



Pastoral Update—October 2, 2020



*And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them." Genesis 11:6*

A highlight and a joy for me in ministry with Desert Cross is serving with our amazing stewardship team. The team was challenged this year with creating an online program much different than ever before. In this time of great difficulty and separation, we wanted to share the ways we still serve and support our mission of sharing God's love together.

A lot of brainstorming created a focus on generosity of heart and service. We will highlight all the ways Desert Cross is the hands and feet of Christ in the community and world as we serve, "Beyond the Walls Together." We will share through 3 weekly video stories how Desert Cross is still reaching out beyond the walls of our homes, church, and workplaces, to share God's love with each other, the community, and the world.

Generous hearts change lives with God's mission. Generosity begins with God and the unconditional gift of love in Jesus Christ for each person. Generosity means sharing with others because we are thankful. It means thinking of and seeing others' needs. When we trust that all we have is a gift from God, we are thankful. When we are thankful, we pass it on and share our gifts to serve and help others. It's like a big circle, as our generosity produces thanksgiving to God.

God works in us to create generous hearts. God shows us the ways we can serve others living out our faith in daily life! In Genesis, God told Abraham he was blessed to be a blessing. It's the same for us. Our faith and our blessings are meant to be shared. And the more we share the more we are blessed. And it just goes round and round in this big, beautiful circle of faith and love.

The generous mission of Desert Cross happens because of you as we share God's love Beyond the Walls Together! Thanks be to God!

♡ Pastor Andrea