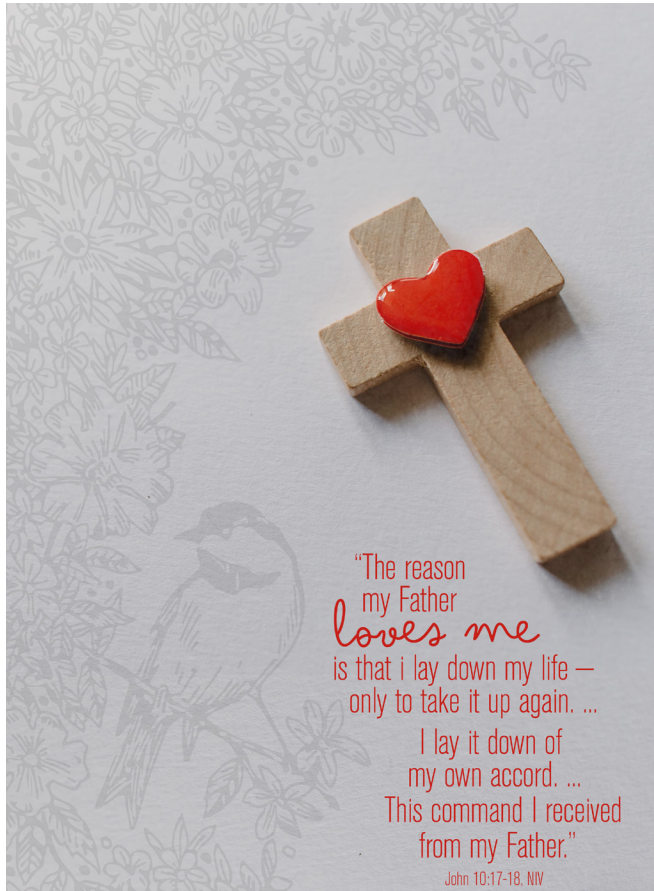


Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:00 am Worship



"The reason  
my Father  
*loves me*  
is that I lay down my life —  
only to take it up again. ...  
I lay it down of  
my own accord. ...  
This command I received  
from my Father."

John 10:17-18, NIV



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# This Week at MLC

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## **Monday, April 22**

9:00 am - Giving Quilters  
6:30 pm - Stewardship Committee  
6:30 pm - Boy Scouts

## **Tuesday, April 23**

8:30 am - "Piece" Corp Quilters  
6:30 pm - Council

## **Wednesday, April 24**

7:00 am - High School Breakfast  
7:30 pm - Vocal Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, April 25**

6:30 pm - Men's Basketball

## **Saturday, April 27**

5:00 pm - Worship/Mission Moment

## **Sunday, April 28**

8:00 am - Worship/Mission Moment  
9:00 am - Sunday School  
9:00 am - Confirmation  
9:15 am - Facetime  
10:00 am - Worship/Mission Moment  
11:15 am - MLC Orientation Class

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 21, 2024  
10:00 am

**Preacher** - Pastor Kelli Schmit  
**Assisting Minister** - Deb Hettrick  
**Lector** - Bonnie Dirks  
**Musicians** - Kate Kroes, Chris Landerud,  
Deb Nygaard  
**Pianist** - John Scoville  
**Ushers** - Paul Hundt, Cheryl Brown  
**Communion** - Brenda Moen, Theo Schmit  
**Sacristans** - Deb Alber, Kathy Buechel  
**AV Leader** -  
**AV Assistant/Training** -  
**Door Close** - Paul Hundt

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# *Gathering*

A time to prepare ourselves for worship.

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## GATHERING

“Create In Me A Clean Heart”

**Create in me a clean heart, oh God,  
That I might serve You;  
Create in me a clean heart, oh God,  
That I might be renewed.  
So fill me and heal me,  
And bring me back to You.  
Create in me a clean heart, oh God,  
That I might serve You.**

## WELCOME

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

OPENING SONG  
"Cry of My Heart"

Chorus

**It is the cry of my heart  
To follow You  
It is the cry of my heart  
To be close to You  
It is the cry of my heart  
To follow  
All of the days of my life**

Verse 1

**Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord  
So I can walk in Your truth  
Teach me Your holy ways oh Lord  
And make me wholly devoted to You  
Oh oh whoa**

Chorus

Verse 2

**Open my eyes so I can see  
The wonderful things that You do  
Open my heart up more and more  
And make it wholly devoted to You  
Oh oh whoa**

Chorus

Ending

**All of the days of my life (4X)**

GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A:** Let us pray.

