

PLAN YOUR MISSION ADVENTURE!



La Jolla
Presbyterian Church



*Supporting LJPC
Mission Partners*

*December 14th
One service at 10:00am
in the Sanctuary*

*Meet the Mission
Partners at 11:15am with
food, games, and fun!*



Dear La Jolla Pres Family,

This Christmas season, as we celebrate the joy of being "Home for Christmas," I invite you to embark on a journey that will touch lives near and far. On Sunday, December 14th, we will come together for a special combined worship service at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary, followed by our Mission Gift Market in Fellowship Hall.

This unique event is an opportunity to explore the incredible work of 26 mission partners who are changing lives in our community and around the world. As you visit their booths, you'll have the chance to make a meaningful difference by supporting their ministries—whether it's through a donation, learning more about their work, or finding a special way to honor loved ones with gifts that truly matter.

There's something for everyone! Kids and adults alike can participate in a fun passport adventure, collecting stamps as they travel from booth to booth. Together, we'll celebrate the spirit of giving and the joy of being part of a global community united by Christ's love. I hope you'll join us for this heartfelt time of connection, generosity, and celebration. Let's make this season of "Home for Christmas" a time to bring hope and joy to others.

With gratitude and Christmas blessings,

La Jolla Presbyterian Church Mission Committee

Kent Grooms, Peter Fait, Christy Zatkin, Tommy Gibbs, Stefani Powers, and Pastor Paul

Mission Partners

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San Diego Street Choir

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UPLIFT Kids at Heart

Urbanlife

Y-Malawi

Younglife Southbay



Alliance for African Assistance is guided by Christian values in our mission to serve refugees, immigrants, and the most vulnerable among us to become self-sufficient, productive members of the community. We do this in a manner reflecting dignity by providing tools to successfully achieve full integration. Support is especially needed for Alliance Health Clinic in San Diego and the Teresa Ayiko International Hospital in Atiak, Uganda.



Alliance Health Clinics: With support from LJPC, Alliance provides primary care for refugees and underserved multicultural families placed in San Diego. The clinic provides a medical home that respects their cultural values and speaks their language.

Alliance has opened a hospital in northern Uganda to serve Ugandans and South Sudanese refugees stranded in two camps nearby. Desperately needed, the facility is the only one in the region to offer maternity, pediatric, and emergency care.

Gift Ideas

Great Gifts to Give

- \$3 African fabric for one dress
- \$5 School Supplies: notebooks, pens, pencils
- \$10 Christmas gift for a newcomer child
- \$35/month: Sponsor a child

Great Gifts to Give for the Hospital

- \$3 Pair of Socks
- \$5 School supplies
- \$10 Holiday treats for families





**BAJA
CHRISTIAN
MINISTRIES**



Gift Ideas

Great Gifts to Give

\$5 - \$8,500 towards the construction of a home for a family in need

\$10-\$250—sponsors 1-25 people to do the Purple Book Program

\$5 - \$5000—missionary support for a BCM TEAM in Mexico



BajaChristian.org • cherylwalker@bajachristian.org • 909-627-4339



BAJA PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS



Baja Presbyterian Missions (BPM) took off in the early 70s when long-time La Jolla Presbyterian Church members Roland and Kay Taylor joined with a vision of building Presbyterian churches and missions in Baja California. The Taylors were instrumental in getting their vision off the ground that now has helped build and support more than 31 Presbyterian churches and missions in Baja California. We are a 501c3 non-profit corporation located in San Diego. Our support includes financial assistance in obtaining the property and paying for building materials for the projects. We continue to provide pastor salary assistance for our mission churches when there is not yet enough local funding to pay for the pastor's complete salary. Please join us in praying for our Presbyterian Churches in Baja.



Gift Ideas

Great Gifts to Give

- \$10 3 Spanish Bibles
- \$20 Food bag for Tijuana's homeless
- \$50 Pastor salary supplements
- \$100 New church construction & repairs





LJPC is helping. And so can you.

Deeply rooted in the Christian faith, Big Table uses a unique referral model to help those most in need without any strings attached. LJPC continues to partner with Big Table as they focus on La Jolla and Pacific Beach communities and you can be a part of it!

Join the movement.

Big Table shares simple, practical ways to care for this community in a brochure entitled "How to Care While Eating and Sleeping." Grab yours in the church office, by calling 619-733-5700 or visiting www.big-table.com.

