



MAY 2008

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## Global Outreach News

### Donations Needed

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

### Volunteers Needed

- May 10, Habitat Build begins, food and site volunteers needed
- June 12-23, Estonia Light-house VIM Team opening
- June 26-July 7, Estonia Camp Gideon VIM Team opening
- July 7-10, Project Transformation
- July 31-Aug. 10, Estonia Parnu VIM Team opening
- Meals on Wheels, volunteer drivers, food packers, site coordinators, and those to serve as substitutes are needed, contact MOW at 627-4103

### Upcoming Events

- June 12, Clarehouse ground breaking for new 10 bedroom facility at their property at 76<sup>th</sup> and Mingo

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

### A MUST-SEE MOVIE!

*The Singing Revolution* is the story of Estonia achieving their independence from the Soviet Union through their music. It is a very educational and inspirational movie about the country with which we are so closely connected. Mary Ann Smith URGES you to see this movie during its very short time to be in Tulsa. It will be shown at the Circle Cinema on 12 South Lewis (south of Admiral on Lewis, west side of street, parking behind theater). It will open on Friday, May 2 and run through Thursday, May 8. Show times are: 5/2-Friday at 1:30 pm, 5/3-Saturday at 7:30 pm, 5/4-Sunday at 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm, 5/5-Monday at 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm, 5/6-Tuesday at 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm, 5/7-Wednesday at 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm, 5/8-Thursday at 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm. Cinema phone is 585-3456 or their website is [www.circlecinema.com](http://www.circlecinema.com).

### May 7<sup>th</sup> Global Outreach Dinner

Sandy Schwinn will be sharing about Pete and Lori (Schwinn) Ferrell's work in Asia and Gail Knox will report from her mission to Myanmar. In addition, our focus area ministries will be giving reports. Please come and join us in hearing what God is doing around the world. Call Missy to make reservations ASAP.

### Mother's Day Gift

For the mother who doesn't want to dust another thing, see our Sisters In Service catalog for a gift in her honor. Another suggestion would be a pack of note cards that benefit the women's psychiatric hospital in Azerbaijan. Both are available in the Global Outreach office.

### College Students Prepare for Summer Mission

At least 11 of our college students will be on mission this summer - from Destin, Florida with Kaleo (a ministry of Student Mobilization) to India and Asia. Watch our prayer letter for schedules and prayer needs.

### 11th-12th Guatemala City Mission Update

As my body is still fatigued from sleep-depravity and days filled with intense physical labor for Shalom Church, my spirit is filled with God's goodness and a sense of overwhelming satisfaction. What an awesome undertaking for our Lord's Kingdom!.....108 students and leaders from Asbury Student Ministries journeyed over spring break to Guatemala City to give of ourselves helping brothers and sisters in Christ expand the gospel within their community. We tied rebar and poured concrete to build a parking area in front of Shalom Church. We also sanded, primed and painted 800 school desks for the children that attend school at the church. The school buses were readied for the rainy season by getting a good washing and thorough polishing. A concrete roof was poured on a house at the edge of the city. A three or four story gym wall was painted with a fresh coat of beautiful blue paint and a roof was built high in the air over what will eventually be the church school's new library. We did all this side-by-side with the Guatemalans and loved doing it!

In the midst of all the items being checked off the "to-do" list, much more was happening. Relationships were being built and renewed with these Christian friends. Love was constantly being displayed between two people groups that didn't seem to have a language barrier (even if some of us could not speak Spanish). The seamless effort between Shalom Church and our Asbury Mission Team could only be explained by one miraculous common thread.....the umbrella of Christian brotherhood with Jesus as our cornerstone. Thank you, Lord, for a life-changing week!

By Jana Annett

### Thank You from Mexico (from staff in Reynosa where the 9th-10th grade mission team worked)

A huge thank you to all at Asbury Methodist. Wow, what a great week. We as a team want to express our heart felt thanks to all of you for such a great time. Your work ethic, manners, encouragement to missionaries, respect for a different culture and people - all of it was phenomenal. What a beautifully run group you all are. Major kudos to your missions committee, head pastor and staff for instilling in the church body a love of missions, respect for all people and the seriousness over God's command to go and make disciples...and kudos to the parents for raising up such well-behaved polite kids. It was sheer delight to host you. Look forward to next time.

