



DECEMBER 2008

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

Donations Needed

- Eyeglasses, travel size soap, shampoo, lotion for missions

Donations can be dropped off in the mission office.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 7, Adopt a Christmas Child
- Dec. 10, Global Outreach Dinner Theatre, 6 pm, CLC
- Dec. 18, Christmas Basket/Gift delivery
- Jan. 14, Perspectives begins at Asbury

Mary Ann Smith (GO)

392-1117

Beth McCalman (OKO)

392-1116

Marilene Long (VIM)

392-1164

Missy Sistrunk

392-1163

Oklahoma Outreach News

Christmas Child

Adopt a Christmas Child by providing gifts for one of our Youth at Heart or Operation Hope children. Select a name **Sunday, December 7**, by the main foyer, upstairs children's area, or at Venue 68. Contact Jamie Schaffitzel at 369-0631 for more info.



Christmas Food Baskets

Christmas Food Baskets and Christmas Child gifts will be delivered on Thursday, December 18 beginning at 5 pm and 5:30 pm. The cost for one food basket (gift card) is \$40. Please make checks payable to Asbury UMC marked "food baskets". Contact Jamie Schaffitzel at 369-0631 to volunteer!

Global Outreach News

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement

Dates: Wednesdays, January 14 - May 6 (will not meet March 18)

Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Room: 1300 Family Room (formerly Student Worship)

Instructors: Varied

Cost: \$210 for a certificate (the basic course) or \$420 for undergrad/grad credit.

(Scholarships for a portion of the cost are available to Asbury members)

Childcare is not available.



Study the Biblical Foundation for mission, history, cross-cultural education, and strategies for mission. Your life will be changed by all you learn! Undergraduate or graduate credit may be obtained with this course. Speakers for the class come from across the United States and have international experiences to share. The class is open to the Tulsa community. If you are undecided, you can come to the first two classes free. Perspectives 1) convinces the believer through the Biblical perspectives, 2) teaches the unfolding story through the historical perspectives, 3) prepares the believer to be sensitive through the cultural perspectives, and 4) challenges the believer to be wise in their implementation of the Great Commission through the strategic perspective. Contact Karen Wackenhuth, 298-1116, Melanie Burdick, 498-2420, or Mary Ann Smith, 392-1117 for further information.

Singing Revolution

A DVD of The Singing Revolution movie is now in the mission office and can be checked out for viewing if you missed the movie while it was at the Circle Cinema. It is about the freedom Estonia achieved from the Soviet Union through their gift of singing. A wonderful movie! There is an accompanying book that may also be checked out from the mission office.

Volunteers In Mission News

Cookson Hills Update

Friday morning, October 30, saw eight members from Asbury heading out of Tulsa for a weekend of work, service and enjoying one another's company at the Cookson Hills Center sponsored by the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Cookson Hills Center serves primarily the Cherokee Native American community in Cherokee, Adair and Sequoyah counties. It is located about 18 miles south of Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Kathy Bunting encouraged members of the Faithbuilders Community to take advantage of this service opportunity and seven of the eight members on the mission trip were Faithbuilders members. We arrived mid day on Friday looking for a quick tour of the facility before lunch. However, the Cookson Hills director had other ideas and pointed out a flat bed trailer with cases of canned goods and personal care items that needed to be unloaded into the adjacent warehouse. After completing the unloading task, we all agreed this task had helped us work up a good appetite for the lunch planned by Verna Meyers, the chief cook and social organizer for the effort.

Other projects completed by the group, joined by Mari-lene Long on Saturday, included lots of cleaning and reorganizing of storage and green house facilities used by the Center. In addition, a carpentry project was completed by two members of the team to provide a covered entrance to the home used by the director of the thrift shop operated on site.

Cookson Hills Center serves nearly 10,000 clients annually and the Asbury team was blessed to be able to give the Center help in meeting their service mission.

By Larry Krieg

Breaking News – The ten boxes of items for the children's Christmas outreach at Agape Church in Parnu, Estonia have arrived safely and have cleared customs with no fees! The people of the Agape church now have plenty of time to put the sacks together and host the event. Our BIG thanks to the many Asbury children and parents who participated in this project. It will be a real blessing to the children of Parnu.



Monterrey, Mexico Medical Update

For those of us who had never been on a mission trip--much less a medical one, planning for our recent trip to Monterrey was a little scary and overwhelming. Reminders that we would not be in our usual, comfortable environments kept arising, and, personally, alarmed me that I was getting in over my head.



Not to worry!! We had a fabulous trip! Certainly part of this was preparation and planning on our part, but throughout, God provided for us and paved our ways to serving some of the poorer colonias that surround Monterrey.

For example, we had a little glitch getting some of our supplies through customs; however, through some hard work, fortuitous advocates on-site, skillful translating and fervent prayers (thank you, everyone!), the items were released and were used to help our patients.

Overall, we saw about 240 people over three days of clinic. There were fifteen of us that traveled from the United States, including physicians, nurses, an optometric team, a dental team and helpers. Each of us brought different skills and different personalities--but it all worked together so well. God blessed us--I don't know why I doubted!

By Leslie Roark



The mission staff wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

