

PARTNERS IN MISSION

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COTE D'IVOIRE TEAMS IN 2010

The Dabou Methodist Hospital is 35 kilometers west of Abidjan on a good tarmac road. Built in the 1960's this 110 bed hospital is in need of our expert mission teams to bring it back to it's ministry potential.

The priority project will focus on the Adult ward. Painting, electrical work, plumbing, making mosquito screens for the windows and remodeling rooms will be necessary.

In addition, there are many other opportunities for volunteers at the hospital.

- Medical technicians to repair equipment
- Doctors with specific specialties
- Computer experts

Teams will prepare the rest of this year for departure dates of January to April of 2010. Kalamba Kilumba is the Project Coordinator for the construction projects at the Dabou Hospital. He is your contact person if you are interested in being on a team or a team leader. Kalamba will help the teams with orientation, scheduling, reservations in country and any other items necessary. Contact him at 936-261-3595 office or 281-682-5693 cell.



Main entrance to Hospital



Adult ward



Repairing mosquito screens

ER Training

2009 Hurricane Season is here! Churches need to continue to promote and train Early Response teams. Critical in the early phases of a disaster, the teams are prepared for specific situations characteristic of natural and man-made disasters.

Each district should have at least one full team of 30 people who at any one time could organize into a cohesive team of 6 responding on a moments notice.

Since each district has a "Disaster Tool Trailer", teams within the district can borrow this trailer as they work a disaster.

Contact
Clay Whitaker
281-452-2861

HOUSTON/GALVESTON RECOVERY UPDATE

Thank you all for all you have done for the victims of Hurricane Ike. You have provided 1000's of volunteers, dollars for building supplies and donations that have made a difference. Because of your efforts, we have mucked out over a thousand homes and moved 11 families back into their homes.

The UMC has provided Case Management services for nearly a hundred families. This means we have walked them through all the steps necessary to get the help they so desperately need. We have set up 7 volunteer centers with showers and facilities for overnight stays, many of these in your churches. We can ac-

commodate as many as 200 volunteers per night if all sites are full. We have just added our second and third, full time construction managers who are charged to work with teams to provide the quality of work you would want to see done in your own homes. Recently, we started a weekly worship service to grow the spiritual lives of our volunteers and the homeowners we are helping.

We have spent many hours in advocacy with your government officials. We have worked hard to help these politicians do the right thing with the Federal dollars.

What do we need? In

Galveston county alone there were 4000 damaged homes owned by people who earn less than the average income and were uninsured. In addition, there are thousands of families in Houston, Harris, Chambers, Brazoria and all the other counties devastated by Ike. We anticipate rebuilding 200 homes each year. We need you to keep coming. We need your teams to hang sheetrock, replace roofs, rebuild kitchens and baths. Keep coming and show the people of SE Texas that the UMC knows who their neighbors are.

Eddie Hilliard, Director
713-417-7536

NEW PROJECTS WITHIN OUR CONFERENCE

Please watch the website and Conference emails for the announcement of two projects within our Conference.

Salem UMC in Orange, TX was flooded with 18 inches of water. So flood repairs need to be done throughout the church. Teams will be needed to replace paneling once

the flood damage is removed.

Elwood UMC near Huntsville has multiple fix up projects. Painting, wheel chair ramps, and floor repairs are a few items on the list.

As soon as the last preparations are complete, PIM office will put out a notice that teams are ready to be received. Call 713-521-9393.

COTE D'IVOIRE—NETS TEAMS

More teams will be needed to visit the villages who received the initial mosquito nets last November. Only this time, instead of handing out nets, the teams will be helping families attach the nets correctly over their sleeping areas. Teams will work with our local partners in



Cote d'Ivoire to go out as small groups and assist families one at a time. Plans are still be-

ing formed, but if you are interested in joining one of these teams, please call

Cynthia Harvey at 713-521-9383 ext. 342. She will give you all the information necessary to be part of this life saving mission.

GOING INTERNET



Partners In Mission will be sending the majority of newsletters via the internet in 2009. If

you want to add someone to the list, please let the office know. If you know someone who does not have internet access, please feel free to make copies of the newsletter and pass it out.

Check our website frequently for news articles about

Connectional Ministries through the General Board of Global Ministries and other current news.

MISSION FORUM HAS A NEW LOOK

This year the Mission FORUM, "Who Is Our Neighbor", will expand to include the Missional Excellence Leadership Team. Not only will participants learn about the PIM program but new options will include:

- Hispanic Ministry
- Restorative Justice
- Advocacy as Mission
- Exploring Social Principles
- Transforming your community

Other workshops:

- Missions 101
- Border Ministry
- Disaster Recovery

- National Opportunities
- International Opportunities

The design committee is planning an exciting mission experience with a full Global Village filled with booths from all our Project Coordinators and Mission Partners. From the Global Village, participants will be able to visit one on one with those in charge of our mission sites and carry back ideas which will generate enthusiasm in the local church.

The FORUM will be held at Lakewood UMC in North Houston on October 3, 2009 with

a second presentation at Lufkin UMC on October 10th.

Watch the PIM website for registration information coming out in August. Plan to attend so you will be ready to organize your church in 2009-10 using all the gifts and talents of your team.



