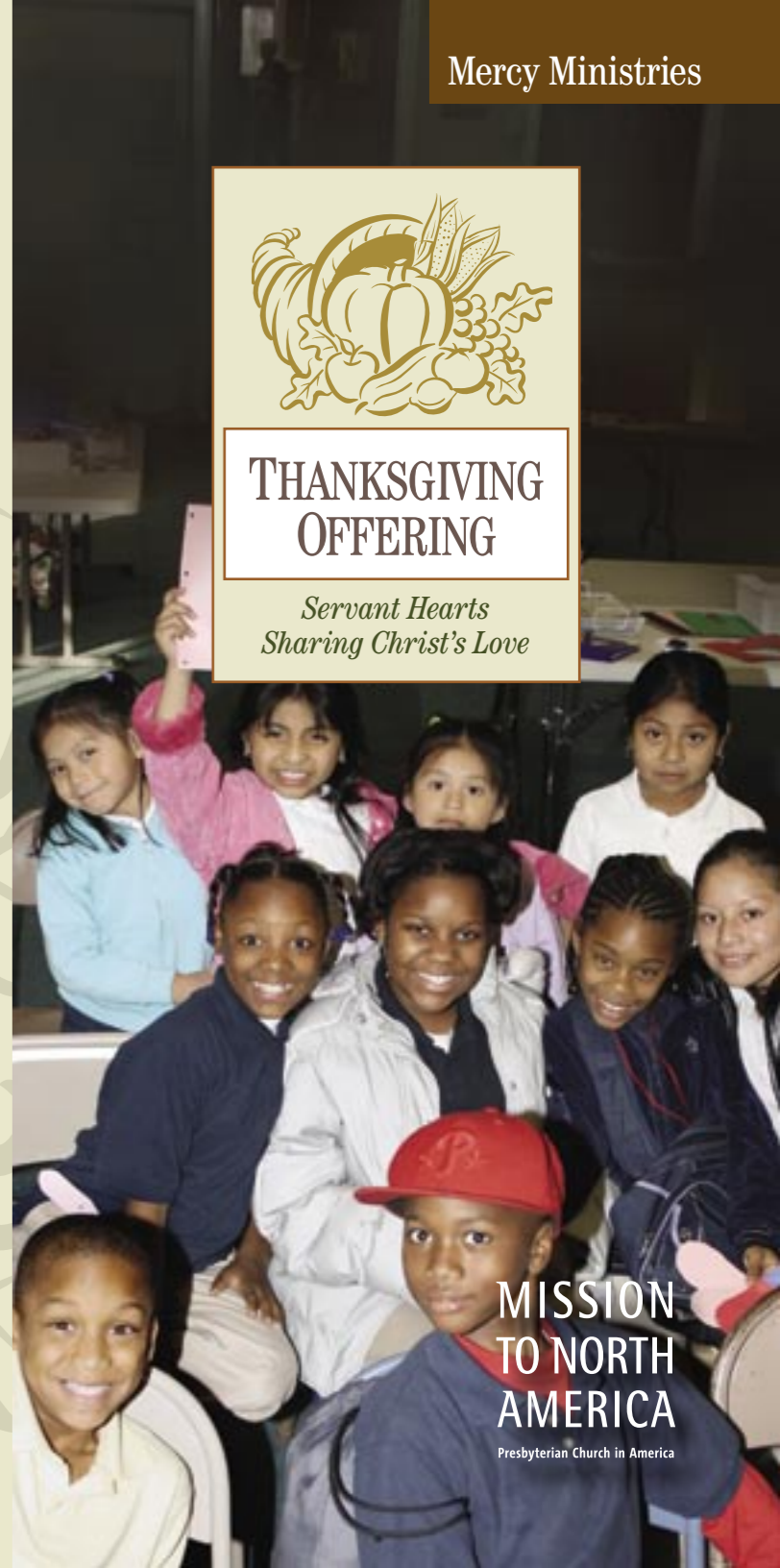




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MNA Mercy Ministries – Investing in the Future of Gospel Ministry

Throughout the US and Canada, God is calling people into ministry. Each year, the MNA Thanksgiving Offering provides valuable financial support to men and women who are training for ministry leadership among the many people groups who are largely unreached by the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). The Offering is supported by PCA churches and individual members. Through the Thanksgiving Offering, you have the opportunity to invest in future leaders of the denomination – and the opportunity to provide valuable resources for the advancement of the Gospel.

As the population of North America continues to grow in diversity, the need for leaders from the many different people groups represented in our neighborhoods has never been more crucial. Your gifts through the Thanksgiving Offering support these future pastors and lay ministry leaders. Featured in this brochure are several individuals who have received grants from the Offering for their training in leadership. They are just a sampling of the impact the Offering can have on our communities, with your support. Please prayerfully consider being a part of God's work – through tomorrow's leaders – as you give to this year's Thanksgiving Offering.

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. John 12:26

Mission to North America (MNA) serves the churches and presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), providing leadership in church planting initiatives, as well as placement and training services for church planters in the United States and Canada. In addition, MNA coordinates English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministries, Mercy Ministries, Leadership and Ministry Preparation (LAMP), Church Renewal, Capitol Service, Chaplain Ministries, and MNA ShortTerm and Disaster Response for the PCA in North America.

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For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works. Ephesians 2:10

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Your gift has a significant role in training those who will minister among ethnic groups who are not currently well reached by the PCA.