**C:** **O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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## CHILDREN'S TIME

### FIRST READING **Acts 4:5-12 (NRSV)**

L: Word of God, word of life.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING **1 John 3:16-24 (NRSV)**

L: Word of God, word of life.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

**The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter:  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL **John 10:11-18 (NRSV)**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon  
Pastor Kelli Schmit

SONG OF THE DAY  
"Psalm 23"

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want  
He makes me lie in pastures green  
He leads me by the still still waters  
His goodness restores my soul

Chorus

And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home

Chorus

And though I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one  
For You are with me  
And Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know

Chorus  
(repeat)

He guides my ways in righteousness  
And He anoints my head with oil  
And my cup it overflows with joy  
I feast on His pure delights

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**A:** God of grace. {following each prayer petition}

**C:** Receive our prayer.

## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord with the words*

*"Peace be with you."*

*After passing the peace of the Lord the congregation may be seated.*

## *Holy Meal*

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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### OFFERING

"I Just Wanna Be A Sheep!"

Kid's Chorus

### OFFERING PRAYER

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## BLESSING FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING ONLINE

**P:** The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

### THE DISTRIBUTION

*You are welcome at this table, the Lord's Table. Jesus is fully present to each of us in the bread and the wine. Please come forward to receive this gift of grace. If you would prefer gluten free or grape juice, please let your server know. This gift is "for you." A blessing will be given to those of any age who come forward and do not commune. The ushers will direct you as to how and when to come forward.*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

#### "I Will Rise"

**There's a peace I've come to know  
Though my heart and flesh may fail  
There's an anchor for my soul  
I can say it is well**

Pre-Chorus

**Jesus has overcome  
And the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won  
He is risen from the dead**

Chorus

**I will rise when He calls my name  
No more sorrow no more pain  
I will rise on eagle's wings  
Before my God fall on my knees and rise  
I will rise, I will rise**

**There's a day that's drawing near  
When this darkness breaks to light  
And the shadows disappear  
And my faith shall be my eyes**

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

**And I hear the voice of many angels  
sing**

**Worthy is the Lamb**

**And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart**

**Worthy is the Lamb**

(Repeat)

**Worthy is the Lamb**

Chorus

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER



# *Sending*

God blesses us and sends us in mission to our neighbors

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## BENEDICTION

## SENDING SONG

### "I Will Follow"

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow

All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow You  
I will follow You

Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need n You alone  
In You alone

Chorus

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow

Chorus

I will follow You

## SENDING

**A:** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

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**MLC QR Code for Financial Giving**



## Welcome, Guests!

We love having guests at MLC, and we welcome you to participate fully in worship with us today! Please allow us to thank you for worshiping with us by completing a "Welcome to Worship" card in front of you in the pew-chair racks. You can put the card in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher. Thank you, and we invite you to join us again. May God bless and keep you!

### Latest News

Altar Flowers are given **in memory of Dee & Karl Alber** by the Bill and Deb Alber.

Communion wine is given **in memory of Dave Norsetter** by his wife Christine.

Roses are given by Ernie Thieding **in honor of the McFarland Lions Club** who has served the McFarland Community for over 50 years

### Last week's attendance:

Saturday 5:	31
Sunday 8:	64
Sunday 10:	103
<b>Total:</b>	<b>198</b>

### Congregational Information

#### Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee along with Pastor Kelli has developed an updated MLC member 90- minute orientation session. These sessions were discontinued with the advent of the pandemic. They were designed for new members but since it's been a while, all members, and people who have joined since the pandemic, and those interested in formalizing their membership to MLC are invited to attend. There will be two sessions; one on Sunday, April 28 at 11:15 and the other on April 30 at 6:30 pm. Location will be in the Conference room. Please let Heather in the Church office know which one of these sessions you plan on attending by Friday April 26th.

Please feel free to contact any of the Welcome Committee Members listed below or Pastor Kelli if you have any questions.

Sandy Franklin—608-695-4586  
Tom Scharine— 608-556-8284  
Paul Hundt —608-225-0377

Carol Munch—608-239-3351  
Devon Christiansen —608-669-2859  
Sandy Hall —608-215-3999

## **Gift Basket for Pastor Peter Erickson**

What joy we experienced at the congregational meeting on April 7 where we voted for Pastor Peter Erickson's call to be our new senior pastor! During the meeting we brain-stormed ideas to welcome him to MLC. Many suggestions were given that could be included in a gift basket, such as a Packer or Badger shirt, a gift certificate to Culver's, a state park sticker, etc. (Note, Pastor Peter wears size large.) If you would like to contribute an item for a gift basket, please contact Jane Licht at 608-234-2504 or licht.jane@gmail.com.

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## **Care of Creation 2024 Events**

Sunday, May 18 th - Seed and Plant Blessing--The seeds and plants that we will plant in our COC garden for the McFarland Food Pantry will be blessed during the Sunday services

June through September - Monday mornings from 8-9 am – All are welcome to come help weed, water and harvest from the COC garden . We then take produce and flowers to the McFarland Food Pantry.