Behind the smiles.

Big Table exists to create community and care for those in crisis in the restaurant and hospitality industry. These are the people you engage with every day in coffee shops, restaurants, bars and hotels and represent the largest combined industry in nation. Behind their smiles (or masks) is also the highest concentration of need in the country.

Some other ideas include: Surprise a server with Unexpected 20s envelopes (see website), learn the names of and encourage those who serve you, or host a Big Table chef dinner in your home to raise support and awareness for this community.

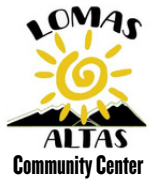


Great Gifts to Give

- \$10 covers the drinks for a care meeting
- \$20 loads one Unexpected 20
- \$50 bus pass or gas to get to work
- \$100 grocery card for single mom



big-table.com • 619-733-5700



Casa de Los Angeles (CDLA) is a dynamic community hub located in Rosarito, Mexico. We are currently developing an 11,000 sq ft hybrid community center designed to serve multiple purposes: providing a safe home for orphans, offering community and worship spaces, and supporting various educational and development programs.

Lomas Altas Community Center: For over a year, the Lomas Altas Community Center has been serving the neighborhood from our CDLA campus. What began with English classes for children and adults has grown into a hub for local empowerment. We now offer consistent educational programming, monthly community events, and new initiatives tailored to the needs and dreams of our neighbors. The center is becoming a trusted presence in Lomas Altas.

Ignite Change, Inspire Hope: Join Casa de Los Angeles in demonstrating God's love through tangible support in Rosarito. Your contributions directly impact projects like our community center and educational programs, helping transform Lomas Altas from a community in need to one of opportunity and sustainable growth.

Act Now: Don't miss the chance to see your support create lasting change. Join us in making a difference today.



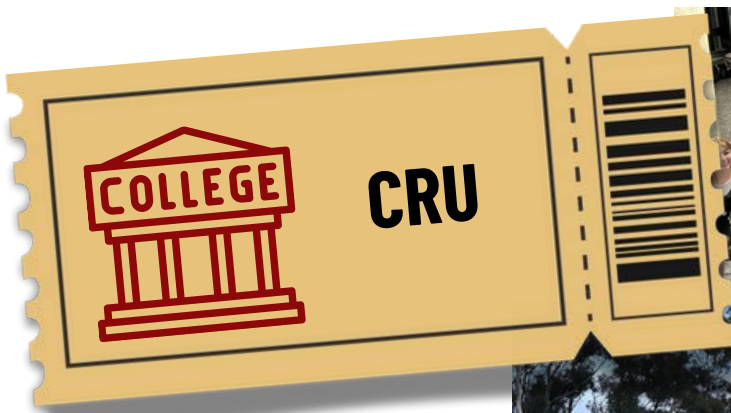
Great Gifts to Give

\$50 Foundation Builder - Contributes to basic construction materials for the community center like bricks, cement, or windows.

\$100 Education Sponsor - Provides educational materials and supplies for one month of English classes for children and adults at the Community Center.

\$250 Community Champion - Supports the setup of a monthly special event such as a health workshop, a cultural celebration, or a family day.





There are approximately 250,000 college students local to San Diego. Many of these college students have either never encountered Jesus personally or have a very warped understanding of the Gospel and who God is. And even within Christians who come into college as believers, unfortunately we see around 64% of them step away from the faith during their years in college.



Students at UCSD are not only heavily motivated by the societal, worldly norms of success, but identify themselves with these metrics. There is little to no hope about their purpose or identity. The majority of these students will graduate and pursue careers that will have lasting impacts on generations to come. We, at Cru, see that as an incredible opportunity for us to reach so many people we might not have access to. Being in San Diego we also have an incredibly unique opportunity to reach the nations with where we are, specifically at UCSD, where it happens to be one of the leading schools for international students in the nation. Our vision is to turn all lost students and faculty into lifelong multiplying disciples by being an accessible and available community on campus. We do that by starting movements that focus on winning students to the Gospel, building them as disciples, and sending students and faculty as multiplying disciples to the world. We invite partnership through prayer, finances, connections, and volunteering! We look forward to partnering with you in ministry

Great Gifts to Give

20 donors at \$100/month will get Evelyn reported back onto campus!

