



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
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The Heart of Mission

January 26, 2021

The picture above is a beautiful batik table cloth given to World Mission recently by our ***Indonesian mission co-worker, Farsijanna Adeney-Risakotta***. It was part of a product basket that several of us evaluated for her. I had a wonderful email this week from her. She is at home in California for a few more months and was able to preach this past Sunday at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Santa Cruz, California. Included in that worship is not only her sermon on Jonah but also a video about the House of Authentic Sense Co-op which produced the product basket. The Co-op brings people together from Muslim and Christian faiths, provided microfinance loans, and helps them improve their skills and communication. Click this [LINK](#) to view the worship service.

Some of us will hopefully be zooming with her in February to continue our work evaluating some of their products. Six of our mission team have evaluated the HAS products and hopefully will be able to introduce some of them to you later on in the year.

Opportunity International has called us to “pay attention” to the impact COVID 19 has had around the world. The impact is staggering. This very informative article tells more. Please take time and read it. Just click this [LINK](#).

Our prayers go out to our sister congregation in Luyano. Silvia Fonden, the cook for the Luyano congregation’s community breakfast program, mother of Norka, an elder in the Luyano congregation, and friend to many, died this past week. Many of First Presbyterian Church groups met and were fed by Silvia. Our hearts go out to Norka and the congregation.

On the home front, **Salt & Light** sent us some helpful information on what to donate and what not to donate to them. They cannot accept food; although, you can purchase food from their grocery department and they welcome this. They can accept a variety of clothing and household items. Click this [LINK](#) to read more about that.

And, our prayers are focused on **CU at Home** right now as they are nearing their One Winter's Night. They are in the midst of their hard Winter months right now. Pray for the Box Dwellers who are participating in One Winter's Night CU at Home's annual and very important fundraiser. Click this [LINK](#) to read more about Box Dwellers for One Winter's Night. We pray for our friends without an address who are struggling with homelessness and relapses. We celebrate with **CU at Home** that they have finished the construction on Austin's Place and now are helping our female friends without an address. We celebrate with those friends who addressing the underlying issues of substance abuse; sometimes it takes several tries before a success can happen. We celebrate with the friends who are able to move on to taking care of their own apartment.

Our **Environmental Stewardship Committee** is talking about Earth Day and Earth Sunday already, April 22 and 25. Spring is just around the corner. They heard from Rev. Cindy Shepherd from **Faith in Place** at their last meeting. Anyone interested in the Clean Energy Jobs Act, or learning more about how citizens can act toward environmental justice, was invited to register for a webinar on Jan. 28 at <https://www.faithinplaceaction.org/> Find the tab that says Events for the link.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews, Mission Coordinator

Let us keep all our mission partners in our prayers, those who are waiting to go back to their place of ministry and those who are able to work where they are. Listen for God's call to you in their ministry.

Our PC(USA) Mission CoWorkers:

Mark Adams and Miriam Maidonado Escobar (Mexico)
Farsijanna Adeney-Risakotta (Indonesia)
Jeff and Christi Boyd (Central Africa)
Bob and Kristi Rice (South Sudan)

Our regional and global mission partners:

Kemmerer Village (and Camp Carew)
Lifeline Pilots
Marion Medical Mission
Mission Aviation Fellowship

Opportunity International
Friends of Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan Presbyterian Cuba Partnership
Special Offerings of the PC(USA)
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Here at First Presbyterian Church

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