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## Serendipity

### Clerical Robe

Occasionally, the Clothes Closet receives remarkable donations. A local friend provided a clerical robe that had only been worn twice. It had three doctoral stripes, so I was hesitant about what to do with it. Then (I'm sure the Holy Spirit intervened) I thought of Mamisoa's impending May graduation. So, one call; she walked up; perfect fit! I wish I had captured the look of absolute happiness on her face and all of the workers' faces. What an inspired moment! — Susan Adle



## From the Archives

### Did you know?

In the early 1960s, we collected 50-gallon steel drums of the sort used to ship shortening to bakeries. Why? The missionaries used them as shipping containers for clothing and other supplies.



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# HAVEN HAPPENINGS

*Housing ~ Hospitality ~ Clothing ~ Prayer*

**Mission Haven Newsletter** When God's People Are In Need, Be Ready To Help Them. Always Be Eager To Practice Hospitality. — ROMANS 12:13



## Prayers Refugees

As the Russian invasion of Ukraine continues, we are acutely aware of how it impacts mass migration. Abraham was a refugee as were Joseph's brothers. The Hebrew people became refugees who were led by Moses. Ruth, the Moabite, immigrated to Israel with Naomi in search of food. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus sought refuge from the tyranny of King Herod. Whatever the reason for the migration, we are called to welcome and care for the strangers in our midst. Our mission co-workers have been called to serve people in many countries, some of which are recovering from wars or famine. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Peace & Global Witness

### A Partnership

Within the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, The Peace & Global Witness Partnership studies and discusses the work of peacemakers in the world. As stewards of the Peacemaking Offering funds, they support a variety of ministries, including those of mission co-workers.

One of our residents, Nancy Dimmock, is serving to link this committee with the mission/international perspective available through our residents. The committee looks forward to their first in-person meeting (since Covid) here at Mission Haven in our recently renovated Meeting Room in the basement of 167.

## Resident Spotlight Jessica Derise

Jessica arrived safely at Mission Haven after departing Moscow aboard one of the last flights to the U.S. Her heart breaks for the people she has left behind and may or may not get to see again. She is an interim chaplain for the Moscow Protestant Chaplaincy (MPC). Jessica has been involved with their social ministry which serves victims of human trafficking. After ministering virtually for 18 months (due to the pandemic), Jessica was excited to begin in-person ministry last August. Once again, she is forced to serve remotely. But she is in daily contact with her congregation and continues to pastor them in significant ways. You can read more about her experience in [The Presbyterian Outlook](#).



## One Fund New System

The Presbyterian Mission Agency now uses one fund, rather than a host of individual accounts, to support our mission co-workers in 80 countries across the globe. One of the benefits of a single fund is that PC(USA) mission co-workers no longer have the burden of personal fundraising. It is hoped that the new funding system will not only simplify the act of giving but will also serve to unify Presbyterians in their support of the PC(USA)'s mission co-workers. What does this mean for Mission Haven? Our residents will enjoy more camaraderie when living here and may also be able to interact with seminary students or take classes.

## Children in Need

### This Child Here

Former Mission Haven residents, Robert and Yulia Gamble started "This Child Here" in 2006 - a nonprofit to minister to children who live on the streets, in shelters, and in orphanages in Odessa, Ukraine. Recently, they have been working in Europe with Ukrainian refugees and are scheduled to return to the U.S. this month.

## Money Matters

### Offering & Prayers

As you return to in-person circle meetings, consider passing a basket to collect funds for our ongoing expenses and offering [prayers](#) for our ministry.



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