\$500 enables us to connect with 250 new students through spiritual interest surveys

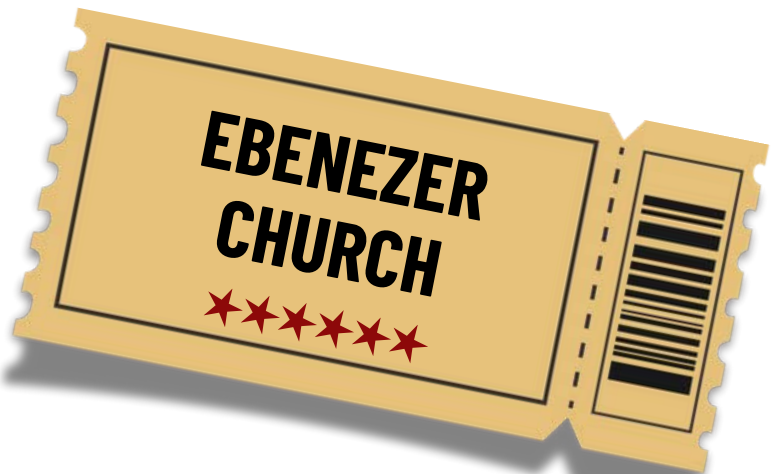
\$1000 covers one of our strategic gathering socials in the Fall

\$5000 enables us to scholarship 100 students to be trained in Evangelism and Discipleship at one of our conferences

\$15,000 will cover all of our Fall Launch expenses for our UCSD and SDSU hub movements (tacos, buses to the bonfire, outreach materials, Broomball...)



Our vision is to create a living metaphor of how an immigrant, under resourced, and often exploited community can come to life when engaged by selfless followers of Jesus.



Engaging Linda Vista to reach the nations for Jesus.



Great Ways to Volunteer:

Join us the first Saturdays each month to help serve the community

Bring/Cook a meal to our Sunday gatherings

Bring prepackaged meals or grocery gift cards to our involuntarily homeless friends

Volunteer to coach youth sports at our local schools.

Great Gifts to Give

\$5-\$100. Grocery gift cards for families in need

\$50-1200 Rental assistance for our friends transitioning out of homelessness

\$25-\$100 Stipends to pay our friends transitioning out of homelessness for odd jobs

\$10-\$100 Sports or Serve Saturday supplies

Gift Ideas



ebenezerchurchsd.com

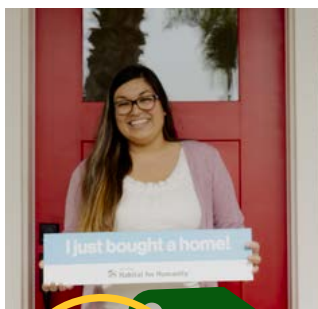


Laubach Literacy
of San Diego

The La Jolla English Language Center offers adult literacy tutoring and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes on Tuesday evenings from 6:30pm-8pm at La Jolla Presbyterian Church. A non-profit organization, the Center is dedicated to helping adults, adolescents, and children learn to speak, read and write English to improve and enrich their lives and, in turn, San Diego communities. The La Jolla English Language Center is a member of the Laubach Literacy Council of San Diego County.

The English Second Language Classes aren't looking for financial gifts, but are always looking for new tutors. No experience is necessary, training and materials are provided.

laubachsandiego.org • Marc Angel, Director 858-456-9266



San Diego Habitat for Humanity seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. We seek to provide a world where everyone has a decent and affordable place to live. Together, we build strength, stability & self-reliance through shelter.

Gift Ideas



Great Gifts to Give

- \$10 Hammer
- \$25 Box of Nails
- \$50 Paint
- \$100 Roof Shingles



sandieghabitat.org



IGLESIA PRESBITERIANA EMMANUEL CHURCH

Iglesia Presbiteriana Emmanuel Church ministers to the large, Spanish-speaking population in downtown and Golden Hills. Its programs include Worship Services, Sunday school, home Bible study, youth groups, Vacation Bible School and after-school tutoring in cooperation with Kids at Heart.



Gift Ideas

Great Gifts to Give

- \$10 Bible for the new believers
- \$20 VBS for one child
- \$50 Help send a student to summer camp
- \$100 New instruments for the church musicians



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INTERFAITH SHELTER NETWORK



Interfaith Shelter Network is all denominations county-wide in a Rotational Shelter program to help them find jobs & housing so they can leave homelessness behind. Congregations host the program in their facilities for two weeks a year providing volunteers for meals and overnight hosting, transportation and donations, while they look for work. If you come to set up and take down the shelter, spend the night or prepare and share a meal you are in for an unforgettable experience.

