

“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.” *1 John 3:17-18*

Hello CCFC-EM! This is the first of many periodic newsletters from the Compassion and Social Justice committee to update and communicate the needs of organizations our church family is supporting.

UPDATES

EXODUS

world service



Welcome Packs

Monetary and household items were used to purchase a welcome pack for a Burmese couple in August

Baby Items

Given to families with newborn-4 month olds

5k September Fundraiser

\$500 raised from CCFC

RESPONDING THROUGH PRAYER

Pandemic life is difficult for everyone, but can be especially difficult for those who are refugees or homeless:

- **Refugees are faced with limited job opportunities** (many of their jobs cleaning airports or hotel rooms have been eliminated), keeping their families fed, and the challenges of e-learning for their children with limited English abilities & tech accessibility. Continue to **pray for them as they settle into their new lives** here in the US.
- **The homeless are facing colder seasonal temperatures**, being in close quarters when staying at shelters, not having easy access to soap and water, and having even less social connection than usual. **Continue to pray for the work of New Life Homeless Ministry**, which continues to provide hot meals and meals to go, as well as a place for them to gather, to talk, to be counseled, prayed for, and encouraged.

RESOURCES

We are slowly waking up to the racial injustices faced by Black Americans on a daily basis. To become more aware, and to self-educate we recommend checking out:

Just Mercy On Netflix and other streaming apps
<https://www.justmercyfilm.com>

Starring Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Foxx and Brie Larson. “After graduating from Harvard, Bryan Stevenson heads to Alabama to defend those wrongly condemned or those not afforded proper representation. One of his first cases is that of Walter McMillian, who is sentenced to die in 1987 for the murder of an 18-year-old girl, despite evidence proving his innocence. In the years that follow, Stevenson encounters racism and legal and political maneuverings as he tirelessly fights for McMillian’s life.”



Just Mercy Christian discussion guide



TED Talk

The Danger of A Single Story

A powerful message about racism, stereotypes, and the importance of educating and challenging ourselves.

Watch the TED Talk

Interested in more? We are certainly not experts, but here is a [list](#) of resources that we felt were compelling.

“All the believers were one in heart & mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had” *Acts 4:32*

RESPONDING THROUGH GIVING

- **New Life Homeless Ministry**
Simply write a check (make it out to CCFC and put “New Life” in the memo) & send it to CCFC (save a stamp and mail it in when you do your monthly offering!)
- **General giving to CSJC**
Write a check to CCFC and put CSJC in the memo; we will direct the funds to areas most in need.