



NOVEMBER 2008

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Volunteers In Mission News

Donations Needed

- Non-perishable food items including baby formula & food, diapers, shampoo & conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, deodorant, lotion, baby wipes & powder, paper towels, napkins, foil & plastic wrap for Pearl's Hope
- Eyeglasses, travel size soap, shampoo, lotion for missions

Donations can be dropped off in the mission office.

Upcoming Events

- **Nov. 24**, Thanksgiving Food Basket Assembly & Delivery (see article)
- **Dec. 10**, Global Outreach Dinner Theatre, 6 pm, CLC (see article)

Prayer for our VIM teams

- **November 5-9**, Monterrey, Mexico Medical Team
- **November 12-16**, Rio Bravo, Mexico Men's Construction Team
- **November 16-22**, South Texas, Hurricane Ike Response Team

Hurricane Ike Volunteer Opportunity

Asbury plans to send a VIM Team to south Texas November 16-22. To volunteer or to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Marilene Long – mlong@asburytulsa.org or 392-1164. Financial donations for Hurricane Ike response can be payable to "Asbury UMC" with the UMCOR Advance # 3019695 in the memo line of the check. Thanks so much for your support.

Central Asia Update

I am so grateful that God has prompted Asbury to be a light in Central Asia. Asbury supports the Central Asia Research & Development group in the city of G-town. This group provides extra care and financial support to the G-town Children's Home, an orphanage, the Psychiatric Hospital and a vocational-technical school. Our group was able to visit all but the Children's Home on our visit. We saw psych patients during their music therapy, as they sang, danced & played musical instruments. We watched as the art therapy group painted, knitted and embroidered. We went to the orphanage where we held babies and played on the floor with toddlers. We spent two days with the vocational-technical students, both touring their facility and doing a trash pick up day, followed by a picnic. God's hands and feet are all over a place where His mighty Name is not uttered in public.



By Cindy Read

Monterrey, Mexico Mission Bible School and Construction Update

I was blessed to shovel sand with Ricardo (Richard Murphy) as he shared stories of God's wonderful and miraculous workings in his life. His excitement was contagious as he witnessed to the Holy Spirit using Tommy Boy, the rock opera, to save a hippy. I was blessed by the amount of effort Hooty (Judy Doyle) put into preparing for Mission Bible School. Her hard work and organization made Mission Bible School a success, while her humor and character added levity to all situations. I was blessed by the Blowfish (Clyde Doyle), for his quiet and consistent contributions. He was the "wingman" everyone could count on—a stabilizing presence when things got crazy. I was blessed every time Betty (Logan) sang. Such a song in her voice! It was fun to hear her humming "Me lavo" (He washed me) drift from the bathroom with the shower steam. I was blessed by Cindy's (Mayes) genuine, loving, and playful rapport with my daughters. Also, her devotionals were prayerfully made and generated awesome discussions about God's Kingdom. I was blessed by Flan Juan's (John Morrow) careful attention to detail and his endless translations. With a gracious, tender heart he cared for everyone on the team. I was blessed to spend the week serving with my husband and children; they are always such a joy. I was blessed to be part of something bigger than myself, especially with such a team as this! My sincere thanks to the "A-Team."



By Stephanie Hurd

Global Outreach News

Bruce Olsson Update

Bruce Olsson, our long-time missionary partner in Colombia, has married! Here is the picture of him, his new bride, and her two boys who are attending school in the U.S. Elena was born and raised in Belorussia and attended Kansas University.



She has a Ph.D. in engineering and specializes in cancer research. Bruce and Elena are living in Bucaramanga. We wish them a most happy life together!

Global Outreach Dinner Theatre

Wednesday, December 10

Please join us for dinner and a dramatic presentation of William Carey, the father of modern missions. Following the presentation will be year end reports from our ministry teams and approval of the proposed 2009 budget. The dinner and drama are open to people from other churches so ask your neighbors and friends to join us for the dinner and drama. The drama comes highly acclaimed by those who have seen it! The event will be held in the CLC.

The dinner will be begin at 6:00 pm and the drama at 6:30 pm. Reservations are to be phoned or e-mailed to Missy Sistrunk by December 4 at 392-1163 or msistrunk@asburytulsa.org. Childcare is available, please notify Missy if needed.

Oklahoma Outreach News



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Thanksgiving Food Baskets will be assembled and delivered on Monday, November 24. Assembly will begin at 2 pm in the CLC. Delivery will begin at 5 pm and 5:30 pm. The cost for one food basket is \$40. Please make checks payable to Asbury UMC marked "food baskets". Contact Jamie Schaffitzel at 369-0631 or Beth McCalman to volunteer!

Restore Hope Ministries



Restore Hope Ministries wishes to thank Asbury UMC and the following communities for their generous 2008 Project School Supply donations: Christian Explorers, Faith Builders, Family Fellowship, Friendship Class, Happy Christians, Harvest, Joy Class, Mariners, New Beginnings, Praise & Worship, Purpose Driven Fellowship, Shepherds Flock, Stormshelter, Sonrisers, Women of Faith, and Wordfinders.



Circle of Care Friendraiser

Celebrating All God's Children will be a musical presentation at Boston Avenue UMC on Sunday, November 16 from 5-7 pm.

You may also enjoy Tupper the Clown, Hands of Love Choir (from Asbury), Rock 'n Roll Carnival Worship Band, dessert tasting and silent auction! Tickets: \$5 each (children and youth free). Contact the Circle of Care office at 405-530-2078.

Magical Night of Giving

Kick off the holiday with an evening of exclusive savings throughout the Tulsa Promenade Mall, plus door prizes, and entertainment. The mall is closed to the general public at 6 pm, then re-opens from 6:30-9 pm for ticket holders for an evening of special shopping. Tickets: \$5 per person (12 and under free with adult). Ticket proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels. For tickets, contact Gladys Murphy at 252-2896.



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