We will host our guests here at church from March 7-21 of 2026.

Please look for sign ups to help bring dinners, stay overnight, set up beds before, take down beds after, wash bedding/towels.

Michelle Whitney 858-454-0713
michellew@ljpres.org

Gift Ideas

Great Gifts to Give

- \$10 Toiletries kit for one
- \$25 Gift cards for essential shopping
- \$25 Shave & a haircut
- \$100 Apply for security deposit on an apartment.



Interfaithshelter.org



GLEANINGS FOR THE HUNGRY

DINUBA, CA

LJPC sends a Mission Team to Gleanings in Dinuba, Ca. each year. On previous trips our Mission Teams helped package 1,443,000 servings of food sent out to the needy in nations around the globe.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27

Gleanings For The Hungry has sent many containers of food and other donated items.

- Container Ministry (South Africa) received 41,594 pounds
- Foursquare Children of Promise (Cambodia) received 42,024 pounds
- Joseph Project received 126,687 pounds for the crisis in Syria
- Last Harvest (Mexico) received 24,472 pounds

Gleanings isn't looking for financial gifts, but are always looking for folks interested in joining the Mission Trip to bag soup and package food for the hungry around the world. No experience is necessary, for this elderly friendly way to serve. Mission Trip Oct. 5-9, 2026

Gleanings.org • info@gleanings.org • 559-591-5009



Ladle Fellowship is a Christ-centered soup kitchen established in 1983 by First Presbyterian Church in downtown San Diego. We are committed to feeding the body and the spirit by bringing the Word of God, as well as a hot meal to the homeless, poor, unemployed, and elderly. We've been blessed to have volunteers and staff serve over 460,000 meals since we began. Each year we distribute over 9,000 articles of clothing, jackets, hygiene kits, and blankets. With your prayers and support, we are able to share the love of Christ by providing weekly hot meals, choir, mentoring, as well as our Street Corner Care medical clinic ministry which brings much needed medical care to our vulnerable neighbors on the street. Volunteer on the 5th Sundays ! 1/2 Day Mission Trip John O'Dea johnobruin@gmail.com



Gift Ideas

Great Gifts to Give

- \$25 5 pair of men's underwear
- \$75 Street Corner Care medical supplies
- \$90 6 warm twin blankets
- \$600 One Sunday Meal - for over 300 Guests



LadleFellowship.org



Teams from LJPC have gone to Malawi, Africa for 20 years, including a LJPC team went there this past August 2023 and a Lingadzi team visited here October 2025. With our covenant partner, Lingadzi CCAP, (Central Church of Africa, Presbyterian) and Nkhoma Synod we do work projects, pray together, teach classes, and learn how Christians here and in a Third World country are sisters and brothers in Christ. Mission work, we jointly support, are the Home and School for the Blind and the Nkhoma Synod's seminary and hospital.



Thanks to all who helped host the Malawi team this past October, by helping with transportation, meals, and activities for when the team was here, and for all who showed hospitality so they'd feel welcome.



Great Gifts to Give

\$10 Bible for 1 prisoner

\$50 Support for Home & School for the Blind

\$450 1/10 of total to complete Pastoral Student Hostel

\$500 Motorbike for graduating Pastor for mobility to village congregations

Gift Ideas



Email Christy: czatkin@me.com or Tommy: gibbs.tommy1@gmail.com



New Day Urban Ministries, is a Christian mission organization dedicated to helping people in need physically and spiritually, and to changing their lives through a holistic, transformational ministry that brings them to Jesus Christ. Focusing on a hand up rather than just hand outs. New Day is a mission of the Presbytery of San Diego since 1968. The ministry serves the poor and homeless of urban San Diego. New Day's staff and volunteers take the time to listen to clients, offer them Christ-centered support, and pray with and for them and their families.



