

Missions Survey Results
(302 total responses)*

* The design of the survey instrument was such that it was able to accept only one response per distinct e-mail address. This may mean that for member couples who share the same email address, their single response captures the views both members. To the extent that’s true, the survey feedback may be representative of a higher number of TWP members than 302.

Question 1: As a member of The Worship Place, do you feel you are as familiar as you would like to be with the mission partners that receive funding support from The Worship Place? Rate your answer on a scale of 1 to 5 below (1 being not at all familiar to 5 being very familiar). 297 responses to this question. Average rating: 3.0

1 - NOT AT ALL FAMILIAR	2	3	4	5 - VERY FAMILIAR	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
8% 24	20% 60	42% 125	23% 67	7% 21	297	3.00

Summary of common comments

“I am unfamiliar/not very familiar with TWP mission partners and/or their work.” (11)

Mission Committee response: Please check the Missions section of the TWP website at <https://www.twptx.org/connect/missions/> for a list and description of all mission partners we support financially. Also, in the Weekly Connection sent out each Friday you will find a newly added “Mission Partners News & Notes” section that’s updated each month with current information concerning our mission partners. You can also find printed versions of the News & Notes on Mission Partner bulletin boards at each campus. And be looking soon for a print and online version of the 2021 TWP Mission Partners brochure. Finally, May and October have recently been designated as mission emphasis months at The Worship Place. Each Sunday of those months we will feature a short video at the beginning of Sunday worship services that will introduce you to a different TWP mission partner. Videos from partners that aren’t presented there will be included periodically as links in monthly Mission Partner News & Notes.

“I feel there could be more publicity/would like to see updates on mission activities and details on level of TWP financial support.” (4)

Mission Committee response: See previous response on publicity. Details on annual and quarterly financial donations to all TWP mission partners are included in the Board of Trustee meeting minutes for the months of April, July, October, and January. Minutes are posted on bulletin boards at each campus.

“We received a list of missions info during our membership class/we have only been here 2 years, and are amazed at the opportunities!” “Served on the committee previously.” (4)

Mission Committee response: Thank you to those who provided favorable comments and to those who have served on the committee previously! Standing committee appointments are made by the Board of Trustees. If you believe you have a heart for serving on the Missions Committee, we ask that you prayerfully consider your decision, feel free to discuss with a committee member what the roles and responsibilities of committee members are, then let a Trustee know that you're interested.

“I would like the missions committee to explain the strategic purpose of our church's mission outreach, criteria used to select mission partners, and how each mission partner fits that strategic purpose.”

Missions Committee response:

The Worship Place Board of Trustees provides guidance in a Request for Mission Funding Packet that each prospective mission partner must complete and submit for funding consideration each year. The guidance states in part, “Our Mission, Vision, and Values guide, direct, and inform all that we do. This includes guiding, directing, and informing our partnerships in ministry, whether local or abroad. This means that any and all missions endeavors seeking funding from The Worship Place are first held to the standard set by our Mission, Vision, and Values, and funding is contingent upon alignment with our Mission, Vision, and Values...,” and “...Mission Organizations are those that explicitly seek to evangelize, disciple, and/or conduct care ministries that meet human needs, in an overt Christian manner.”

The Missions Committee receives requests from prospective mission partners and evaluates each request on its merit, considering the guidance stated above, the intended use of TWP funds, the impact of the requested TWP donation as a percentage of the program's total funding, the program's scope and purpose, and other considerations. For example, a particular program might receive government funding which limits the ways in which it can explicitly evangelize. In such cases, the committee might consider how the program might provide TWP members opportunities to serve as volunteers and in so doing, allow us to serve as living examples of joyful, sacrificial service.

No programs are tenured or grandfathered for receipt of TWP mission funds. Each program applies for new TWP funding support on an annual basis, and annual donations to missions are approved by the Board of Trustees based on recommendations formed by the Missions Committee upon evaluation of the formal written requests submitted by programs each year.

“It would be helpful if a rep from each recipient would make a presentation at power lunch to review their mission.”