Plan -

- Know your evacuation route
- Emergency contact numbers
- Important documents
- Back up computer information on a disk
- Cash and blank checks
- Plan for elderly/disabled adults, children and pets
- Plan for securing your house

Prepare-

- Medicines/food/water/clothing
- To do list
- Arrange for elderly/disabled adults, children and pets

Activate-

- Put plan into action and GO!

Emergency Kit

1. Map/plan evacuation route
2. List of contacts
3. Rendezvous contacts
4. Medicines and supplies for minimum of 7 days
5. Cash, check/ deposit slips
6. 3 complete sets of clothing for each family member
7. Put important documents in watertight containers.
 - Medical documents
 - Insurance—health, life, homeowners, renters, car, etc.
 - Birth Certificates, green cards, Social Security cards, custody, etc.
 - Titles— deeds, cars other properties
 - Bank/financial statements, tax return, accounts, mortgage, safe deposit box key
 - Licenses— drivers, marriage, professional papers
 - Photo's of possessions
8. Items for children/elderly/disabled/pets
9. Personal hygiene items
10. Blanket and pillow
11. Food/water/drinks
12. Cell phone, battery charger
13. Flashlight and battery operated radio

PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON



June 1st has arrived and for those along the Gulf Coast it is time to check our hurricane preparedness

lists. TACCOR (Texas Annual Conference Committee On Relief) is encouraging each family, church, district and the Conference to prepare now. Inter-Faith Ministries for Greater Houston offers training for local church's and families on "preparedness". Training can be arranged at

the local church on a weekend or week night. The cost is \$100 per church. Contact Jennifer Posten at 713-533-4909 jposten@imgh.org.

This program is excellent for your family and church. Be ready for hurricane season 2009.

NEW UMC PARTNERS: TEXAS AND TANZANIA

The first team from the Texas Annual Conference to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania was from Friendswood UMC. Building this new partnership with the United Methodist church of Tanzania, the team was eager to be the first of what is hoped to be many more work teams. Rev. Mutwale Ntambo, Acting Bishop, prepared everything in advance for the tiling of the sanctuary floor.



For 10 days the team worked side by side individuals of the Tanzanian church, in the heat and humidity of the coastal area. Friendships were formed that would never have been possible if this mission site had not been developed. The congregation was involved in multiple mission projects for the nearby community—sewing, batik making, pre-school, visitation and Bible study groups. This vibrant church is being Christ's hands and feet to their community. The team was very impressed with the church's outreach ministry and their willingness



to work hard on their own projects. Church on Sunday morning was definitely passionate, full of music, laughter and a new found relationship with the Texas Annual Conference. For more information call the PIM office.



EASTERN EUROPE/BALKANS INITIATIVE

Mission activities in the Eastern Europe and Balkans countries of Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia, Poland, Serbia and the Slovak Republic are part of the In Mission Together Initiative, a partnership program coordinated by the General Board of Global Ministries. Memorial Drive UMC in Houston, has

agreed to partner with the Petrzalka UMC in Bratislava, the capital city of the Slovak Republic. The Petrzalka church is a new church in the southern part of the city and has two mission sites in the eastern part of the country in Kosice and Gerlachov. A partner church in the US commits to a 3-5 year relationship that involves regular communica-

tions, sending short term mission teams, providing financial support, hosting visitors from the Slovakia church and jointly working on some mutually agreeable project. Possible projects include construction, evangelization, spiritual growth, education, social outreach and/or community based humanitarian activities. Contact Roger Daniels at 713-408-8037 or Rdaniels2005@aol.com.

Cleaning Bucket

UMCOR KIT

Each family should have one bucket for themselves and one to Give Away!

- 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- Bleach (two 1-quart or one 82 oz. bottle).
- 5 scouring pads
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (easy-wipes)
- 7 sponges
- Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
- 1 household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle
- Disinfectant dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle
- 50 clothes pins
- Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 24-bag roll heavy-duty trash bags, 33-45 gallon (remove from box)
- 1 insect repellent spray, 6-14 oz. can
- 1 air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can

All bottles should be plastic. Send new, un-opened items inside bucket and seal the lid. Do not include bleach if shipping.

Delivery to either:

Old River Terrace UMC
16102 I-10 East
Channelview, TX 77530
281-452-2861

OR

UMCOR—Sager Brown Depot
1-800-814-8765
101 Sager Brown Road
Baldwin, La. 70514

TOUCH TOBAGO

Once again the Touch Tobago team did indeed touch the lives on this island in the Caribbean. The team of 13 left on January 3rd and spent 9 days bonding and loving the people as their medical needs were met.

The team consisted of 3 physicians, 1 surgical nurse, 4 medical students, 1 Pharmacy representative and one non-medical volunteer. With this dedicated group, the small clinic in the village of Charlottesville served over 100 patients a day for



9 days. The cases ranged from lab work to minor surgery. In addition four days of surgery were performed at the Scarborough Hospital. One team member said, "God is working in in-

credible ways on that island, and it was such a blessing to be part of the ministry. We were able to build relationships with the people in the town, pray for them, and join in songs to worship God".

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2009 NEW T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE



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to help build a farming community.

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You can donate to any project by placing a contribution in the offering place at a local United Methodist church; by sending a check to the following address:

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New York,

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or call 1-800-554-8583, where credit card donations are accepted.

Please pray for those who are hungry, displaced, sick or in poverty because of natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them. THANK YOU!



What is this?
Come to the
Mission FORUM
October 3 or 10
And find out!!!