## Volunteers In Mission News

### Monterrey, Mexico Update

I had the privilege of joining a team in early April for the mission trip to Monterrey, Mexico. We did a combination of construction at the Juan Wesley Seminary and Mission Bible School programs with children in a poor neighborhood. It was neat to see what previous groups visiting from the U.S. had accomplished on the 100 year old seminary building, but there was (and is) still a lot to do. Our team leader, Dave Meilner, reminded us more than once that while there were projects to be done at the seminary, the children were the main reason we had traveled so far. Dave and Jan are organized team leaders, and, with their puppet ministry expertise, the children's programs were very well put together. Each night we had a great turnout with 90 to 120 kids! We were told that only about 10 of those kids regularly attend church. The highlights for me included the adorable children, Esther Gene's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday party which lasted all day, and painting outside the seminary building on a 30 foot lift. If you get the chance, you all must see Esther Gene's birthday hat-a large sombrero!



*By Amie Lorson*

### Central Asia Update

There is nothing like being the hands and feet of Christ to those who are considered to be the least of these. Interacting with the beautiful people of Central Asia proved to be no exception. In early April, a team of 6 traveled to Central Asia to serve along side the employees of CARD, Central Asia Research & Development. CARD is a humanitarian organization, as well as, vocational school for teens.



There they teach English, carpentry and carpet making. Part of our interaction with the students was teaching them how to make sugar cookies. This provided us the opportunity to get to know the students and for

them to practice their English. In addition to teaching, CARD is involved in humanitarian work around the city. We were able to visit a psychiatric hospital and interact with the patients. There we painted a room in the women's ward, listened to them play music, and gave the women manicures. We also visited a babies' home and children's home. We were able to show the love of Jesus by playing games and giving out lots of hugs and kisses. Although we were not able to be open about our faith, the love of Christ was still shared with the people. After having been there, I can see that God's presence is there, and my prayer is that He would continue to rise up workers to reach the lost people—the harvest is plentiful!

*By Amy Malnar*



Pray for our teams as they will be out serving this month:

May 2-4, Cookson Hills Light Construction Team

May 22-June 4, Tanzania Work Team

May 25-31, Covenant Community working at Red Bird Mission in Kentucky

## Oklahoma Outreach News

### Habitat Build Begins May 10

The start date for the Habitat build is May 10th. We will partner with First UMC. Volunteers can sign up near the CLC Gallery on May 4. Volunteer needs:

- 1) 8 work site volunteers per Saturday, except for wall raising
- 2) Help provide food on one of the odd weekends
- 3) Project Chaplain
- 4) Project Registrar (see that everyone who is working is registered and has a name tag)

The address of the site is 109 N. Olympia. Take BA Expressway to Denver Exit, north on Denver to Archer, west or left on Archer, Archer to Olympia and turn right.

Work site volunteers sign up on line: [www.habitat-tulsa.org](http://www.habitat-tulsa.org)  
Habitat building update or rainout information: 280-7125

For more information contact Linda Pat Colgan, 663-3287, or Beth McCalman, 392-1116.

### Project Transformation, Asbury serving July 7-10

Project Transformation provides a fun and educational summer day camp for deserving children based on economic and educational needs. Volunteers are needed to help provide lunch and dinner for the interns at Southern Hills UMC as well as volunteers to listen to children read. Contact Missy or Beth to volunteer.

### Meals On Wheels (MOW)-Paw Starz Program

Pets provide a sense of connection and are very important to many of the homebound individuals that MOW serves. Many of the homebound share their meals with their pets because they are unable to provide appropriate pet food. Because of this, MOW began Paw Starz which strives to help make a healthier life for the homebound person and their pet. Paw Starz collects donations of pet food and funding for the pet food. The food is re-packaged into daily servings and delivered to the homebound once a month. If you would like to help by volunteering or donating pet food, call 627-4103.