Missions Committee response: This approach has been used in the past, and while it provides useful information about a program's mission and accomplishments—usually causing the audience to walk away from the experience with a favorable impression of the program—such presentations don't always respond well to the specific questions we have when we determine a program's suitability as a mission partner. We've learned from experience that there are literally hundreds of outreach programs in the central Texas area, not to mention thousands of similar programs at work nationally and internationally. Virtually every one of them is focused on a compassionate mission, i.e., to help the needy in some form or fashion. With some 20 mission partners currently being supported by TWP, and untold others that are continuously seeking church audiences to which they can promote their causes, we believe the objective process using

a standardized written funding application is the best method to select our partners; and that our internal awareness efforts (which we acknowledge in many cases are new this year, see response to the first set of comments above) are the best methods to increase awareness of who those partners are and what they do.

“Not ones [mission programs] I would have chosen.”

Mission Committee response: Please feel free to share your thoughts on worthy mission partners with any member of the Missions Committee, any Trustee, or any pastor. Mission Committee members are Mike Swaney, Chair; Sherrill Aston, Ginger Beavers, Jim Mizell, and Raymond Neathery.

Question 2: Are you personally familiar with the following mission partners? (select all that apply). 300 responses to this question.

<u>ANSWER CHOICES</u>	<u>RESPONSES</u>	
	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Angel Tree	74%	223
Brookwood in Georgetown	50%	150
The Caring Place	93%	280
Children of the King	3%	8
Christ Child Society of Central Texas	9%	27
Faith In Action	67%	200
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	38%	115
Georgetown Meals on Wheels	68%	205
Gideons International	38%	115
Global Gates	8%	25
Jacob’s Well	38%	113
Living Water International	63%	190
Matamoros Children’s Home	24%	71
Operation Christmas Child	67%	200
The Prayer Collective	12%	35
Reset Mentoring	3%	8
Salvation Army of Williamson County	61%	184
Santa Rosa Food Pantry	21%	63
Soldiers Hospitality House	14%	42
Texas Baptist Children’s Home	58%	173

Mission Committee response: Through each of the efforts described in our response to the first set of comments for question 1 above, we hope to raise the level of familiarity with our mission partners for all TWP members.

Question 3: Do you currently volunteer once or more a year on average at any of the following mission partners? If selecting one or more partners, please provide your name in the comments section. If you volunteer with any mission program(s) not listed, please select Other and enter the program name(s) in the comments section. 275 responses to this question.

<u>ANSWER CHOICES</u>	<u>RESPONSES</u>	
	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Angel Tree	17%	47
Brookwood in Georgetown	2%	9
The Caring Place	10%	29
Children of the King	0%	0
Christ Child Society of Central Texas	1%	4
Faith In Action	5%	14
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	1%	3
Georgetown Meals on Wheels	5%	16
Gideons International	1%	2
Global Gates	1%	3
Jacob's Well	0%	0
Living Water International	3%	7
Matamoros Children's Home	0%	0
Operation Christmas Child	22%	60
The Prayer Collective	1%	2
Reset Mentoring	0%	0
Salvation Army of Williamson County	6%	16
Santa Rosa Food Pantry	1%	2
Soldiers Hospitality House	1%	4
Texas Baptist Children's Home	8%	22
I support missions financially	35%	95
None of the above	35%	95
Other	19%	51

Summary of Common Comments:

Several comments reported direct donations to various of our current partner programs. Also, comments were received on volunteer and financial support to the following: The Methodist Children's Home in Waco, Georgetown Area Junior Forum, Sewing dresses for children in Haiti, The Locker, Georgetown Police's Blue Santa program, Prison Ministry at Williamson County Juvenile Detention Center, caregiver support, Assistance League Georgetown, Joy Junction and Reload Love-Calvary Church, both in Albuquerque, NM, Wilco Animal Shelter, The Refuge, Ride on Center for Kids (ROCK), Michael Gott Ministries English classes taught in The Ukraine and 12 classes taught by Zoom and other mission trips to the Ukraine/Eastern Europe.

