that I am doing my part in His great commission.

In Nicaragua, I was amazed how the entire team formed an immediate, supernatural bond that created spiritual family for all of us serving together. We had over 60 people from 6 different states coming together with a shared vision to serve the people of Nicaragua in the medical clinic. I loved that in our clinic, titles didn't get in the way of each of us serving alongside one another, committing to the vision set before us. Every role was significant and each of us were prepared to jump in and pour God's love out for the people there.

My most memorable moment was treating a man with one blind eye from a past traumatic injury. There was nothing for me to offer the man medically, so we offered to pray for him. While we were praying, our ministry team leader felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit to describe the story from the Bible of Jesus placing mud on a blind man's eyes. The man knew the story and was eager to try it! He had such an expectant heart. Taking that step of obedience and following what he had heard, he placed mud over the man's eye and we began to pray. When we washed the mud away, we literally witnessed an opaque, dusky grey cloud disappear from his eye and his sight return!

The blessings from serving on the mission field are limitless, and I am thankful to be a part of what Milestone Church is doing around the world.





# 2018 MISSION TRIPS

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## Los Angeles

March 12 – 17, 2018

**Leaders:** Nathan & Moriah Swedberg

**Team:** Students Age 15+ & Young Adults

**Cost:** \$1,650

This team will stay and work alongside the LA Dream Center staff participating in projects such as Adopt-a-Block, feeding programs, homeless ministry on Skid Row, beautification projects and more!

## Mexico City

June 9 – 16, 2018

**Leaders:** Pastor Mike & Mary Banas, Sam Bustamante

**Team:** Interns & Medical Professionals

**Cost:** \$1,950

We are partnering with Operation Serve International to provide medical and dental care, humanitarian relief, and evangelistic outreaches through local churches in or near Mexico City. Our team will be traveling and ministering together throughout the week.

## Fort Worth

June 21 – 24, 2018

**Leaders:** Stacey Hatcher, Ginger Pelletier, Linda Savell

**Team:** Ages 10+ with parent, 14+ without parent, Adults, Families

**Cost:** \$475

We are partnering with World Relief resettlement agency to minister to refugees from over 30 different countries. Our team will be presenting dramas, doing individual home visits with refugee families, providing humanitarian relief with needed donations, and culminating the week with a large festival. Our festival will have fun games and activities, as well as worship music and a clear presentation of the gospel.





## Kenya

July 20 – August 1, 2018

**Leaders:** Tim & Judy Malone

**Team:** Individuals or Families, Children 12+ with parent

**Cost:** \$4,200

We have an ongoing partnership with Open Arms International in Eldoret, Kenya. Open Arms is a ministry that rescues orphaned and abandoned children and cares for them in a Christian family setting. They also provide medical care to the surrounding community and have a feeding program in the Kambi Teso slum. This team will participate in work projects as needed, evangelism and ministry opportunities with both adults and children.

## Guatemala

July 28 – August 4, 2018

**Leaders:** Blake & Alison Hughes

**Team:** Families with Children ages 8+, Young Adults

**Cost:** \$2,075

We are partnering with INNMinistries to minister to children and families in San Cristobal, Guatemala. We will participate in various projects in and around the village, after school programs, school assemblies, church outreaches, family visits and more. Each team member will have the opportunity to share the gospel and grow in their walk with Christ as they serve.

## Romania

November 2018 (exact dates TBD)

**Leaders:** Pastor Derrick & Russellann Wilson

**Team:** Adults 18+

**Cost:** TBD (will be posted in January 2018)

Our team will work alongside the Joshua Project to minister to orphans and children and their families who have been affected by HIV/AIDS. Projects may include beautification of homes and surrounding areas, evangelistic efforts, sports ministry, providing humanitarian relief through donated items and more.

**For more information or to apply for a trip, visit [milestonechurch.com/missions](http://milestonechurch.com/missions).**



Milestone  
has trained  
and equipped  
pastors over  
the last year  
and been a  
part of planting  
churches that  
have seen  
hundreds of  
decisions  
for Christ.

## PASTOR AARON GRIJALVA

RISE CHURCH

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Our family moved to San Antonio in April of 2017 with the dream of planting a life-giving church that would transform South Texas and beyond. And with Milestone Church's help, that dream is becoming a reality.

We didn't know a single person when we moved here but we knew we had spiritual family behind us in this process. Our team continues to grow at a record pace and RISE Church will plant this January in San Antonio, TX from a position of strength because of the generosity and vision that Milestone has to plant churches and see the world changed with the love of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for giving sacrificially in such a way that we and many other churches can start Reaching People and Building Lives. Your church has shown us the love of a spiritual family and we are so grateful for your sacrifice and support!





We financially support and send teams to missionaries and global ministries that are making a difference all over the world. These are just some of the ways that we impact the global community.

- Rescue Orphaned and Abandoned Children
- Feeding Programs
- Prevent and Rescue Victims of Human Trafficking
- Provide Food and Education for Refugees
- Fight for Justice for the Oppressed
- Show the Jesus Film in Remote Villages
- Share the Gospel with the Unreached
- Train Pastors
- Empower Marginalized Women
- Equip Business Leaders
- Plant Churches









# GET INVOLVED

## Pray

Please pray for families, single parents, and widows in need within our Milestone family and local community. Pray for the unreached, long-term missionaries, and our global mission teams.

## Give

Financial or In Kind Donations:

- Local Missions Efforts (school supplies, Thanksgiving meals, toys, etc.)
- Missionary Support and Church Plants
- Single Moms & Widows
- Financial Peace Scholarships
- College Tuition
- Gifts for Mother's Day, Back to School and Christmas
- Student Scholarships for Church Camp
- Reliable Vehicles for Families in Need

## Serve

It will take all of us to fulfill the call we have been given to serve both locally and globally. Commit to serving with a local mission team and/or going on a mission trip this year, and prioritize serving during our church-wide Serve Day in the spring of 2018.

## Social

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Follow us on social media for updates and opportunities throughout the year, and visit our website to sign up for a quarterly email update.



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