

# MISSIONS

## Mid-Year Impact Report

We celebrate the incredible ways your generosity is making a difference around the world. When you give to Upper Arlington Lutheran Church (UALC), you give through UALC, empowering a diverse array of mission partners and projects that transform lives both locally and globally. Did you know that 20% of every dollar you give to UALC directly supports these vital mission efforts? Thank you for your faithful support. We invite you to explore the full report and see how your generosity is advancing God’s kingdom worldwide.

## Partnership



Through the incredible generosity of our church family, UALC has empowered mission partners around the world to bring hope, healing, and transformation to countless lives. Your faithful giving has fueled life-changing work, from serving international students and families to providing disaster relief, education, and healthcare. Below is a snapshot of the profound impact your contributions have made over the past year:

L4 is transforming education in the Linden area, serving

**38** ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

with a literacy and personal growth program that connects students, families, and the church community.

Lutheran Church of South Sudan achieved a major milestone—thanks to UALC’s

**\$40,000**

donation to their library, Trinity Lutheran College and Nursing School received accreditation.

North American Lutheran Church Disaster Response responded to 17 disasters with over

**\$35,000**

in relief funds from UALC, bringing hope to communities.

Maggie with Frontiers supported

**750** MISSIONARY CHILDREN

in seven languages, ensuring they receive the care and education they need while their families serve globally.

Kairos Prison Ministries hosted

**259** WEEKLY PRAYER GATHERINGS

with an average 50 inmate participants and 5 Kairos volunteers.

Bed Brigade delivered

**180** BEDS

to 79 families, providing comfort and dignity to those in need.

Clothes Closet and Such donated over

**10,000** LBS. OF CLOTHING

meeting basic needs and uplifting the community.

Operation Christmas Child packed and distributed

**18,356** GIFT BOXES

from UALC, sharing joy and the gospel with children around the world.

God’s Hygiene Help Center served

**7,200** FAMILIES

with hygiene products, reached nine Columbus public schools with the gospel, and supported 22 recovery centers, spreading hope and healing.

**Festa** served over 1,200 internationals through its three-generation ESL program, fostering language skills and cross-cultural connections.

**International Friendships, Inc** reached 4,460 international students across 50 campuses in 14 states, with over 1,000 students from 115 countries coming to faith in Jesus. These new believers have planted hundreds of churches and ministries, impacting families and communities worldwide.

**Lutheran Social Services** provided an astonishing 2.2 million meals through their food pantries, addressing hunger and food insecurity in our region.

**Lower Lights Christian Health Center** delivered essential healthcare to 16,000 patients in central Ohio, embodying Christ’s love through compassionate service.

**Heart to Honduras** empowered over 13,000 individuals in rural villages, fostering leadership, conflict resolution, and community development through programs like Soccer with Values and Extreme Youth Camp.

**The Refuge** saw 66% of its alumni remain clean and sober for three years post-recovery, with 92% retaining full-time employment, proving the life-changing power of support and faith.

These numbers are more than metrics—they represent lives transformed, communities strengthened, and God’s love made visible. Through your generosity, UALC is helping to build God’s kingdom, one act of service at a time. We celebrate these victories and look forward to the continued impact of your faithful giving.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey. Together, we are making a lasting difference for God’s glory!

# Additional Partnerships

## International Mission Partners

- Bethany Gateways
- Frontiers
- Rabat International Church
- TMS Global
- United World Missions
- Wycliffe Bible Translations

## National Mission Partners

- Alpha Prisons Ministry
  - Athletes in Action (AIA)
  - Community Garden
  - Cru
  - Divine Dignity
  - Gideons International
  - Helping Appalachian Rural People (HARP)
  - Helping Hands Health & Wellness Center
  - Kindway Prison Ministry
- Lower Lights Christian Health
  - Lutheran Bible Translators - Esalas
  - Pregnancy Decision Health Center
  - Reliant
  - ReNew Partnerships
  - Samaritans Purse
  - The Refuge
  - Young Life

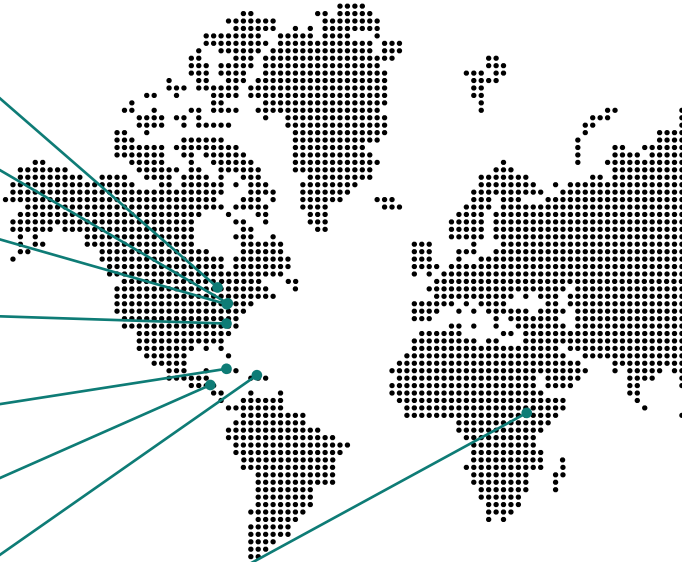
Learn more about our national and international mission partners at [ualc.org/missions](http://ualc.org/missions).

# Mobilization



Over the past three years, UALC has undertaken mission trips to eight distinct locations, deploying 15 teams with a total of 151 team members to serve communities in need. These efforts included:

- Cedar Bay Retreat Center:** 1 team, 4 members, supporting repairs and maintenance.
- Indian Lake, Ohio:** 1 team, 7 members, helping with tornado recovery in 2024.
- Caldwell, Ohio:** 2 teams, 20 members, providing relief and hope with partner HARP.
- Creston, North Carolina:** 2 teams, 25 members, aiding recovery after Hurricane Helene flooding.
- Cuba:** 4 teams, 9 members, delivering marriage and leadership training to pastors.
- Heart to Honduras:** 3 teams, 75 members, assisting the Caliche community with various projects.
- Dominican Republic Mission of Hope:** 1 team, 9 members, leading a women's conference.
- Gambella, Ethiopia LCSS:** 1 team, 2 members, supporting Trinity Lutheran Nursing School.



Our youth have embraced this call to serve with open hearts, with **227 participants** in Middle School and High School trips, igniting a spirit of compassion and community in the next generation.

# Financial



Over the past five years, our church has spent **\$4,907,754** to our mission fields all over the world, reflecting our commitment to serving communities near and far. Through your generosity, we've also been able to spend **\$876,793** on special missions projects, including disaster relief, construction projects, education, and leadership development.

While our missions spending is about 20% of the budget, this reflects our strategic approach to ensure effective use of funds. Mission work requires preparation and relationship-building, and we're excited to expand our outreach.

Your gifts have already made a tangible difference—funding trips to places like North Carolina, Honduras, and Ethiopia, where our teams have witnessed God's transformative power firsthand. As we look ahead, we are inspired by the potential for even greater impact, knowing that every contribution brings us closer to fulfilling God's purpose.

Thank you for your support. Together, we're making a lasting difference and bringing glory to God's name.

