

REAL LIFE GROUP

MISSIONAL LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Dumpster Dive Yardsale** for Charity
(Kid friendly)
Jim Coons did this with his RLG!
- **Jesus Center** – 1297 Park Avenue
The Jesus Center is a place where the command of Christ to "love one another as I have loved you" is lived out. In love they enter into the lives & needs of their clients with compassion and respect for human dignity, hope for and commitment to transformation and a servant attitude. The Jesus Center offers meals, showers, Bible study and discussion group after breakfast Mon-Fri in the dining room, mail and phone services, resource and referral services, a food pantry and a shelter specifically for women and children. You are welcome to sign up for a weekly or monthly opportunity or take part in an event or one-time scheduled activity.

Opportunities include:

-Food Service

-Neighborhood Ambassadors: Prayer walking the neighborhood surrounding the center

-Office Team: Duties include answering phones, data entry, greeting visitors.

-Sabbath House: Support our staff in the shelter for women and children.

-1-1-1: Mentor a client in partnership with a group of people for one year.

-In-A-Pinch: An on-call position to help with special events, run errands, fill in for regular volunteers.

-Special Skills: Bring us a skill and we'll put it to use - Haircuts, Chiropractic, Dentistry, Carpentry, etc.

-Resource & Referral Center: Help clients with GED, ESL, literacy, housing & job applications, job training, interview skills, computer skills, money management, etc. Includes staffing the center, one-on-one work and group classes.

-Free Store: Volunteers help in our free clothing store on the sales floor, greeting clients and sorting clothing.

-Event Coordinators: Take the lead on our Holiday Meals, Food Drives, Blessing Bags, Knitting Project, etc.

-Special Events: Help us staff our events. Tasks include set-up, clean-up, hospitality, etc.

-Holiday Meals: Help create a memorable holiday experience by serving a special meal.

If you're interested in volunteering with the Jesus Center, contact Debra at 345-2640 or dhowell@jesuscenter.org for more information.

- **Torres Community Shelter** – 101 Silver Dollar Way
891-9048
Temporary shelter and support services for the homeless and those in danger of becoming homeless.
- **Catalyst** - 330 Wall Street, #40
343-7711
For victims of domestic violence and their families. Emergency shelter, food, counseling, legal assistance with restraining orders, resource and referrals, community education and training.
- **Passages Adult Resource Center** -2491 Carmichael Dr.
898-5923
Information and assistance, advocacy, care coordination, caregiver support, in-home support services and more to help promote independent living for seniors and disabled.
- **Assisted Living Facilities**
Please refer to phone book for a listing of facilities.
- **Citrus School** (BPC Local Mission) – 1350 Citrus Avenue
We are partnering with the teachers and students of Citrus School. The ministry is centered on giving hope to children by showing them God’s unconditional love and guiding them into becoming whole persons socially, intellectually and spiritually.
Contact: Pam Wear at pamwear3@att.net - 342-8744
- **Butte Humane Society** – 2579 Fair St.
343-7917
Animal placement, adoption, education, volunteer opportunities.
- **Vespers** (BPC Ministry)
This wonderful group of deacons and lay people provide one service each month at Windchime, Sierra Sunrise and the Courtyard assisted living residences. This includes a sermonette of that Sunday’s sermon, music and worship. Communion is served to those who desire to share the Sacraments. Contact Jeff Plotnick, 892-9170, or Wally Sipher, 894-2335.
- **Boys & Girls Club** – 601 Wall St.
Community support is critical to the vibrant sustainability of the Boys & Girls Club. Annual donations from local businesses, organizations and individuals are the lifeblood of the organization. Local volunteers and help from community organizations make it possible for the club to offer a wide ranging variety of activities and opportunities for our members. Volunteers bring unique and special skills to share with our young people such as: sewing, cooking, knitting, martial arts and gardening. College students and interns work with our youth and provide academic assistance, tutoring, dance and music programs and help to reinforce the message and importance of higher education.
899-0335

- **Children's, Youth, College and Adult Ministries (BPC)**
There are many volunteer/service opportunities at the church.
Children's-Contact Christi Harrington, charrington@bidwellpres.org
Youth-Contact Julie Jessen, jjessen@bidwellpres.org
College and Adult-Contact Jeannie Brossoit, jbrossoit@bidwellpres.org
- **Operation Christmas Child**
Visit their website to learn how you can support this ministry.
<http://www.operationchristmaschild.org>
- **R.A.D. (Recreation and Dream for Children with Cancer)**
Enloe Hospital Support Group
Free recreational opportunities for children being treated for or recovering from cancer.
Families welcome.
Caring Choices: (530) 899-3873.
- **Habitat for Humanity**
The goal of this ecumenical housing ministry is to eliminate poverty housing in Butte County, one house at a time by partnering with future homeowners and engaging broad community support.
Contact: Clif Sellars at SLRSFAMILY@aol.com
- **Women's Resource Clinic -**
Women's Resource Clinic is a medically licensed Christian Ministry committed to supporting women who have experienced or are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. They offer information and services with appropriate physical, emotional and spiritual support. The Women's Resource Clinic desires to serve our community with a Godly view of sexuality and life. They ask that volunteers demonstrate compassion and are open to sharing the Gospel. Volunteer opportunities include: Counselor, Receptionist, Hotline Worker, Special Event Coordinator, Clinic Nurse, Medical Doctor Volunteer, Board Member, Clerical Volunteer

