#### **Great Commission Impact**

First Congregational Church of Rochester values Great Commission Impact. We are committed to effectively communicating the transforming power of Jesus Christ to every nation, every people group, and every social concern, beginning with those closest to us (Matthew 28:19-20).

"... And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere — in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ~ Acts 1:8



In response to Acts 1:8, our missions seek to reach beyond our Church Green and spread the Gospel message locally, nationally, and internationally. We support missions on each of these levels.





# Missions

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." ~ Matthew 28:19

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# Local Missions

## The Food Pantry - Damien's Place Wareham, MA

Founded in 1992, "Damien's Pantry" provides both perishable and non-perishable food to those in need in our local communities from Buzzards Bay to Dartmouth so that no one goes to bed hungry.

#### Inter-Church Council New Bedford, MA

Comprised of 47 member congregations from Westport to Wareham and a volunteer force of 150 leaders, the Council is a strong faith collaborate committed to social, economic, and racial justice and spiritual renewal within a framework of ecumenical cooperation.

#### Mobile Ministries New Bedford, MA

This outreach ministry provides food, clothing, hygiene products, and other life-sustaining items to the homeless and working poor in the New Bedford area.

### New Hope Correctional Ministry Bridgewater, MA

Chaplains Dan Croce and Leon Jones provide comprehensive, non-denominational chaplain services to the resident inmates and staff at Old Colony Correctional Center. They deliver



the Good News of salvation through the Gospel of Jesus Christ and instruct and disciple resident inmates to a new life of hope and service.

#### **National & International Missions**

#### The Agape Puppets Linda Summer and Agape Puppets tell children of the world about Jesus through puppetry and equip others to share with their own children.



#### **Congregational-Christian Church of Bonbon**



We contribute to the pastoral and building needs of Reverend Wilbins Maginet and his fledgling church in remote Ti Plaine, Haiti that seeks to bring the Gospel

of Jesus Christ to an impoverished community rooted in traditional voodoo.

#### Happy Life Children's Home

The mission of Happy Life Children's Home is to provide children abandoned on the streets of Kenya with a home and a hope for adoption. Since its beginning in February



2002, over 600 children have been rescued and over 300 have found a forever family.

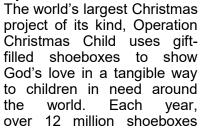
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#### **National & International Missions**

#### **NACCC Missionary Society**

As a member of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, we support the various missions partners of the NACCC that are dedicated to spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in keeping with the basic principles of Congregational Christian churches.

#### **Operation Christmas Child**





are delivered in more than 150 countries and territories, and we are proud to play a small role in this mission.

#### **Mini Missions**

In addition to formal on-going support of these listed missions, First Congregational Church of Rochester also sponsors many short-term opportunities for missions involvement such as backpack drives and Salvation Army bell ringing as well as raises funds for immediate needs such as disaster relief.

