

## P W Thank Offering

Since 1888, Presbyterian women have expressed their deep sense of gratitude for God's blessings in their lives by giving back to people in their communities and around the world. Through the Thank Offering, we can help fund programs that provide education, relief from disasters, safe housing, cooking instruction, training for justice and advocacy work, and so much more.

The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women reviewed 29 Thank Offering applications and selected 12 projects for funding. Nine of the projects serve people in the United States and three are international. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than 40 percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries.

One of the recipients of the 2021 PW Thank offering is Springwood Presbyterian Church, Whitsett, NC for a kitchen renovation. The women support outreach programs through Peacehaven Farm, a program for developmentally delayed adults, and their church playschool for preschoolers. With this much needed kitchen renovation, the women can cook healthy snacks and meals for these adults and children as well as prepare family food boxes for hungry neighbors, provide large community dinners and maintain their supply of frozen meals for emergencies.

Another recipient is the Open Door and Open Books of Santiago, Guatemala. The grant will provide funding to reach 3,200 students through intensive support, training and professional development of Guatemalan teachers. This will increase reading literacy and educational success for mostly indigenous children living in areas where schools do not have books and resources.

You are invited to participate in the annual Thanksgiving Offering. Please make checks payable to PWC. The offering will be received during the praise service on November 21 or you may send it to the church office by November 30.

Thank you