

Thornapple Covenant Church has an active outreach to our community and the world. Here is a list of what was accomplished in 2017 through Thornapple's Love Mercy Do Justice (LMDJ) team in collaboration with the congregation:

- The first Saturday of each month we sent 8 volunteers to prepare and serve dinner at Degage Ministries.
- 1/29: LMDJ invited Sean Litton International Justice Mission (IJM) President to preach; and 80 attended lunch after the services to hear more.
- 3/3: 35 attended Break the Chain movie and discussion on local human trafficking.
- 3/12: We held a "Reverse Offering" (for food) to collect to benefit Safe Haven Ministries (for abused women and their families).
- 3/25: 125 attended the Civilian First Responder course given at Thornapple by Women at Risk International to equip people to identify and respond to trafficking. 75% of those who attended were from the community.
- 4/22: 82 participated in the Urban Plunge completing 7 projects in urban GR.
- April/May: Purchased (with LMDJ budget) a used mobile home for a homeless family through Family Promise, and volunteers renovated it.
- Glenn VanNoord Short Term Urban Missions Program – 9 students gave a total of 1125 hours during the summer working at these organizations: Family Haven, Mel Trotter, Baxter, Habitat, Exalta Health, Servants Center, Family Promise and Degage.
- 7/26: LMDJ combined efforts with Student Ministries to plan and oversee a play day for Degage patrons at our local YMCA.
- 9/24: Freedom Sunday at Thornapple to highlight and benefit IJM. Also highlighted Covenant Kids Congo and offered names of children to support.
- 10/21 and 11/3: Combined efforts with Women's Ministry to set up women's work teams to work on this years Habitat Women's Build.
- Oversaw three congregational collections: Blankets for Family Promise, Coats for children at Buchanan Elementary School, and gifts for Degage/Heartside Christmas store.
- 12/20: Combined efforts with Student Ministry to put on a Christmas party and dinner at United in Christ Ministries.
- Through the LMDJ budget we helped to support these non-profit organizations which address issues of mercy and justice: Next Step Ministries, IJM, The Hope Project, Degage, Family Promise, Guiding Light, Pregnancy Resource Center, Servants Center, and United in Christ Ministries.

And that doesn't include all that individuals did independent of the projects above. THANK YOU for your part in the above list and for your heart for those in need in the urban community and around the world. We look forward to seeing what God will call us to do in 2018.