

# MISSION MATTERS



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## Oklahoma Outreach News

### Donations Needed

- School supplies
- Eyeglasses, travel size soap, shampoo, lotion for missions
- You may have a treasure tucked away in your home - a picture or piece of art that no longer goes with your décor. Donate it to the Operation Hope fundraising auction! Someone who appreciates it will buy it and the funds will help a segment of our population that most people ignore.

**Donations can be dropped off in the mission office.**

### Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, Sept. 12,** Habitat Build-Wall Raising, 9 am
- **Friday, Oct. 23,** Operation Hope 8th Annual Fall Fundraiser Banquet, 5:30-9 pm, Asbury CLC, contact OHPM at 599-7044 for reservations

Mary Ann Smith (GO)  
392-1117  
Beth McCalman (OKO)  
392-1116  
Marilene Long (VIM)  
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Missy Sistrunk  
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### Habitat House Build -- Begins September 12

Join us on Saturday, September 12 at 9 am for the next Habitat House Wall Raising Ceremony located at 4033 W 55<sup>th</sup> Place S. Asbury will partner with CITGO Retirees & Employees for the Habitat House Build. Work site volunteers can sign up on-line at [www.habitat-tulsa.org](http://www.habitat-tulsa.org). Habitat building update is 280-7125. For more information contact Linda Pat Colgan or Beth McCalman.



### Happy Hands 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, September 28

This golf tournament, held at MeadowBrook Country Club, brings Tulsa area golfers back year after year because of their love for children with hearing loss and other communicative disorders. The tournament is a handicapped 18-hole, four player scramble. A complimentary continental breakfast and buffet lunch will be served to all golfers. The driving range will open at 7:30 am with a Shotgun start at 9:00 am. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Cost: \$125  
Visit Happy Hands website at [www.happyhands.org](http://www.happyhands.org) to register.

### Under the Harvest Moon Benefits Clarehouse, October 1

This event will be held Thursday, October 1 at 6 pm at Camp Loughridge. You can shop and bid on great items in the silent auction or step out onto the veranda to enjoy the view! Reservations are \$80 and include appetizers, dinner, drinks, and a free portrait. All the proceeds benefit Clarehouse. For more information, contact Clarehouse at 665-7026

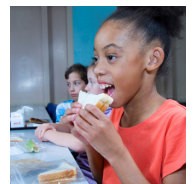


### TU Wesley Foundation 16th Annual Golf Tournament, October 1

Join other golfers at Battle Creek Golf Course in Broken Arrow for a four person scramble at 1 pm to support student missions at TU. The cost is \$100 and includes green fee, cart, range balls, meal and prizes (\$50 is tax deductible). Contact TU Wesley Foundation at 592-5778 or email at [wesley@utulsa.edu](mailto:wesley@utulsa.edu) for more information.

### A & W Lunch Bunch Starts October 5

We're starting a new program at Asbury's adopted school, Walt Whitman Elementary, called Lunch Bunch. Make a difference in the life of a child, just by being a friend! Lunch Bunch volunteers commit to: eating lunch with the same student (once a week or twice a month), being a friend to their student, and praying regularly for their student. Volunteers will be paired with a student of the age group of their choice. On the first and third Monday of the month, a people mover will be available for transportation from Asbury to Walt Whitman Elementary. Volunteers may also come another day of the week. For more information, contact Barbie Paige or Carolyn Nixon.



### Second Annual Operation Hope Prison Ministry Golf Tournament, October 19

Enjoy Golf at MeadowBrook Country Club & spend a day with sports celebrities & sports personalities. Presented by Bob Carpenter, Honorary Chair; Ray Knight, KYAL AM-FM and Jackie Cooper Imports. Registration at 8:00 am and 9:00 am start-shamble format. This is your opportunity to meet, among others: Ray Knight-NY Mets World Series '86 MVP; Tom Pagnozzi-All Star Catcher STL Cardinals; Josh Johnson-2009 All Star Pitcher, Jenks native and Florida Marlins Pitcher; Ryan Franklin-2009 All Star Pitcher and St. Louis Cardinals Pitcher; Rob Dibble-Relief Pitcher with Cincinnati Reds and 1990 World Series Champions; Tom Paciorek-18 year Major League Player and broadcaster; George Frazier-former pitcher Yankees, Cardinals and Cubs. Individual fees are \$250 which include 18 holes of golf, tee prizes, breakfast, beverages, and awards luncheon. Hole sponsorships also available. Contact Libby Meyer at 252-4121 for more information. *Entry deadline is October 8.*



## Volunteers In Mission News

### Honduras Update

On July 26, with much news of political unrest going on in Honduras, our team of nine went forward with our plans to serve in Tegucigalpa, Honduras alongside the ministry of Hope for Honduras.



