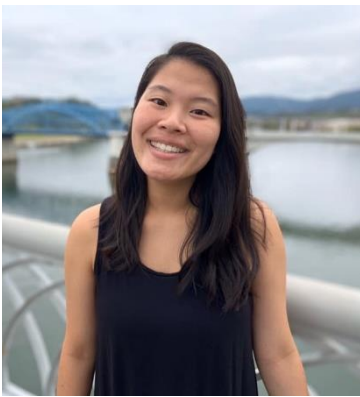




# Mustard Tree Newsletter

January 2020

## Meet Our Newest Staff Member



Madeline Oleis joined our staff as the Assistant Director of Mustard Tree Ministries in October 2019. She is from Nashville, Tennessee, and moved to Chattanooga four years ago to pursue an undergraduate degree at UTC, where she graduated in May 2019

with a degree in psychology and concentration in education. She is currently working on a master's degree in social work at UTC.

Madeline has attended First-Centenary for the four years she's lived in Chattanooga, and she has volunteered in many areas of the church including the Loft, Children's Ministry, and Mustard Tree, as well as the AV team on during the Vine service. Additionally, she has worked with several other local non-profit organizations including the Maclellan Shelter for Families, Chattanooga Room in the Inn, Chattanooga Community Kitchen, United Way, and Ronald McDonald House of Greater Chattanooga. She has also traveled for mission work to New York City at the Bowery Rescue Mission and to Costa Rica at Casa Hogar with Pastor Barry, his wife, Diana, and his son, Zak. She loves working with Mustard Tree Ministries, and she says, "I am so excited to be able to help with Mustard Tree Ministries, and I cannot wait to get to know everyone. I love meeting new people, so please feel free to come and talk to me about anything."

## Goat Soap Available for Purchase



We are excited to announce that Mustard Tree is selling handmade soap created from the goats' milk on Mustard Tree Farms.

Each week volunteers and staff members make the soap in small batches in the Mustard Tree

kitchen! Our most popular scents are lavender, eucalyptus, citrus, and unscented, and our team is looking for suggestions of new scent options too.

If you would like to place an order or request a specific soap scent, email [mustardtreeministriesinc@gmail.com](mailto:mustardtreeministriesinc@gmail.com) or message us on Facebook! A full list of scents is available online at [mustardtreeministries.org](http://mustardtreeministries.org).

### Soap Prices

Cupcake: \$3

Bar: \$5



## Día de Alegria

On January 12, Mustard Tree Ministries participated in the third annual Día de Alegria (“Day of Joy”) at the Casa de Dios Monte de los Olivos, which roughly translated, means God’s House Mount Olive. This event at a local Hispanic church was started by Diana Kidwell in 2017. Diana says, “One day I felt a calling to reach out to the Hispanic community. Because I am Puerto Rican being able to help out the Hispanic community is very important to me. I prayed to God asking Him to show me how I could help others. He gave me the idea of Día de Alegria and with the help of friends and volunteers, First-Centenary was able to host the first ever Día de Alegria event. After that, we decided it would be a good idea for Mustard Tree to continue outreaching the Hispanic communities around Chattanooga. As a result this event, we have been able to make even more great connections to those in our community.”

This year, with the help of 10 Mustard Tree volunteers, we were able to provide 35 church families with blankets, coats, toys, and books, as well as groceries and fresh produce.

Mustard Tree loves hosting this event every year, and we would love to have more volunteers to support future events. For more information or to express interest in becoming involved with this event and others, ask Diana, Madeline, or Barry.

Mustard Tree is now partnering with the LOFT college ministry and hosting another Dia event on March 29, 2020. We are asking for these donations in hopes of feeding up to 35 families

- Maseca cornmeal
- 1 bottle corn or vegetable oil
- 3 packaged green peppers
- 3 colored peppers (red, yellow, orange)
- 3 lbs onions
- Jalapenos, Chile, ancho, or Serrano peppers
- avocados
- 3 garlic clusters
- 3-5 lbs white rice
- 3-5 lbs dry pinto beans
- 6 roma tomatoes

## Upcoming Spring Plans

Mustard Tree Ministries is planning to host a “Hug a Kid Day” again this spring for families to visit Mustard Tree Farms and see the farm animals. The day is set for April 4, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Additionally, we have other exciting events and plans in the works too, so stay connected with us on social media for updates or visit our website, which has also been recently updated .

## Weekly Church Schedule

Sunday: 8:30-9:30 am Service at The Nave  
10:45-11:45 am Service at The Nave  
10:45-11:45 am Service at The Vine  
5:00-7:00 pm Service at Breakthrough

Monday: 10:00-2:00 pm Clothes Closet at the Bridge in The Vine

Thursday: 5:00-7:00 pm at First Baptist

We would love to have you attend one of our service events. You do not have to be a member of Mustard Tree Ministries or even a member of First-Centenary. We would love to have you join us!

## Ministry Needs

- Winter coats
- Blankets
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Body soap
- Toilet paper
- Underwear (male and female)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Clothes (male and female)
- Shoes (male and female)
- Socks
- Tide Pods
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Dish Soap

Monetary donations are also gratefully appreciated. Checks can be made out to:  
Mustard Tree Ministries

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