Mission Committee response: Please feel free to contact a committee member if you are involved with a mission activity that you believe meets the criteria as a mission partner (see our response to the fourth set of comments under question 1 above).

Question 4: If The Worship Place hosted small group visits/tours to our local mission partner locations, would you be interested in participating? If yes, enter your name and the partner site(s) you're interested in visiting in the comments section. (278 responses to this question)

<u>ANSWER CHOICES</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>
Yes	29%	81
No	71%	197

Summary of Common Comments:

“I would be open to that; a virtual visit for right now”; “depends on location”; “would be interested in visiting several/any” (multiple comments); “unsure at this time” (COVID and other concerns); “would prefer more general info first (Sunday church info slides)”; “any that are nearby.”

Specific Interests: Brookwood in Georgetown, The Caring Place, Children of the King, Christ Child Society of Central Texas, Faith in Action, Meals on Wheels, Operation Christmas Child, The Prayer Collective, Reset Ministry, Salvation Army, Santa Rosa Food Pantry, Soldiers Hospitality House, Texas Baptist Children's Home

Missions Committee response: Watch for announcements of upcoming program site visits in The Weekly Connection, Pastor’s Updates, and on slides before the start of worship services on Sunday mornings. We will begin small group visits in September and hope to host several between now and the end of the calendar year, with more to follow throughout 2022.

Question 5: Would you be willing to participate as a member of a TWP group that volunteers in a mission partner’s activities on an occasional basis (assume 1 event, approximately 2-3 hours per quarter). Select any that apply and enter you name in the comments section. If a program you’re interested in supporting is not listed, select Other and also enter the program name in the comments section. (139 responses to this question)

<u>ANSWER CHOICES</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Angel Tree	5%	7
Brookwood in Georgetown	6%	9
The Caring Place	5%	7
Children of the King	0%	0
Christ Child Society Central Texas	1%	1
Faith in Action	2%	3
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	1%	1
Georgetown Meals on Wheels	2%	3
Gideons International	0%	0
Global Gates	1%	2
Jacob’s Well	1%	2
Living Water International	3%	4
Matamoros Children’s Home	1%	1
Operation Christmas Child	18%	25
The Prayer Collective	1%	2
Reset Mentoring	0%	0
Salvation Army Williamson County	9%	12
Santa Rosa Food Pantry	6%	9
Soldiers Hospitality House	5%	7
Texas Baptist Children’s Home	17%	23
Other	15%	21

Summary of Common Comments: “Not able/not physically able/too busy/not at this time” – 18; “Need more info” or “don’t know enough about programs” – 8; “Cannot due to health reasons” – 4; “Currently involved in outreaches or a caregiver program” – 3; “None” – 2; “I

would commit to one volunteer opportunity where the need is the greatest”; “Perhaps--depends on the commitment.”

Mission Committee response: As part of our increased emphasis we will continuously publicize and facilitate opportunities for TWP members to participate through their physical efforts and presence with not only our financially supported mission partners, but also with other worthy programs that align with our mission, vision, and values.

Question 6. Would you be interested in participating in a 1-week mission trip led by The Worship Place at some future date? (271 responses to this question)

<u>ANSWER CHOICES</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>
YES	13%	34
NO	87%	237

Mission Committee response: One in eight responses to this question indicated interest in participating in a mission trip at some future time. If the results of this limited survey were extrapolated across the full church membership, that suggests there could be well over 100 members who might be interested. That’s an exciting and encouraging possibility!

We look forward to a time when COVID restrictions ease to the point that our mission trips can resume. We will stay in touch with survey respondents who provided names, and we will advertise mission trip opportunities to the entire church family when they resume.

Question 7: TWP has historically supported missions by allocating a percentage of all undesignated offerings to missions work. Some years we designated up to 20 percent. Currently we give 15 percent. Which do you support? (290 responses to this question)

<u>ANSWER CHOICES</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>
Giving 15 percent as we currently give	61%	178
Giving more than 15 percent	32%	94
Giving less than 15 percent	6%	18

Mission Committee response: We are grateful for the clear message from survey respondents that serves as validation of our current level of mission giving.