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### *Volunteers Needed*

- Restore Hope needs extra volunteer prayer counselors, case workers and receptionists during the School Supplies sign-up period July 31-Aug. 18, Mon.-Thurs., call Beth
- Furniture Fest volunteers (see article)

### *Donations Needed*

- Eyeglasses for VIM distribution
- Hotel soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc. for VIM distribution
- Campbell's soup labels

### *Upcoming Events*

- Sept. 6, Global Outreach Dinner, 6 pm (note date change)
- Nov. 18, VIM Leader Training in Tulsa, call Marilene
- Oct. 14-21, Monterrey VIM Team, call Marilene
- Oct. 27-29, Cookson Hills VIM Team, call Marilene
- Nov. 1-5, Rio Bravo VIM Team-physician needed, call Marilene
- Nov. 4-11, Guatemala Medical Mission-pharmacist needed, call Marilene

## Global Outreach News

### **NEW!**

Beginning September 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a Wednesday class under the Asbury Road Map series (name replacement for Asbury University.) It will be called Armchair Traveler - Asbury Style. Each week one of our focus countries will be featured with pictures, country information, history, and stories from those who have traveled there. The schedule for classes is: Sept. 13-Azerbaijan; Sept. 20-Estonia; Sept. 27-Latin America; Oct. 4-Tanzania; and Oct. 11-Missions Matters! Classes will be from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in room 2821 and child care is offered. Come for dinner and stay for a geography lesson!

### ***Furniture Fest***

All International *graduate students* arriving for studies at the University of Tulsa are presented with a totally unfurnished apartment upon arrival. ICO's (International Community Outreach) Furniture Fest is a great way the Christian community of Tulsa connects with these new students from distant places like Bombay, Beijing, Lagos, and Bogata.

This Fall Semester's Furniture Fest is set for Saturday, August 19. Here's what we need: willing and hospitable volunteers.

- Volunteers in the Morning - from 8 a.m. to move furniture items that have been donated for students to the TU campus. Items will be moved to the campus, then later to students apartments on or near the campus.
- Volunteers by Noon - to set up. Cool drinks are served to the new students as they sign in, their hosts (you) get ready to help them select their furniture items.
- Volunteers Early Afternoon (you see the pattern here) to help the students secure their furniture, assisting them also with loading and transporting in vehicles.

NOTE: The Furniture Fest is way high on the list of "most meaningful services" provided new students, as this event serves to meet a very keenly Felt Need at the very outset of their time in this new and different country. Follow-up with students comes easily as they are welcomed into activities and functions sponsored by fun-loving and committed Christian friends on and off campus. The Wesley Foundation is located at 3019 E. 5th Street. Please call Mary Ann Smith at 392-1117 if you are able to help.

### ***Pete and Lori (Schwinn) Ferrell home on furlough from Southeast Asia***

Pete and Lori with baby Silas will be flying to Thailand and on to the USA on August 9-11. Keep their travels in your prayers, please! They will be in Tulsa August 11-23 and again December 20-January 10. If your community has interest in hearing about their work in community development, please call Mary Ann Smith, 392-1117, to schedule a Sunday.

## Volunteers in Mission News

### Blessed in Tanzania

During our recent excursion to Tanzania, our carefully assembled medical team was able to serve the local people for five full days of clinic. Our team was able to see nearly 1,700 patients, caring for them with our attention, medications, procedures, and love. After patients went through a quick preliminary exam from our nurses, our physicians, optometrists, and dentist tried to solve their problems. The physicians diagnosed and prescribed while the optometrists had hundreds of eyeglasses and sunglasses to distribute. Our dentist had his equipment to fill cavities and extract teeth. All of them certainly kept our pharmacist and her team busy; the pharmacy rarely saw a slow moment. Some villagers walked up to 12 miles in hopes of receiving care from our team. Lines formed long before we arrived each morning; our services were clearly valued. It was true that we saw many cases that would rarely be seen in the United States, but these images are not the ones that stand out when describing the trip to family and friends. We went with intentions on serving them, but their love and passion for Christ showed us so much more than we could have asked or imagined.

*By Ryan Huey*

### *Lonely for Estonia* *By Marjorie Bohannon* *June-July 2006*

A week at Camp Gideon  
Was a challenge to each  
As we laughed and we tried  
Each camper to reach  
We worked and we played  
No hour was too late  
For talking and bonding  
Fulfilling our fate

The counselors became our friends  
Whom we will never forget  
The fond memories of them  
So fresh and yet  
They will linger forever  
As the years slip away  
We will be dreaming and hoping  
For more memories to make

So goodbye to the Baltic  
An all our friends so dear  
'Till we meet again,  
Same time next year?

## Regional Outreach News

### UM Boys Ranch

The Regional Outreach Council received a surprise visit from Mark Howard, Director of the UM Boys Ranch. He made a special trip in from Gore to thank Asbury for their support and to present two certificates. One for Outstanding Service for time given to the Boys Ranch and a Celebrating Excellence for financial giving which says: *"Some people dream of worthy accomplishments while others stay awake and do them."*

### Child S.H.A.R.E.

Child S.H.A.R.E. is needing cribs with ALL the parts, potty seats, booster seats, baby bathtubs for those that cannot sit up, and any size beds. Also, twin and full size mattresses are needed.

### Happy Hands

Happy Hands has exciting news. They have just signed a contract on a piece of land at 8600 S. Garnett Road. They will soon begin the process of raising funds for a much needed new facility. Recently, during their Summer of Service, our Asbury 7th and 8th graders spent the day helping the students at Happy Hands with a car wash to raise funds for their field trips. Over \$500 was raised that day. Happy Hands is hosting their first golf tournament on October 9. They still need hole sponsors and players. For information, visit their website – [www.happyhands.org](http://www.happyhands.org) or call 665-1200.

### Project Transformation

Project Transformation is drawing to a close for this summer. Many thanks to those who provided paper goods, lunches, snacks, listened to children read, and played with the children in the afternoons. Our partner church, St. Mark's UMC, averaged 65 children each day. On July 20, Asbury was the place to be for all of the Project Transformation interns in Oklahoma and Bishop Hayes. Bishop Hayes toured the two sites in Tulsa on that Thursday and then met with the interns for dinner and discussion that evening. Our intern, Heidi Pierson, will be heading back to Kansas and her second year at K.U. She is ready to go home and back to school but is considering returning to Project Transformation next year.

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