Great Gifts to Give

- \$15 Blanket
- \$30 Birth Certificate
- \$35 Steel Toed Boots required for work



newdayurbanministries.org • info@newdayurbanministries.org
619-232-2753




When Elizabeth Lou founded NSDI (Nile Sisters Development Initiative) in City Heights, its mission was simple: educate, support & offer training to refugees and immigrant women & their families to help them overcome barriers to social & economic self reliance. City Heights-based nonprofit and human services organization. One of NSDI's core programs is LearnMore, to train Certified Nursing Assistants & Licensed Home Care Aides. It has trained 184 allied healthcare professionals, creating real pathways to stability and better livelihoods. Since its inception, NSDI has not wavered in its mission to serve new Americans and underserved communities.



Gift Ideas

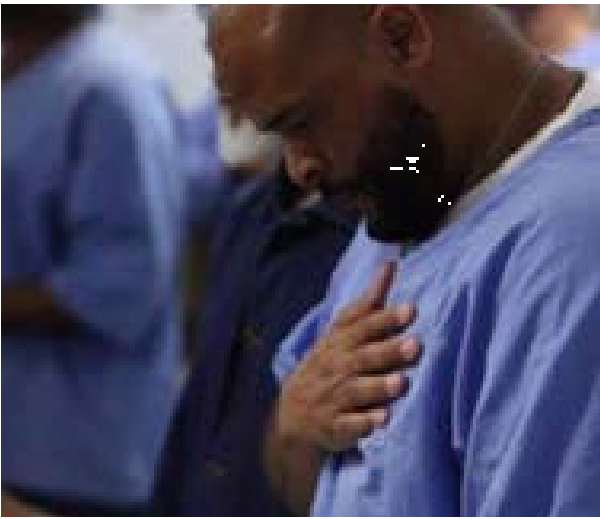
Great Gifts to Give	
\$10	Stethoscope
\$75	Nursing textbook
\$100	Student uniform
\$1,500	New Building Renovation help



Nilesisters.org • info@nilesisters.org • 619-265-2959



Pastors to Prisoners provides "yard pastors" to assist Protestant institutional prison chaplains. The task of ministering to at least 5000 men held in five enclosures within the prison is a challenge that allows for the chaplain to spend two to three hours a week on each enclosure conducting inmate worship services, Bible studies, one-on-one counseling and mentoring, and supervising other chapel programs. Their mission is to bring inmates to the Lord , to evangelize all others in the prison yards while they are in prison, and prepare them to make the right choices while inside so that, upon or if released, they are better able to lead productive lives.



- Great Gifts to Give**
- \$10 Spanish Bible Reina Valera version
 - \$12 Communion Elements
 - \$30 One hour of yard pastor ministry
 - \$100 One month of yard pastor ministry



At Plant With Purpose, we restore hope by reversing two of the world's greatest challenges: global poverty and environmental damage. These problems are interconnected. Our goal is to see creation's life-giving regenerative cycles restored and people renewed through their relationship to God, living in healthy sufficiency and empowered to dream.



Purpose Groups: Community-based and locally-led, Purpose Groups are the foundation of our work, bringing neighbors together to learn, collaborate, and encourage one another.

Purpose Groups have four components:

- 1) Farmer Field School
- 2) Spiritual Encouragement
- 3) Savings Groups
- 4) Reforestation



Gift Ideas

Great Gifts to Give

\$1 = Plants a Tree

\$125 = Gives 1 family access to a Purpose Group

\$3,500 = Launches a Purpose Group

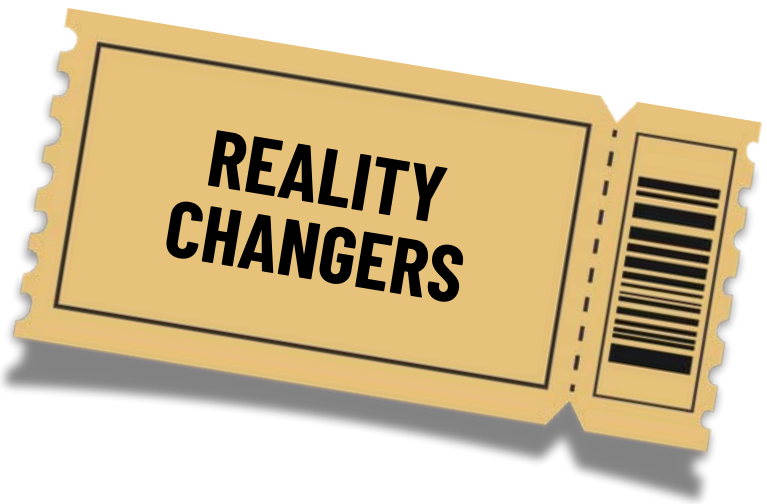


PlantWithPurpose.org

College Changes Everything

Preparing youth to become first-generation college graduates and agents of change in their communities.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to attend college.



