

The Greater Emmanuel Temple (GETC) missionaries with the generosity of the members of Greater Emmanuel Temple and others were able to bless so many over the holiday season:

* Thirty clients of Salvation Army of Chester, PA received Blessing Bags consisting of socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, lotion, sanitizer, notepads/pens, socks, feminine products, hats and gloves, thermal wear, and coats.
* Several bags of new toys and educational games were donated to the Salvation Army of Chester.
* Salvation Army of Wilmington, DE received socks, toothbrush/toothpaste, and coats.
* Four hundred and fifty-five dollars of gift cards donated to GETC missionaries were passed on to Sisterlove Ministries, Inc. to distribute to single mothers in the Lancaster area.
* A monetary gift was disbursed to the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ’s Global Mission Department for its Haiti initiative.
* Six pairs of children’s Nike sneakers were donated to families in need.
* Secured a $100 gift card for a disabled woman in need.
* Monetary love gift given to a homebound saint.
* Many toys and clothing items were contributed to multiple families.

A warm thanks to our anonymous donors, GETC members and especially to Missionary Lineada Smith. She continues to work tirelessly to secure items for people in the church and community monthly.

The missionaries continue to support Upendo, our global mission focus, in collaboration with the Upendo United Foundation. Regina Reithii started this foundation to support an orphanage in Kenya which helps 135 children ranging in age from 3 months to 19 years old. Upendo means “love “in Swahili. Feel free to visit the website to learn more [www.upendounitedfoundation.org](http://www.upendounitedfoundation.org).

We donated approximately twenty boxes of pampers of assorted sizes for the orphanage: as well as clothing items such as jackets, pants, and socks. Moreover, we were pleased to donate several boxes of books and school supplies. Lord willing in June 2022, a trip to Kenya is being planned for those who would like to see the orphanage. If you would like to support us in this endeavor, please send funds to Dr. Stewart by Cash App $SAS2036, Zelle and PayPal at sstew63598@aol.com . Please note funds for global missions.



His Mission, Inc. in Kennett Square also received food items such as turkeys and canned goods for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Dr. Stewart instituted Operation Smile in May. It is an ongoing campaign to encourage people unable to attend services or confined to their homes or facilities. Operation Smile involves a letter and or card campaign for any resident in a health facility, especially nursing homes, or centers for the elderly. Our major goal is to bring a smile to the clients at these institutions. Missionaries were given a list of saints and organizations to send cards of inspiration and encouragement. Correspondence is also mailed out to residents at Churchman Village in Newark, DE, Arbour Square at West Chester in West Chester, PA, Fair Acres Geriatric Center in Media, PA, and Twin Pines Health Care Center in West Grove, PA, and Brookdale Hockessin. If you would like to add an agency on the list; please notify Dr. Stewart. Limited visitations are allowed due to COVID19 precautions. Many are in isolation. It is vital during this pandemic for the residents to know that they are not alone; we are praying for them, and God is aware of their predicament.

Moreover, the missionaries send out cards and letters, make phone calls, send emails, post encouraging words on Facebook and other social media outlets. Our missionary president, Dr. Stewart, also posts Words of Encouragement on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and shares inspirational quotes and devotionals with the missionaries and others via text or an email. Missionary Beverly Glasco post Monday Messages of Encouragement via text as well. In addition, many missionaries participate in ZOOM, YouTube, Facebook Live and other platforms for church services, bible studies and prayer meetings.

 **Health Awareness**

As of the writing of this newsletter more than 859,000 people have died in the United States of COVID and the research indicates that most of them are people of color and now younger people. According to the Center for Disease Control African Americans and Hispanics die at a rate of over two and a half times more than whites. Of course, there are a myriad of reasons why this is the trend. Moreover, despite the availability of the vaccine, minorities tend not to get the vaccine. I would suggest that anyone unsure of the impact of the vaccine do their homework and or speak to their primary physician.

 

**Missionary Spotlight**

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Welcome Sister Kristina Washington to the GETC Missionary Department. Sister Washington is a Junior Missionary. She was born on November 14 in Maryland. She is the youngest of six.

Sister Kristina was baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost in 2021. Her roots were the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She declares “I am grateful to God that in my adult life I have found the truth and learned what it truly means to be saved.” The 2021 blessings kept coming as she also wed Brother Mikell Washington. He is our faithful drummer.

Sister Kristina holds two Bachelor of Arts degrees-one in criminology and the other in psychology. Her Master of Education degree is in Human Development. Moreover, she is pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in School Psychology. Presently, she is currently working as a psychology intern with youth at a Children’s Psychiatric Center.

She loves playing rugby and spending time with her family. Her favorite color is orange; favorite food ribs; favorite song-One on One by Zacardi Cortez; favorite saying- “Children don’t always remember what you say, but they always remember how you make them feel.” and finally, her favorite scripture is Psalm 139:14:

*“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”*

One day she hopes to visit Greece.