Sunday, June 30 th 3 pm (rain date July 14 th ) - Join us for a Canoe trip down the Yahara . The trip is usually about 2 hours and open to all . Canoes /instruction available.

July 14 th - Care of Creation Sunday — 8am and 10 am services- Take a prairie walk, do a scavenger hunt for things in His creation, eat a treat that we harvested from out Garden of Eatin'.

Wednesday, August 21- Harvest Wheat- late afternoon/early evening- Come help us harvest the wheat we planted last Fall. We need to cut it down to dry it so it is ready to thresh. This will be the wheat we then grind into flour to make communion wafers.

Communion wafer making—Every 3 rd Friday at 4 pm we make the communion wafers that are used for the services that weekend. Everyone is welcome. We meet in the upstairs kitchen.

We are also looking to see if anyone would be willing to help rototill the Garden of Eatin'. We usually till the garden in mid-May.

Any questions please ask a member Dawn Bolstad (608-332-1102), Barb Voelker, Jane and Wes Licht

## Local Missions

Please support our McFarland community by volunteering your time and energy

McFarland Community Service Day  
April 27, 2024  
8am-12pm

Opportunities include: cemetery clean-up, park clean-up, library dusting,  
and so much more!

Check out the website below for more information about opportunities to help:  
<https://mcfarland.wi.us/302/Community-Service-Day>

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## Worship AV Volunteer Sign-Ups & Training Opportunities

There is a need to grow our worship AV volunteer team. Recent training opportunities have helped involve new people. Thank you for your continued volunteer efforts!

### **How do I volunteer and learn how to run the worship slides, sound, and video?**

You can still simply sign-up on the online Worship Assistants Sign-Up – 8AM Worship Volunteers & 10AM Worship Volunteers on the church website.

There are now 2 AV volunteer sign-up slots: **AV Leader AND AV Assistant/Training**

- If you are a regular, experienced AV volunteer, you can sign-up as normal under “AV Leader” and you might possibly help teach or assist someone less familiar with the technology.

- If you are brand new, or are still learning, you can sign-up under “AV Assistant/Training” to gain live training and experience during the worship service.

- We would like to move towards a model where we have 2 people in the AV booth for each worship service to teach more volunteers, and to better run the various moving parts of slides, sound balance, video production, and the occasional troubleshooting issue.

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## Did You Move?

If you have moved, please contact the church office to update your mailing address. Call us at 608-838-3184 or email us at [office@mcfarlandlutheran.org](mailto:office@mcfarlandlutheran.org).

## “The Most Fun You Will Have In A Yellow T-Shirt!”

Please join the Local Missions Committee and volunteer at the Madison Brat Fest on Saturday, May 25 between 10am-2pm, with check-in 20 minutes prior to your shift. **The INITLIVE registration website (see below) goes live on March 15 th at 10AM.** Volunteer shifts fill up quickly, so log in right away at 10AM to create an account and sign up for a slot. Positions are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Minimum age to volunteer is 14. Volunteers receive a yellow Brat Fest t-shirt, coupon good for a free food item, a free scoop of Chocolate Shoppe ice cream, and earn \$10 for every volunteer hour, which will go to McFarland Lutheran Church. More information to come closer to the Brat Fest date. If you have any questions or problems signing up, please contact Paul Hundt at (608) 225 - 0377 or hundtsi1@yahoo.com.

Sign-Up at <https://app.initlive.com/JE/2lh0kiwu5hyftv>

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## Sanctuary Projector Update

You may have noticed that one of our sanctuary projectors is not working. We have been working to resolve the issue. These projectors are nearly ten years old, this projector model is no longer in production, and service for this old technology isn't available or cost effective. We are in the process of gaining proposals to replace our two sanctuary projectors. It will take a few weeks to finalize a replacement option and to schedule this installation.

The good news, projector technology has improved a lot since these were first installed. Our new projectors will be laser projectors (not bulbs), they will provide a brighter and more vivid image, they will last much longer than bulb projectors, and they will be more reliable and require less maintenance than our current projectors.

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## Book Club Schedule

The book club **meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 10:00 am** at the Skaalen Village Clubhouse. If you have any questions, please call Cheryl Ackley at 608-838-3329.  
Hope to see you there.

**May 21** - *Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert, Shaper of Nations* by Georgina Howell  
**June 18** - *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

## **Council Corner**

### **March 2024**

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

At the March 19 Council meeting, Council members discussed the importance of all the many devoted volunteers in our congregation who make it possible for McFarland Lutheran Church to carry out our mission: to share God's word, to show God's love, to serve God's world. The contributions of our many volunteers cannot be overstated or even comprehensively listed. We volunteer because we love God and because we truly are His hands and His feet reaching out to help and serve others. God gives us the personal gifts, the strength, and the opportunities to serve our congregation and each other. The Council wants to **SINCERELY THANK** the many people who volunteer in so many different capacities here at McFarland Lutheran Church. We also want to encourage all members to recognize their individual God-given gifts and to share those gifts with others whenever possible!

