



APRIL 2007

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Global Outreach News

Volunteers Needed

- April 17-20, Walt Whitman Test Proctors needed, see article
- May 18-20, Cookson Hills VIM Team
- The Hospitality House needs volunteers any time

Donations Needed

- Travel size shampoo, lotion, soap, etc.
- Eyeglasses
- Campbell's Soup labels (UPC & Labels for Education symbols cut out together)

Upcoming Events

- April 27, Restore Hope Volunteer Training, 9:15-11 am (see article)
- April 28, VIM leader training in Norman, call Marilene
- May 2, Global Outreach Dinner

The 2007 Mission Outreach Yearbooks are here!

Blessing Arrives in Tanzania

The delivery of the ultrasound to Tanzania went very smoothly! There were no problems at security as they thought it was a laptop computer. Dr. Nkya met us at the airport and ushered us through customs with a few questions, but no real difficulty. Thank you for your prayers for all of this! We were able to install the ultrasound in a dedicated room in the hospital and saw patients of all genders, ages, and conditions. An OB-GYN doctor who has trained in ultrasound technology came and worked with us one day. He will help with the system until a trained technician can be hired. Two women who were in their 7th and 9th months of pregnancy were scanned and we were able to reassure them that their babies were fine; and in one case, Dr. Nkya knows that some special monitoring will be needed during delivery due to the ultrasound picture. That was the very use for which it was provided! In addition to the ultrasound installment, we were able to attend services at two new preaching places where churches will be established soon. Thank you again for your prayers for this mission.

Azerbaijan Clothing Drive

Thank you for your donations of clothing for children in the Babies Home and Psychiatric hospital in Gence. We are very fortunate to be able to send the children's clothing with the Oklahoma National Guard when they travel to Azerbaijan in May to do a medical mission. The remaining clothes will be taken by mission teams saving the cost of shipping. Provisions often come in surprising ways! Many thanks to Lisa Tresch and Melanie Burdick for sorting and packing all of the clothing!

Missionary Care Team

One of our ministry teams works behind the scenes and gets very little recognition, so we want to thank them in this edition of MM. Barbara Gere is the team leader and her team has come together in the last few weeks to assemble agape gifts for MANY going on VIM teams. They provided water bottles filled with candy and other treats to the nearly 300 youth and sponsors over spring break. They have also bagged treats for the teams going in April, May, and June. *We appreciate their dedication and the invisible love that is put in every bag!*

COMING UP...Compassion Sunday, April 22

Compassion International exists as a Christian child advocacy ministry that releases children from spiritual, physical, economic and social poverty and enables them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults.

Founded 1952, Compassion began providing Korean war orphans with food, shelter, education and health care, as well as Christian training. Today, children around the world are served.

On April 22, Asbury will participate in Compassion Sunday, offering you and your family the opportunity to sponsor a child. For just \$32 a month, your sponsorship will help provide:

- Regular Christian training
- Educational opportunities
- Treatment & training to maintain child health
- Development of self-confidence & social skills
- Key life skills & vocational programs

Come by the CLC gallery on Sunday, April 22 between 9 am and 12:30 pm to visit with Asbury members who sponsor a child, to see the children awaiting sponsorship, and to learn more. *A child needs you!*

Volunteers In Mission News

Are you feeling like you want to serve on a VIM Team, but don't have a passport or a longer period of time to give? Do we have a deal for you!! Join us May 18-20 for our Cookson Hills VIM Team, which is near Tahlequah. This will be a great experience to serve the Native American Community in the area with some light gardening and/or light construction. For more detail and to sign up, contact Marilene at 392-1164 or mlong@asburytulsa.org.

Once again, God has heard and answered our prayers!! Many of you have been praying for the specific needs of our annual Tanzania Medical Team which is June 27-July 9. In the last month, we've added the following to our team – a pharmacist, a pediatric nurse, and nurse practitioner. PTL!! Thank you all so much for your faithfulness and commitment to pray for all of our VIM Teams. Between April and August, we'll be sending out 12 VIM teams so please continue to pray for all the team members, team leaders, the many travel details, for the people being served on site, and most of all that our Lord will be honored and glorified!

Another way God has shown his faithfulness is through the monetary support for many of our VIM team members.

For some of our longer teams, the cost is as much as \$2600.00, which is a huge amount for most people. Our team members are strongly encouraged to send support letters to family & friends to allow these people to offer support financially and prayerfully. Several of our members now have nearly all of their expenses covered through the wonderful response they've received. Most of these supporters have also indicated they'll be praying for the team members during their time on site. And, this allows more and more people to be aware of the awesome outreach opportunities we have at Asbury!!

For information on Asbury's 2007 VIM Opportunities, contact Marilene Long at 392-1164 or mlong@asburytulsa.org or visit the website at www.asburytulsa.org/ministries/global-outreach/vim.html. Also, check out the website for VIM journal entries as our teams will be serving in Monterrey and Rio Bravo this month.

Please pray for our VIM teams serving this month:

- April 21-28, Monterrey Team doing construction and Mission Bible School
- April 25-29, Rio Bravo Men's Team doing construction

Regional Outreach News

The Hospitality House of Tulsa

The Hospitality House of Tulsa is a non-profit organization that provides family-centered, home-like lodging and support services to families and their loved ones who are receiving medical treatment far from their home communities. These are some statistics on what's happened here in our first 6 months....

- 264 guests from 118 families have been served
- over 860 evening meals have been served
- 90 of the 118 families have requested prayer support
- there are around 35 active volunteers

While those numbers are great and we've been so blessed to have cared for all of them, 82 more families were put on our waiting list. However, by the time their name got to the top, their patient had either expired or been discharged.

Volunteers are needed not only for everyday, but also for the fund raiser that will be coming up Thursday, June 28th. The evening will include a concert by the Tulsa Praise Orchestra. (Time not set yet.) Volunteer duties include helping make guest folders, make copies, help serve dinner if any one has brought in food for the evening meal, register new guests, or do paperwork on guests that leave. Our main purpose is to listen if someone needs to talk about their day and to pray with them.

The following items are also needed: toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags-13 gallon, zip lock bags-sandwich and gallon size, rubber bands, paper clips, copy paper, postage stamps, light bulbs-60 watt, laundry soap, and bathroom cleaner.

Regional Outreach Opportunities

- **Walt Whitman Test Proctors** - Five volunteers are needed Tuesday and Wednesday, April 17 and 18 and two volunteers for Thursday and Friday, April 19 and 20. Give Barbie Paige, 250-9194, a call if you can help!
- **Restore Hope Volunteer Training** - Friday, April 27, 9:15-11:00 am, contact Jeanette Koch at 582-5766. Training is for new and current volunteers serving as case workers, chapel workers, receptionists, food pantry and clothing room assistants.
- **Cookson Hills** - Volunteers In Mission opportunity May 18th, 19th, and 20th. Now accepting applications. Please contact Marilene Long.
- **Please note...Operation Hope is no longer accepting Reasor's store receipts.**

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