



APRIL 2008

Asbury United Methodist Church 6767 South Mingo Road Tulsa, OK 74133 (918) 492-1771

Oklahoma Outreach News

Donations Needed

- Eyeglasses, travel size soap, shampoo, and lotion for missions
- Campbell's Soup labels

Volunteers Needed

- Test monitors at Walt Whitman, mornings of April 14-18, contact Beth or Barbie Paige
- Test monitors at Byrd Jr. High, mornings of April 15-16, contact Johnnie at 833-9532
- Cookson Hills VIM Team, May 2-4, contact Marilene

Upcoming Events

- Habitat build to begin early May
- May 7, Global Outreach Dinner at 6 pm in the CLC, RSVP to Missy by April 30

Mary Ann Smith (GO)
392-1117
Beth McCalman (OKO)
392-1116
Marilene Long (VIM)
392-1164
Missy Sistrunk
392-1163

Happy Hands, 660-0855

2008 Silent Auction Dinner

Saturday, April 12, 6 pm at the Union Multipurpose Activity Center Redskin Room

Dr. Dean and Vesta Van Trease will be the special guest speakers

Tickets are \$35 each

Cookson Hills Center , 457-5181

60th Anniversary Celebration and Luncheon

Saturday, April 19 from 11 am-2 pm at Cookson Hills

Cookson Mission Children's Choir, Joseph Harris, David Wilson, Chad Smith, Adam Neal, Ground Breaking Ceremony and Campus Tours

Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless, 583-5588

Come Rain or Come Shine

Sunday, April 20 from 5-8 pm at Owen Park

Featuring Mid-Life Crisis Band (playing classic rock-n-roll from the sixties and seventies)

Admission at the gate: Adults \$10; Children 5-12 \$5; under 5 free

Restore Hope Ministries Roof Campaign, 582-5766

Restore Hope Ministries has been serving the Tulsa County area for 30 years and has been operating out of its present Charles Page Blvd. location since 1995. The building and grounds are owned by Restore Hope debt free and held in trust by the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference. The Board of Directors has determined to re-roof over the existing metal roof. Restore Hope is currently raising funds for this urgent maintenance need. Donations can be made to "Restore the Roof" and sent to 2960 Charles Page Blvd., Tulsa, OK 74127.

We have two mission books for 2008.

*One for Global Outreach and
one for Oklahoma Outreach.*

*They are free and available at the Welcome Centers
or come by the Missions Office.*

Global Outreach and Volunteers in Mission News

COLLEGE MISSIONS

Several of our college youth are going to be in mission this summer and some new graduates for even longer. Please keep these youth in your prayers as they prepare for their mission physically and financially:

- 1) Betsy Murphy - 3 months in the Philippines helping Geoff & Erica Logan with their ministry
- 2) Mallory Dalton - 6 weeks in Asia with Pioneers
- 3) Brittan Heatly** - 13 months in India with Student Mobilization
- 4) Brittany Williams** - 13 months in India with Student Mobilization
- 5) Suzanne Area - 4 weeks in Tanzania in Swahili Language School
- 6) Jeffrey Harrison - 6 weeks in Florida with Kaleo, the summer mission of Student Mobilization
- 7) Brett Wagner - 4 weeks in Tanzania aiding Grant Miller and helping medical mission team
- 8) Jordan Hill - Tanzania Medical Mission Team
- 9) Steven Pittman - Tanzania Medical Mission Team
- 10) Amy Reinking - Tanzania Medical Mission Team
- 11) Tiffany Calhoun - Estonia Camp Gideon Team

**These girls join a team led by Stephen & Lacy Click, Asbury missionaries, who will spend the next year in Hyderabad, India. Other college students will join the Estonia mission teams going in June and July.

OFF TO CHINA!

Greg Lynn, Student Ministries Director, will be a chaperone and baseball coach for a group of thirty USA athletes from ages 11-16 who will participate in the Project Hope Sports Games in Shanghai. The games will be held in late May and are a celebration for friendship and cultural exchange. The children will play exhibition games with the children of Hope Schools which were developed for poor children in China. The games will be broadcast to 500 million people. Other countries with youth participating will be Japan and Korea. The group will tour the city of Beijing and the Olympic facility and see the Great Wall of China. They will participate in the International Children's Festival. Boys from Asbury who will be joining Greg for this venture are Josiah Lynn (10), Matt Wilson (14), Sam Castles (14), Garrett O'Dell (14) and Evan Lanoue (14). Pray for their safe travel and for the opportunity to show Christian love in the midst of the games and in all their contacts during travel.