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### **First Communion Instruction for 2nd Graders!**

All 2nd Graders (plus a parent/grandparent/fun adult) are invited to join a Communion Instruction Day in preparation for receiving their First Communion!

**Join us for conversation Wednesday, May 1 (4:00 - 5:30pm) – OR – Saturday, May 4 at (9:00 - 10:30am).** We will meet downstairs in Room 113.

Celebrate your First Communion at any worship service the **weekend of May 4 & 5.**

If interested, RSVP by April 24 to Pastor Kelli ([kschmit@mcfarlandlutheran.org](mailto:kschmit@mcfarlandlutheran.org))

## **Q's & A's After Uganda Presentation**

At the April 6 and 7 weekend services, presentations were given on our recent Uganda mission trip. Afterwards we presenters were asked several common questions, and we have provided answers below.

**Q1: If I want to support the Uganda mission, what is most needed?** There are so many needs, all important and helpful to someone. If you try to use logic to determine which is most important, you'll discover there are good reasons to support each and every need. Rather than using logic, just follow your heart. Whether you want to help supply clean water, support education for children or adults, provide vocational training, clothe a child, provide medical supplies, feed children, or support school construction, do what appeals to your heart!

**Q2: How do I sponsor a child's education?** Go to the Hope 4 Kids International website by typing H4KI.org into your browser. Then click on the Sponsor a Child button at the top of the page. From there you can select a child to sponsor by filtering students by Country, Gender, and Age Range.

**Q3: Will McFarland Lutheran be raising funds for more wells?** Yes. Another Walk-4-Water is scheduled on Sept. 21. The website to register for the walk and / or make a contribution will be going live in the coming weeks. Details will be published in the newsletter and on the church website as they become available.


**Q4: What happens to the produce and animals that are given to us at the well dedication ceremony?** The H-4-K staff in Uganda distributes the goods to local needy families or to H-4-K employees.

**Q5: When will there be another Uganda mission trip?** We don't know yet. The Global Mission Team hopes to get back to one mission trip per year to Uganda, traditionally in March. H-4-K has not put together the schedule for 2025 trips, but we are hoping they will accommodate a trip in March 2025. H-4-K has also been running 2 trips to Uganda in July and one in November, and anyone can attend one of these trips by signing up on the H4KI website.

Ron Vandenberg, Bonnie Dirks, Dale Marsden



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**Worship Services: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am**

<b>Pastoral Team:</b>	Pastor Kelli Schmit*, Associate Pastor
<b>Lay Staff:</b>	Chris Landerud, Coordinator of Youth Ministries John Scoville, Organist/Pianist
<b>Administrative Team:</b>	Rita Jenkins*, Office Manager Heather Wedan, Administrative Assistant
<b>Musicians:</b>	Rosalie Richardson, Interim Choir/Handbell Director Deb Nygaard, Chris Landerud, Kate Kroes
<b>Custodians:</b>	Ken Brost, Sharon Strattan
<b>CLM Administrator:</b>	Sara Phelan* 838-4425
<b>CLM Program Director:</b>	Deb Nygaard
<b>CLM Preschool Teachers:</b>	Jessica Liston, Jane Updike, Michelle Sampson, Jenny Foye, Katie Schaaf, Beth Daoust-Miller, Sara Phelan, Deb Nygaard, Brooke Ruengpinyophun, Kayla Langman
<b>CLM School Age Teacher:</b>	Hailey Clark, Olivia Schmidt, Ashlee Bittrick, Katherine Houle Ashlyn Altenberger, Tess Williams, Lily Gallegos
<b>CLM Childcare Teacher:</b>	Rachel Scott, Kayla Langman, Kaitlyn Ackley

*\*Designates full-time staff; others are part-time*

## 2023-2024 Council Members

Doug Buechel	Jane Licht (Secretary)
Wayne Corey	Sharon Mylrea (Vice-president)
Mike Devine (Treasurer)	Scott Potts (President)
Christina Hughey	Jon Schadeberg
Paul Hundt	Sarah Schutt
Erin Kraemer	Carri Wolff
Matt Lancaster	

## McFarland Lutheran's Worldwide & Local Partnerships

<b>Our Companion Synod:</b>	Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church of India
<b>Our Missionary in Egypt:</b>	Rev. Christie Manisto
<b>Working Relationships With:</b>	St. Andrews Refugee Services - Egypt Lutheran Church of the Reconciliation - Puerto Rico Hope 4 Kids International - Uganda Outreach for World Hope - Guatemala