



Presbyterian Church
JACKSON HOLE

PCJH Mission Journey to Rwanda and Zimbabwe Learning, Listening, and Building Relationships Through Our Mission Partnerships

This June, members of Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole will have the opportunity to visit two ministry partners that our congregation supports: **TL Africa** in Rwanda and **World Vision** in Zimbabwe. The purpose of this journey is to learn, listen, build relationships, and gain a deeper understanding of how God is at work through local churches and communities across Africa.

As Christians, we believe that God is at work in every corner of the world. One of the gifts of mission partnerships is the opportunity not only to serve, but also to learn from brothers and sisters in Christ whose experiences, challenges, and faith may look different from our own. This trip is intended to strengthen those relationships and help our congregation better understand the ministries we support through prayer, giving, and partnership.

Rwanda: Partnering with TL Africa

The first portion of the journey will take Pastor Tammy Mitchell to Rwanda, where she will spend time with leaders and communities connected to TL Africa. Their ministry focuses on leadership development, discipleship, church strengthening, and community transformation.

The visit will provide opportunities to meet pastors, church leaders, and local ministry partners while learning more about how churches are being equipped to share the Gospel, disciple believers, and serve their communities. The trip will also help strengthen the ongoing relationship between PCJH and TL Africa as both ministries seek to cultivate faithful Christian leadership and discipleship.

Zimbabwe: Learning with World Vision

On June 21, a team from PCJH will travel to the **Mbire District of northern Zimbabwe** as part of a World Vision Trip. During the week, participants will spend time in communities where World Vision partners with local churches, schools, families, and community leaders to address challenges related to child well-being, education, healthcare, clean water, economic development, and community resilience.

The purpose of the trip is not simply to observe programs, but to listen and learn. Team members will hear stories from families, community leaders, and ministry partners while gaining a deeper understanding of both the challenges and the opportunities facing rural communities in Zimbabwe.

A Ministry of Empowerment and Hope

One of the distinctive aspects of World Vision's work is its commitment to helping communities discover and develop the gifts and resources God has already placed among them. Through programs such as the Biblical Empowered Worldview initiative, individuals and communities explore themes of identity, vision, compassion, relationships, and faith. Participants are encouraged to see themselves and others as people created in the image of God, capable of contributing to the flourishing of their families and communities. This approach reflects a conviction shared by many Christian ministries around the world: lasting transformation grows when people recognize their God-given dignity, embrace their calling, and work together for the good of their communities.

Meet the Team

Representing Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole on the World Vision Trip are:

- Laurie Boss
- Lori Dodd
- Michael Schrotz
- Claudia Schrotz
- Hillary Lavino
- Jane Lavino
- Tammy Mitchell

The team will be accompanied by World Vision representatives **Randy Valentine** and **Christine Hardy**, who will help facilitate the visit and provide insight into World Vision's ministry throughout Zimbabwe.

Child Sponsorship Cards

Many members of PCJH sponsor children through World Vision. If you would like to send a card or note of encouragement to your sponsored child, members of the team would be honored to take it with them for World Vision staff to distribute. Please note that World Vision does not permit visitors to bring gifts, but cards and letters are welcome.

Cards must be delivered to the church office no later than Sunday, June 14, at 10:15 a.m.

How You Can Pray

Please join us in praying:

- For safe travel and good health for all participants.
- For the ministries of TL Africa and World Vision.
- For the pastors, leaders, families, and children the team will meet.
- For open hearts, listening ears, and meaningful relationships.
- For wisdom and discernment as PCJH continues to grow in its commitment to God's mission both locally and globally.

- That Christ would be honored through every conversation, encounter, and partnership.

Thank you for supporting these ministry partnerships through your prayers, generosity, and encouragement. We look forward to sharing stories, photographs, and reflections from Rwanda and Zimbabwe upon the team's return.