



Reaching children around the world by training teachers

Fifty5five, Inc.

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TRAVELER'S CORNER

God's word gives us examples over and over again of those who wait: Abram and Sarai, Noah, Job, David, etc. This is true of us as well. We wait. We wait with anticipation for God to call us back to the mission field abroad. But just like so many of the psalmists recall as they cry out to the Lord, we too are reminded of what the Lord did for us.

God used our core team locally this year in several unsuspecting ways. We recorded training videos for a local church and for accessibility for out-of-country requests; we created a weekly curriculum for a church; we participated in another churches' VBS, and we built props for yet another churches' VBS. Remaining stateside also allowed us time to go back to teaching Sunday School at our regular houses of worship and one team member even went back into the public schools.

We feel confident He will continue to use Fifty5five. Psalm 78:5-7 tells us to teach the next generation to know Him. We know His timing is perfect! May we continue with a reminder of Psalms 33:20-22 to wait for the Lord who is our shield and trust in Him, and from Psalm 31:24 we are reminded to be strong, and let our hearts take courage as we wait for the Lord!

Let us not forget Isaiah 40:28-31: He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope ~ Romans 15:13

WHAT'S NEXT

We've been invited to teach in the states. We remain active in our Sunday and public school teachings. We continue to fundraise to keep our ministry afloat. And we wait for Him to open the doors to our next adventure.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

It has been a challenging couple of years for everyone and Fifty5five is no exception. We extend a heartfelt "Thank

Upcoming Events

Spring Tea

May 7, 10:30 a.m.

"The Block" Building at Lakeside Church, 755 Oak Avenue Parkway, Folsom, CA 95630

Join us for an elegant tea and finger foods. Enjoy shopping in our boutique (*open, 9:30 a.m.*) filled with unique hand-crafted items and gifts from around the world and take care of your Mother's Day shopping while supporting a great cause.


Due to the delays in Teas, we already have a long list of attendees who have prepaid or reserved previously. We will open up more seating if Covid restrictions allow. Please sign up for our waiting list and you'll receive an invoice if seating opens. Tickets: \$30 (adults & children aged 10 & over); \$15 (children aged 1-9). Table of 8: \$230

Waitlist available through our website, fifty5five-boutique.constantcontactsites.com/store

Fireworks Booth

June 28-July 4

Volunteers are needed daily to help set up and tear down the booth, manage sales and transport fireworks. Mark your calendar and save the dates.

You" to all of those who have continued monthly and one-time donations to keep Fifty5five running. There are costs involved in running a non-profit and you've helped keep the doors open. Thank you also to those who have lent their time and talents to us. Your gift of time is immeasurable. 

VALENTINE'S DAY TREATS FOR TWO

We are offering a Valentine's Day treats to give to a special person in your life.

Our Valentine's Tea for Two (4 truffles and 2 chocolate-covered strawberries, 2 heart shaped scones and 2 teas) can be enjoyed with your sweetheart, child, grandchildren, mom or anyone else who fills a place in your heart. Boxes are \$25 each and can be ordered through our website fifty5five-boutique.constantcontactsites.com/store.

Boxes will be ready for pickup on February 13th in Sacramento and Folsom. Substitutions are not available.



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Thank you to our partner churches for the use of their facilities and the amazing volunteers: Lakeside and Bayside churches (Folsom), Touchstone Christian Fellowship and The Crossing Church (Sacramento).



TRAVELING BOUTIQUE

With COVID-19 limiting our fundraising options, we were challenged to come up with yet another alternative to provide shopping in our fantastic boutique: enter the pop-up boutique!

Our first pop-up boutique was held in Rio Linda at the county fair. It was an inexpensive way to raise a little money for Fifty5five and it was a lot of fun! In December, we held two pop-up boutiques on one day – one at the Bayside Church tea and another outside in Carmichael (Thank you, Lord, it didn't rain) – and a couple of home pop-ups rounded out the year.

Would you like to have a pop-up boutique at an event or at your home? Please email info@fifty5five.com.

ONLINE BOUTIQUE

Our online boutique is still available and we will continue to offer a handful of items making it more user friendly. You can shop at fifty5five-boutique.constantcontactsites.com/store or access it through our main website.



OUR MISSION

The mission of Fifty5five is to teach Christian adults throughout the world how to present the love of Jesus Christ to children by providing the tools to create and conduct a thriving children's ministry. In many of the world's developing countries children are second-class citizens. Providing services to children is a new approach for many of them. Our main objective is to provide children in impoverished nations with an opportunity to clearly hear, understand and respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our teams go in and provide workshops on story-telling, memory verses, costumes, worship, crafts and discipline. The goal is to train up in-country trainers to continue on the work of training others. We see the training as a foundational piece of our calling – so the work of the Lord can continue long after Fifty5five has left.

GIVING

Donations are an important part of Fifty5five's longevity. Our donors give in many ways:

Most give by sending a monthly check, while others set up automatic payments. Some even have set up recurring payments through PayPal.

We've now added a new option: Venmo (@fifty5five), through which you can give, in addition to paying for your boutique purchases.

Many companies offer matching gift programs to encourage employees to contribute to charitable organizations. Some provide matching funds to support employee volunteer hours. Because Fifty5five is registered with Guidestar, a directory of charities, you can select Fifty5five during your employer's enrollment period.

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