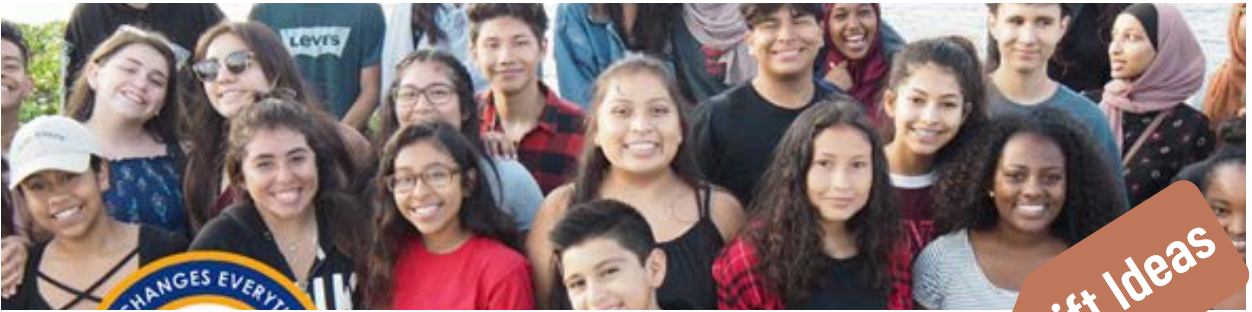
Our Graduates:

Genemo ('11) - Ethiopian refugee who now owns two local restaurants.

Stephanie ('15) - First in her family to attend college. Completing med school at UCLA.

Bekhruz ('19) - First SDSU grad to get hired by a major Wall Street bank right out of college.

...AND 3,300 MORE!



Gift Ideas

Great Ways to Volunteer:

- Speech Night Coach
- Career Mentor
- Homework Tutor

Great Gifts to Give

- \$8 Notebooks & pencils for homework
- \$50 Pizza for a college essay writing drop-in session
- \$140 Gas for a trip to a regional college





Military Outreach Mission

MOM

SAN DIEGO

SDMOM is faith based public charity supported by churches, businesses and private donors. SDMOM helps thousands of enlisted families who are far from home with services like our holiday toy stores, baby showers, new mom hospital visits, assistance to wounded service members and their families and many other family and holiday events. Provided free of charge to enlisted military families of all faiths.



Great Gifts to Give

- \$25 Infant formula or baby food
- \$35 Package of diapers or Gift Card
- \$50 Emergency food bag or exchange card



SanDiegoMom.org • Barbara Chavez • 619-843-8964



The San Diego Street Choir supports those affected by homelessness. Choir rehearsals provide community and a soft place to land in the midst of difficult weeks. Concerts build self-esteem create healing, and foster responsibility. During the past 6.5 years the Street Choir has performed for over 8,500 people in 65 concerts. The choir has raised over \$20,000 for services to aid those experiencing homelessness. They have received a proclamation from the City of San Diego, been featured on the front page of the Union-Tribune three times and on KUSI twice. We will continue to gather. We will sing. We will shine! Please help us reach others through God's gift of music.



Great Gifts to Give

- \$15 T-Shirt w/SDSC Logo
- \$25 Hoodie w/SDSC Logo
- \$35 1 piece of music/CD track
- \$65 Accompanist for 1 rehearsal



SanDiegoStreetChoir.org • Rodney.Girvin@fpcsd.org



South Sudanese American Presbyterian Fellowship Sudanese American Presbyterian Church was established in 2002 in South East San Diego for the Sudanese to have a place they could call home. This was made possible by a number of churches in the San Diego Presbytery that joined hearts, hands and financial support to build a worship center for the Sudanese refugees who struggled to make San Diego their second home after leaving Sudan years before.

Today the church continues to hold Sunday Worship Services and provide spiritual education for their youth and children to keep their heritage alive, and develop next generation leadership that will support the church financially and spiritually. Mission Funds & Volunteers help this congregation become a thriving church & bold witness to Christ in City Heights.

