2020 GFC Missions Christmas Tree

Once again this year, despite the chaos and confusion created by Covid, we are joining together as a congregation to bless some of our local missions with Christmas gifts. The Missions Christmas tree this year contains ornaments signifying four different opportunities for you to share.

First are the star ornaments on the tree. They represent Spanish Health Ministry and, specifically, monetary gifts toward scholarships to individuals to the annual Hispanic conference at Keswick. Last year, the cost to Spanish Health Ministry for a single registration was \$110. This year, Dona Sensenig has informed us that the conference at Keswick is not yet certain to occur due to the Covid response in New Jersey. Nonetheless, we can provide funds so that they might be used either this year or in future years for this conference. You can contribute any part or the full amount of the scholarship cost of \$110. Make your checks payable to Spanish Health Ministry and denote Keswick scholarship in the memo section. Again, SHM gifts are indicated by the star ornaments on the tree.

Next is City Gate, which is indicated by the round ornaments, or balls, on the tree. As in the past, we have been asked to provide new men's underwear and socks as gifts for this ministry. Please leave the goods in their original packages.

This year we are including gifts to the women supported by Chester County Women's Services and they are designated as the orange stockings on the Missions tree. We have included about ten of these ornaments on the tree and we ask that you provide as a gift for these women a \$25 gift card to either Walmart or Target. The CCWS ornaments are orange.

Finally, the kids at Encuentro Latino church are indicated by red stockings on the tree. For these gifts, please purchase gift cards for fast food restaurants, Chic Fila, McDonalds, Burger King, etc. for \$10 or \$15.

We ask that you return the gifts on or before Sunday, Dec. 13, so that they can be distributed to the individual ministries in time for them to get the gifts delivered before Christmas. If you are on-line and not currently attending our in-person services on Sunday, but would like to participate, please contact Ken Leffew (kennethleffew@gmail.com or 610-804-2895) and he will arrange to pick up the gifts from you in advance of Dec. 13.