Sister Kristina is holding virtual training sessions with Dr. Shirley Stewart, GETC Missionary President.

**Black History Moment**



Our Black History moment recognizes Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett. Dr. Corbett was born January 26, 1986, in Hurdle Mills, NC. She attended University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Corbett is known for her research on the Covid19 vaccine.

Dr. Corbett is an Assistant professor of immunology and infectious diseases at Harvard Chan School. As an American viral immunologist, she along with other scientists on her team at the National Institute of Health, developed the covid vaccine ingredients. Moreover, she is a research fellow at the National Institutes of Health, working also at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases' Vaccine Research Center, where she helped to design the landmark mRNA vaccine technology.

Recently, Dr. Corbett has been named one of TIME’s 2021 Heroes of the Year for her work developing the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

**Knowledge is Power**

Three times over the past seven years, I have had the opportunity to serve as an executor for an estate. Thank God each party had a will. In Isaiah 38:1, Isaiah, the prophet, warned Hezekiah to set his house in order because the Lord said he was going to die.

The following article ***10 Thing You Should Know About a Living Trust*** by William J. Lynott, [**AARP Bulletin**](https://www.aarp.org/bulletin/), September 15, 2010, is a good place to start. Please consult your personal attorney for more questions about your individual situation.

For most people, a will is the first choice for passing on an estate to heirs. But it's not the only choice. Among other [estate planning](http://www.aarp.org/money/estate-planning/) tools, the revocable living trust is gaining in popularity, especially among boomers.

In addition to being one of several ways to avoid probate—the legal process to determine whether a will is valid—living trusts may offer before-death and after-death advantages.

Whether a living revocable trust is right for you depends on your circumstances. Consultation with a qualified attorney and a personal financial adviser should always be part of your estate planning, but here are 10 things you should know about living trusts:

**What is a revocable living trust?**

A revocable living trust is a written agreement designating someone to be responsible for managing your property, it’s called a living trust because it's established while you're alive. It's "revocable" because, as long as you're mentally competent, you can change or dissolve the trust at any time at your own discretion for any reason. Typically, a living trust becomes irrevocable (cannot be changed) when you die.

A trust involves three parties: you as the creator, the trustee or trustees who agree to manage your assets as directed by the terms of the trust, and the beneficiaries.

You will probably want to name yourself and your spouse as trustees, because you want full control of the property while you're alive. As trustee, you will have the power to wheel and deal with your assets—sell them, exchange them, invest them, do whatever you want with them.

**What is the difference between a living trust and a will?**

Both a will and a living trust contain your inheritance instructions, meaning who gets what, when they get it, and how.

"A trust is often preferred for people concerned with privacy and avoiding probate," says attorney Thomas J. Bogar of Cheltenham, Pa. A living trust will not become part of the public record unless a trustee or a beneficiary demands court approval of accounts. Probate records are always open to the public.

While trusts serve a purpose in some circumstances, for most people with relatively modest estates, wills are quite adequate. They are generally less complicated and less expensive than a trust.

**What if I don't have either one?**

If you don't leave valid instructions about your estate, your property generally goes to your spouse or your closest heirs, which may not be what you want to do. Also, the state could assign someone you wouldn't trust to manage the distribution of your property or be the legal guardian of your minor children.

**What can a revocable living trust do for you, and what can't it do?**

A living trust can provide you with the peace of mind that comes from knowing that your assets and your heirs will be protected in the event that you unexpectedly become unable to handle your own financial affairs. It eliminates the need for your estate to pass through probate court before it can be passed on to your heirs. Properly worded, a trust can also be used as a substitute for powers of attorney

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**Who are the trustees?**

Any mentally competent adult may be named trustee. "Normally, you will name yourself and your spouse as trustees," says Condon. "That's because you want full control of the property while you're alive." If you become too ill or disabled to manage your property, your co-trustee or successor trustee will do this for you.

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**How much does it cost to set up a living trust?**

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**So, is a revocable living trust right for me?**

It's not right for everyone, experts agree. You should [weigh the advantages and disadvantages.](http://www.lectlaw.com/filesh/qfl05.htm) For simple estates with few assets and investments, it may not be worthwhile, since setting up a trust usually involves more expense than a will. Consultation with a qualified financial adviser should help you decide.

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The GETC missionaries are praying for the families of Sister Christine 0’Neal and Mrs. Victoria Robinson. They both transitioned the first week of January.



Sister O’Neal was a frequent traveling partner of Missionary Lineada Smith. She had such a quiet spirit. Always helping the missionaries with outreach activities. She willingly gave her time and finances. We will miss her.



Mrs. Victoria Robinson was a member

Of the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Kennett Square, PA. She was instrumental in aiding the GETC Missionary Department to secure grants for its outreach activities. She donated clothing, furniture, and anything else we needed for members of the church or community. Continue to pray for her family and

church. She will be sorely missed.