Great Gifts to Give

- \$50 Support Youth Ministry
- \$100 Sunday School Snacks
- \$100 Women Visitation homes
- \$100 Annual Mission trip to South Sudan
- \$100 Gospel Music Training



William D. Tut, Pastor williamtut@yahoo.com



UPLIFT KIDS AT HEART SAN DIEGO



UPLIFT (Urban People Living in Faith and Trust) A Christian ministry with four programs and one purpose: to provide hope for a better tomorrow for some of San Diego's inner city's most vulnerable populations. Kids at Heart offers one-to-one tutoring and mentoring for at-risk students, grades K to 12. Volunteer as a tutor, contact Janet Magot

Great Gifts to Give

\$30/month = One student for one year in KAH tutoring

\$32/month = Calif. ID for for a homeless persons

\$50/month = Nutritious snacks for students

\$100/month = Defrays fuel costs for all UPLIFT programs

Gift Ideas



upliftsandiego.org • jmagot2016@gmail.com • 619-234-4504



At UrbanLife, we believe transformed youth can transform their neighborhoods through spiritual, physical, academic, and professional development

Great Ways to Volunteer:

- City Heights 5k & Kids Fun Run event is in the Fall 2025
- Volunteer to lead a small group
- Tutor ESL students
- Help at the farm

Great Gifts to Give

- \$10 Farming equipment like gloves and shovels
- \$50 Plants a fruit tree at UrbanLife Farms
- \$35 Running shoes for a cross country runner
- \$500 Student job training UrbanLife Farms or UrbanLife Cafe



urbanlifeds.org • jose@urbanlifeds.org



Every year in Malawi the hunger season brings suffering. So many, especially the women and small children, without food, hungry and hopeless. This year is projected to be one of the worst on record. We have tried each year to feed them. There must be a better way. We must find a long-term solution. The research shows that farming on a large scale will allow Malawians to feed themselves. A large farm can provide employment and jobs. In addition, it will provide on-going funding for the ministry and sharing about Jesus. That's why we are raising money to buy a farm.

1. 173 acres has been identified as a good place to start.
2. Agriculture professionals have identified the land.
3. Professional managers have created a business plan.
4. Maize will be the first crop as this is the staple in Malawi.
5. The harvest can feed 1,750 families through the hunger season, about 9,000 people!
6. Some can also be sold, and the money used to expand the farm and support the ministry.

Great Gifts to Give

- \$25. Feeds a starving family for 1 month
- \$300 Feeds that family for 1 Year
- \$1,000+ Help us buy a Farm to feed families, providing food for a lifetime

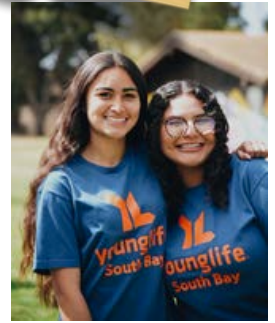




Young Life South Bay has been serving Jr. High and High School students and teen parents in the same South Bay Community of San Diego for the last 25 years. Young Life leaders walk the public school campuses and bring the gospel to students who are living in broken homes.



Our mission is that every adolescent will have the opportunity to meet Jesus Christ and follow Him. We accomplish that by building relationships with students, providing a safe and fun place where they hear the gospel and provide opportunities to attend weekend and week long camps as well as disciple them through bible study and partner with churches. We have 6 clubs that reach over 300 teens a week.



Great Gifts to Give

- \$10 YL bible for discipleship
- \$25 2 pizzas & pop for small group
- \$40 Diapers for teen parents
- \$100 Club expenses for our weekly middle & high school clubs



2026 Mission Trips



Mexico Spring 2026

Join us on a mission trip in Spring 2026 to help with hands-on projects, experience the beauty of Lomas Altas, and meet the amazing people whose lives are being changed through Casa de Los Angeles. jim.sedgwick@gmail.com



Belize Summer 2026

House build and relationship building.

Trip Leaders: Pastor Cunningham paulc@ljpres.org

Kent Grooms groomskent@gmail.com



Malawi 2026

LJPC Malawi Supporters hope to send a team from LJPC to Nkhoma Synod & Lingadzi CCAP, our partner & sister church in Lilongwe, Malawi. An Informational Meeting will be announced after the trip date is set. Christy.Zatkin@me.com



Gleanings October 5-9, 2026

Dinuba, Calif. Gleanings for the Hungry

Packaging food to send around the world

Trip Leader: Nancy Kennedy

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