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Thank you for your support in spreading the truth of the Gospel in North America.

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## New City Fellowship

At New City Fellowship in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Jim Pickett serves as pastor of pastoral care. About three or four years ago, he found himself facing a mounting issue in his community – how to address the needs of the increasing Latino population. “We asked ourselves what their needs are,” he recalls. “What emerged were distinct mercy and spiritual needs, for the families and especially for their children.” New City began English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, Bible studies, tutoring at a local school, and organizing fiestas on Latino holidays.



From the beginning, Eunice Mendosa, pictured above, was instrumental in developing the ministry to Latinos. A Christian originally from Mexico, Eunice came to New City through an invitation from a friend. “Eunice is energetic, with an evangelical heart and a sincere commitment to our outreach efforts,” Jim says. “When we first started, we had a core group who prayed for the ministry. But over time, we seemed to have exhausted that group. Eunice is now working to reinstate regular prayer time for the ministry. It’s real easy when you see a need to just throw something together without seeking God first.” Today, Eunice serves on staff at New City as coordinator of Latino Ministry and is helping New City in its future plans to plant a Latino church in Chattanooga.

*“As we got more involved with the Latino children, we realized the incredible need for health care. Many of the children had never seen a doctor. We started praying, and God led my wife, Michele, a physician, to open The Children’s Clinic at St. Andrews. Through the kids, God also opened the door to get to know the families and build relationships with them.” Jim Pickett*



## Iglesia Principe De Paz (Prince of Peace) Church

Pablo H. Toledo felt God’s calling on his life for Gospel ministry, but with the cost and time commitment of traditional seminary, he wasn’t sure how it was going to be possible. Enter Brian Kelso, pastor of Christ Covenant Church in Southwest Ranches, Florida (Miami metro area), and director of MNA Leadership and Ministry Preparation (LAMP). “Brian trained me and mentored me through the LAMP program, and I was able to get the theological training I needed in a non-traditional way,” says Pablo. “The training takes place in the local church setting and offers flexible schedules. It’s good quality training using high standards of teaching, and you get the practical experience of working with a local church.”

With support from the Thanksgiving Offering, Pablo was able to finish his training and immediately begin serving in Southwest Ranches ministering to the Hispanic population. Over the past two years, he’s been working in his community to start Iglesia Principe De Paz Church. A main focus of the church is assisting the first generation Hispanics to become more involved in American society. “We are helping them learn English, which we hope will help them get better jobs. We are also helping with basic skills training, such as computers.” Pablo explains that concentrating much of their energy on supporting the families in practical concerns opens the door for building relationships and sharing the Gospel.

*“If it wasn’t for the LAMP program and the support of MNA, I wouldn’t have finished my theological training that equipped me to do the Lord’s work in south Florida. And now because of that training, I am able to train others – future Hispanic leaders – in the reformed faith.” Pablo H. Toledo*



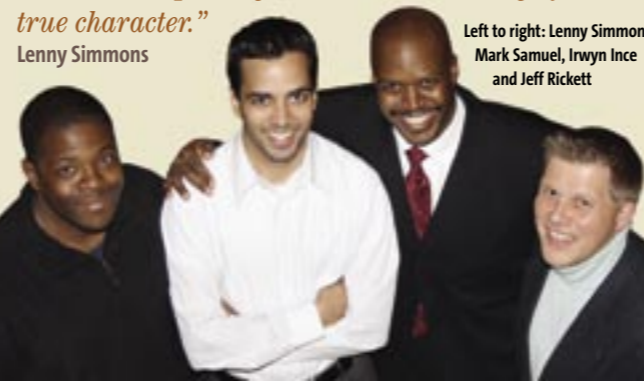
## City of Hope Church

In early 2007, two PCA mission churches serving in the suburbs of Washington DC and Baltimore merged into one – City of Hope Church. Jeff Rickett began planting New Town in 2005 in Columbia, Maryland. The church was made up primarily of two ethnic groups, Anglo and African American. Irwyn Ince worked about 20 miles away pastoring Mt. Zion Covenant Church. The original goal of Mt. Zion was to reach the middle class African American community, but the congregation also drew Anglo students from universities in the area. Jeff and Irwyn both had a heart for multi-ethnic churches and felt the Lord calling them to combine their efforts to form one stronger mission church.

Now, while continuing outreach to the many people groups in the community, Jeff and Irwyn are fostering opportunities for future church leaders to learn and grow with hands-on experience. Two such future leaders are Lenny Simmons, an African American, and Mark Samuel, whose father immigrated from India. Both seminary students, Lenny and Mark are serving as interns at City of Hope, with support from the Thanksgiving Offering.

Irwyn says, “These two men are gaining practical experience and are filling important roles in the congregation. Lenny works with the men’s group, worship, and pastoral prayer; and Mark ministers through music, worship, and the youth group.” Irwyn knows first-hand the value of a pastoral internship, as he was first an intern at Mt. Zion before becoming the pastor. “Being an intern, you gain real application of what ministry is like and time to prayerfully figure out what God is calling you to do.”

*“The pastoral internship is affording me the opportunity to grow as a teacher of God’s Word in the church and ultimately to use these gifts to serve in an urban ministry context. Through my training, I have developed a greater understanding of God’s true character.”*



Left to right: Lenny Simmons, Mark Samuel, Irwyn Ince and Jeff Rickett