Call the clinic at 530.897.6101 if you're interested in volunteering.
- **Handi-Riders**

Visit their website to learn how you can support this ministry. <http://www.handi-riders.org>
- **Compassion Child**

Compassion International exists as a Christian child advocacy ministry that releases children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enables them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. When you sponsor a child, you are linked with one particular child who will know your name, write to you, and **treasure** the thought that you care. He or she will pray for you often and write to you. Your tax-deductible contribution of just \$38 a month connects your child with a loving, church-based child sponsorship program that provides:
 - Food and clean water, Medical care, Educational opportunities, Important life-skills training, Most important of all, your sponsored child will hear about Jesus Christ and be encouraged to develop a lifelong relationship with God.
 - Contact: www.compassion.com

- **AGROS (BPC)**

Bidwell Presbyterian Church is an official partner with Agros both financially and relationally. The partnership is named "Amigos de Bidwell" and brings us close to remarkable people who are passionate about transforming their lives, overcoming tragedy, and building a better world for their children. Agros looks for a partner to support a village during years 1-5. This support is both financial and relational. The finances help sustain the village during the initial years, provides necessary training and some needed infrastructure. BPC has established a partnership with the village "Brisas del Volcan" near the town of Trinidad, Honduras. BPC sponsors the families in the village and commits to 1 - 2 service trips each year.

Ways people can get involved:

- Financially – In the coming months, "Brisas del Volcan" will need additional funds for projects like a school or improvements to a water system
 - * Relationally - We'd invite you to get involved in this project - receiving updates, attending gatherings, traveling to the village, etc.
 - * Prayer – For the prosperity of the "Brisas del Volcan" villagers in Honduras, the safety of our travelers, the spiritual growth for all involved throughout the 5-year partnership.

Contact the church office: 343-1484

- **HAITI (BPC)**

Haiti continues to be one of the poorest in the Western Hemisphere. Since 2001, our congregation has sent a team of approximately 15 people to Haiti each year. This ministry includes Haiti Home for Children housing 60 children ages 6 - 12, the Rainbow of Love Nursery housing with 40 children ages birth to 5, and the Hope Home, housing 25 severely handicapped children. The foundation also oversees Hope Hospital, the only children's hospital in Haiti, and a school for 300 neighborhood children.

Our mission is to share the love of Christ with the children and people of Haiti in tangible ways and to help meet their needs for a better life and healthier living environment. The second and equally important mission intent is to provide an opportunity for members of our church and the community of Chico to experience life in a third world country and to grow in our understanding of how we can make a difference for Christ in the world.

Contact the church office: 343-1484

- **World Vision**

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice.

Contact: www.worldvision.org

- **Sunshine Kids**

Chico has over 5,000 children with special needs. This is a tremendously under-served population within our area. The Sunshine Kids Club is the ONLY fully-inclusive program within Butte County. We have also received various requests for additional ways to donate, either financially, or through other means. Here are some other areas in which we need your support: volunteer time during events , volunteer your talents, chaperone events, help find guest speakers, host a fundraising event at your home, volunteer at the SKC office, help contact parents/children

Contact: 530.776.5095

- **Senior Home Maintenance Ministry**

A ministry of Bidwell Presbyterian Church, serving those needing assistance with yard-work or small home repairs due to aging, disability or illness. Teams work 3-4 Saturday's during the year, usually in February, May and October.

Contact Ty and Janet Thresher at 342-4155.

- **Vista/Caring Choices**

Since 1993 Caring Choices has provided unique services in Northern California in answer to our residents' often special needs. Northern Californians take pride in helping neighbors and supporting their communities. That caring and self-sufficient spirit is part of what makes our valley and mountain towns such a wonderful place to live. Caring Choices mission is to improve the health and welfare of residents in Northern California by providing services that are currently non-existent or limited in availability and accessibility, improving community services through volunteerism.

Join us in our newest endeavor! We have created a volunteer center in response to the need for a coordinated system of volunteerism and to meet the need for dedicated volunteers to support the work of our non-profit partner organizations. For a listing of various ways you or your group could volunteer, contact: volunteers@caring-choices.org or Janice Hayward at 899-3873