



Mission Haven Update – May 2025

DISCERNMENT: Special Board Meeting

Because PCUSA recently eliminated all mission co-workers, our Board convened for a Special Meeting on April 23 to address our future. What is our mission? Whom do we serve? Are we called to provide housing to mission workers from other denominations or agencies? Are we called to provide housing to non-missionary entities? To whom should we give priority booking?



These are among the questions to which we are seeking direction. Board members are currently researching other mission sending agencies and whether their purpose and needs align with our ministry. We are in conversation with a member of PCUSA's new Global Ecumenical Liaison structure in Louisville as these unfamiliar roles evolve. Please pray for our board as they wrestle with important decisions, and pray for our former mission co-workers as they confront occupational transitions.

LAMENTING: Hope Abounds

As we learned in a previous *Horizons* Bible Study, the elements of lamenting include: addressing God, naming the complaint, remembering our past relationship with (and trust in) God, asking God to act, and expressing the assurance that God is listening and will act. We recognize this assurance as hope.

Despite the uncertainty of PCUSA's commitment to sending mission workers abroad, we trust that God's kingdom on earth will prevail, even if it looks differently than we expect.

Here in Decatur, we are still serving others through housing, hospitality, clothing, and prayers. Except for some brief vacancies during which we are making necessary repairs and renovations, we are fully booked through the end of 2025 and beyond. Our 75-year story is not over!

ANTICIPATION: New Life



Baby quilt presented to Dania Carhuachin by women from First Presbyterian Women in Bradenton, FL

César and Dania Carhuachín, who previously served in Colombia, are living at Mission Haven while they determine a new path in ministry. In addition, they are thrilled to be expecting their first child in November!

Simone and John Thar, missionaries in Kenya, will arrive at Mission Haven for a temporary stay in August. They will welcome their second child in October!

We have lots of newborn clothing in our Clothes Closet, and our apartment basement has car seats, cribs, and other baby necessities ready to welcome these little ones. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Housing ~ Hospitality ~ Clothing ~ Prayer