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TRINITY ON THE BORDER

SPOTLIGHTING
The Missionary Curacy

In 2018, Trinity on the Border began its Missionary Curacy program offering candidates for Holy Orders an opportunity to spend two years developing skills in an international, cross-cultural, missionary context.

As a chapel and outreach mission serving Christ along the South Texas/Mexico border, ours is a multi-faceted ministry...

...and our Missionary Curates have the opportunity to take part in all of it. Many of you support one of our curates so we wanted to give you a peek into their role with the Trinity on the Border mission and the work you are helping to provide.

Our **chapel ministry** includes many of the usual "parish life" activities such as Sunday worship, weekday Morning Prayer services, an Evening Prayer service, a mid-week fellowship dinner, and a school Chapel service. Pre-Covid, it also included a prayer service in a migrant camp in Mexico and a weekly healing service at our free clinic partner ministry. The curates get experience preaching in a small congregation as well as some other general liturgical training and experience.

In our **weekly free clinic**, our curates assist Erica and the other doctors in all aspects of running the clinic. During this time, they will develop skills in directing and managing volunteers, taking vital signs (we train them on this :)), and offering prayer and pastoral counseling in a cross-cultural context.

At the beginning of each curate's time with us, they participate in our extensive 2-week teacher training program where they learn the skills and educational philosophy of our Anglican/Charlotte Mason approach to **childhood education and formation**. In addition to preparing them to be better pastors to and formers of children's hearts, this training also readies them to assist Sara at our elementary school. Our first-year curate generally spends 6 hours a week at the school and the second-year curate runs our weekly School Chapel service.

The majority of the Missionary Curates' week is spent in our extensive **border response** work. Their role in this ministry is changing all the time as we seek to assist our various partner ministries and respond to the ever-changing border situation. Some of the work we have done includes: teaching ESL; immigration advocacy; delivering and distributing food, blankets, coats, hygiene supplies, and other basic necessities; developing and assisting with kids programs; and sometimes helping with pretty mundane but important jobs like cleaning bathrooms or sorting clothes for our partner ministries.

The Missionary Curates work in Texas and in Mexico along roughly 60 miles of the border. It can be a hard work both physically and emotionally as they grow in their understanding of the dark realities of the border and what it means to try to bring the light of Christ into that darkness.

One of the first things we tell the Missionary Curates when they arrive is that we hope to teach them how to be comfortable in uncomfortable ministry situations. We hope to train them to be a minister of the Gospel out in the world in a way that is historically catholic, deeply Trinitarian, humbly ecumenical, and contextually appropriate.

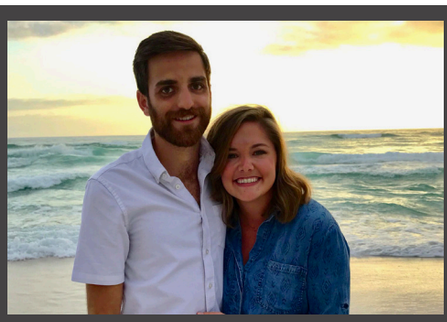
In 2022, we will be starting our **Missionary Fellowship** which will be an opportunity for anyone, without regards to Holy Orders, to join us for 2 years and learn from many of these same experiences.

In the Name of the Lord, we want to say 'thank you' to all of you for your prayers and contributions that sustain the entire Trinity on the Border ministry. We hope that you will be encouraged to learn that your partnership is not only serving the needs along the South Texas and Mexico border today but is helping to form missionary minded leaders for the next generation of the Church.

Glory to Jesus Christ!

With both sadness and joy we send out Fr. Daniel, our first Missionary Curate, and Rebekah Behrens to serve among recent immigrants in PA in partnership with the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Please keep them in prayer as they transition.

The 2022 Team
l-r: Zenie, Erica, & Michael Jarrett; Sara Neuder; Elijah Luikham; Jeremy & Nicole Goebel



We are excited to welcome to the team our 3rd Missionary Curate, Jeremy Goebel and his wife, Nicole. They joined us in August and are being sent to serve with us by the Holy Cross Cathedral and the Anglican Diocese of the South.

PRAYER BOX

Financial
As a ministry offering professional assistance to many other ministries, staffing expenses are always our biggest need.

Staffing
If you or someone you know might be interested in coming to work with us for 2 years or longer, please contact us. There are several areas in which we need help.

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