



## **A Serving Congregation**

This week, I want to recognize the incredible heart of this congregation. A few weeks ago, we were asked to help Honduran children from the land of the fathers with school funds. We hit the target because you answered the call.

We reorganized the deacons into service, evangelism, edification, and discipleship. These teams have been extraordinarily active, and each week it shows. But guess what, the UCSC has also formed service, evangelism, edification, and discipleship teams. Notice the greeters at the front door. That is the UCSC group answering the call.

The UCSC asked for local members to disciple 15 college students (What a blessing that our students asked for that). As of this writing, we have them covered. You answered the call.

Habitat for Humanity asked for groups to feed workers. One of our life groups decided to make it happen. You answered the call.

When the Ukrainian war broke out, few knew of Christians and missionaries in the region. But when the evangelism team found contacts to support Christians in war-torn Ukraine and refugees in Poland, they quickly announced it. As of last Sunday, numerous donations had already been received. You answered the call.

The new deacons created a new involvement interest survey. You are answering the call to serve in so many ways.

I leave you with this passage

I Peter 4:8-11

*8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10*

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

Thank you for serving

- Keith Coble