SPECIAL NEED IN ESTONIA

We are gathering more information, but know that there is a real need for a large, industrial lawn mower to care for the grounds of Camp Gideon in Estonia. The mower purchased by the UMM several years ago has literally been worn out. There are approximately 40 acres that needs to be mowed. Anyone interested in helping with this project can contact Carolyn Yoder at 298-4892 or Mary Ann Smith at 392-1117.

7th Grade Houston Mission Update

It was last fall when I committed to chaperone the 7th grade mission trip to Houston. It wasn't until after our first leader's meeting, in February, that I asked, "What have I gotten myself into?" To say the very least, I left that meeting a bit apprehensive about taking 50 seventh graders on a bus to inner-city Houston.

Shortly after arriving in Houston, our adventure began. Each day The Center for Student Ministries arranged for us to visit and help two different groups in need. Our kids hit the ground running. I found myself beaming with pride as I watched our young teens step out of

their individual comfort zones to serve our Lord. Each child found a way to show God's love to another person, whether it was by feeding a group of men in rehab, dancing with Alzheimer patients, sorting and distributing mail to the homeless, or delivering Meals on Wheels to children. Our kids grew and so did I. I am changed and I believe that they are also. I am eager to explore what the Lord has for me in Tulsa as it relates to serving the underprivileged. By the end of our week I had also answered my question; I had gotten myself into something that will stick with me for a lifetime. *By Anne Bevilacqua*

8th Grade Kentucky Mission Update

We have an incredible group of young people who participate in the Asbury student program. The Kentucky trip was an opportunity for them to shine as ambassadors of our church, and shine they did. In an environment that was new and somewhat uncomfortable for many, these kids stepped up to the plate and exceeded all expectations. Kids were working hard at various tasks; kids were working together to complete a common goal; and most importantly (in my work crew) I witnessed kids sharing Christ's message through their actions towards a lovely, but lonely, 11 year old girl who lived in the trailer we were working on. Our kids befriended her, played with her, and shared their lunch with her every day we were on site. They welcomed her into our daily group devotions and treated her with kindness, love, and respect. They touched her heart, and left a lasting impression of what it is like to feel worthy, valued, and loved.

Another thing that touched me was the passion and patience that Mark Fowler exhibits in what he does with our student body. His attitude is always positive. When he is ministering to students it is emotional, honest, and from the heart. Our students sense how important they are to him and it makes them feel good about themselves. One afternoon a student was talking to me about how much he thought Mark cared about all of the kids, and he closed the conversation with "I think Mark is doing exactly what God intended for him to do".

Organizing and directing 70 students is no easy feat and it takes a commitment to being flexible, patient, and open minded to the intricate thought processes of 8th grade girls and boys. Things were never boring and at times they were very interesting. Our kids were in good hands, they were given the utmost care, guidance, and direction which allowed them to do what they were there to do, while still being who God created them to be.

The world we live in can be a difficult, disturbing, and dangerous place, especially outside of our little corner in Tulsa, OK. But every now and then you experience something or someone that renews your hope in our future. This trip, these kids, and the adults who participated have renewed my confidence in what the future can hold for the generations to follow.

A more patient father and a more appreciative disciple.

11-12th Grades Guatemala Mission Update

Guatemala is a beautiful country. The land is dotted with magnificent volcanoes and lush valleys. The people are equally beautiful, blessed with flawless brown skin and matching dark brown eyes and hair. Their beauty is also evident in their love for each other. They live in tight knit communities, dependent on each other for survival and support. Into this beautiful place came 107 youth and adults from Asbury. We mixed concrete, painted 800 chairs, waxed buses and put on roofs. We saw God's breathtaking glory on the top of an active volcano, where we were once again reminded that we are small and God is big. We saw Jesus in the gratitude of a poor family receiving a small basket of food. We met Jesus in so many ways and fell in love with Him all over again. Mission trips are beautiful.

By Betty Higgins