We went to serve in the impoverished community known as Mogote. We had reassurances from the missionaries there, lots and lots of prayer surrounding us, and with our trust placed in the Lord, we arrived and had a safe and wonderful week! We were so grateful!

Our team spent the week helping with ongoing activities that the ministry does every day. We walked the rocky and dusty hills of Mogote every morning, with the ministry, feeding the little children in the streets. Our hearts were touched by what we saw. We worked in the ministry's kindergarten class every morning and afternoon (like VBS) by presenting a lesson from the Bible, singing songs, playing games and doing the Bible lesson crafts that we brought along with us. I was moved by the creativity and time that each child put into doing their crafts! They were beautiful! We worked with the ladies ministry one day and did a devotion and craft with them. When class was over one day, we handed out clothes that we had collected back home and gave them to the ladies to take home to their families. We played lots of games like jump rope, tug-of-war and soccer with the kids in the street every day (my favorite). Our biggest project was building a home (12' x 16') for a precious family in the hills of Mogote. We had a house dedication at the end of the week presenting Gustavo and his family with some necessities for their home, food, a cross for their wall and a Spanish Bible. They were SO grateful to the Lord for His provision. It was a joy to be a part of it. They have a young handicapped son who was beautiful and never stopped grinning...he gave our team lots of great hugs!

We had a great team! Thanks Austin, Mark, Denise, Charles, Lindsey, Will, Jay and Bob for serving. Also, a special thanks to all our friends and the communities at Asbury that

prayed for us and provided the abundance of school supplies, clothes, etc. that we took with us. They were very much needed! Because we were one of the few teams that could make it to Honduras this summer, the supplies were a great blessing to the ministry. Also, a huge thanks to Asbury's wonderful mission staff for all their prayers and support!

I'm still taking in all that I saw and experienced. The scripture I walked away with and that has been placed on my heart is Micah 6:8, "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you. To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." It was an honor to go and serve in His name!

*By Kay Skaggs*

### Upcoming VIM Teams

#### September 17-30, Tanzania

Mike Mastraccio will lead the team consisting of Alan Roark, Brett Tabler, and Earl Stutzman to construct a church in the Kami Ministry area. While they are doing construction, Robert Schaffitzel and Jon Greenhaw will be drilling water wells in villages where we have congregations. Traveling with them, Mary Ann Smith will meet with church leaders and missionaries to plan for future work and to renew friendships. **Donations for water wells are needed. See Mark Dalton or Mary Ann Smith for more information.** Prayer partners are welcome for this team to do its work and for safe travel.

#### October 10-17, Monterrey, Mexico

Working at the Juan Wesley Seminary in the daytime and doing Mission Bible School at night will keep this team busy! Richard Murphy is leading and the team consists of Don & Lindsay England, Dave & Stephanie Hurd and their daughters, and Clyde & Judy Doyle. They will be joined in Monterrey by a team from Faith UMC here in Tulsa. Both teams will have a great impact on the seminary students and on many young lives in the evenings as they do puppet shows and crafts, in addition to feeding the children.

#### October 23-25, Cookson Hills, Oklahoma

Michele Caine will lead this VIM team that will work near Tahlequah doing light construction or ground maintenance. Cookson Hills Center is a United Methodist Mission ministering to the Native American people in rural Oklahoma. Contact Marilene Long or Michele Caine if you are interested in serving on this team.

## Global Outreach News

### Celebrate Recovery – Estonia

Glen Grusendorf and Cavett Binion traveled to Parnu, Estonia, August 24-31 to conduct training for Celebrate Recovery to begin in the Methodist Church in Estonia. There is much secularism, alcoholism, and drugs in use in the country making this a timely program for the church. Pray that groups would start in several areas of the country as a result of the training conducted. There were 52 people who attended the training! In addition, Glen and Cavett were privileged to speak and lead worship in the Agape Church, Asbury's sister congregation.