

## United Methodist Volunteers in Mission *Christian Love in Action!*

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### Africa

#### CAMEROON

Cameroon Mission Initiative--a mission initiative of the General Board of Global Ministries, requests volunteer teams to help in the construction of the Mission Office. The Cameroon Mission Office is currently in rented office space but would like to construct a new office for the Youth and Young Adult office, Young Women’s Coordinator, Women’s Coordinator, Prison Ministry, and Christian Education office, along with the Volunteers in Mission office. Other opportunities for mission teams include: malaria prevention, HIV/AIDS sensitization campaigns, mobile eye clinics, church construction/renovations, English classes, computer classes, pastoral formation/evangelism, and office/program internships.

The Cameroon Mission Initiative is also an Advance special project of GBGM (#00344A).

Yaounde, Cameroon - United Methodist Church in Cameroon – a mission initiative of the General Board of Global Ministries. Three main opportunities available for volunteers/mission teams on this project: 1) Building/Construction of a worship facility (includes the transportation of bricks to the building site, fetching water and bringing it to the site, ground leveling and digging the foundation) 2) Eye clinic work (includes the collection of glasses before arrival, eye screenings and distributing eye care products) 3) Teaching where volunteers would be asked simply to prepare something to share with the different groups of the church: the men, women, youth and children, or the pastors. It can be a topic concerning the discipline of the church, or doctrine, or music, etc.

-There is a great need for both skilled and unskilled labor and for medical services including general physicians and eye doctors. Other opportunities for volunteers include evangelism, youth ministries, women ministries, and prison ministries.

#### COTE d’IVOIRE (Ivory Coast)

Dabou Methodist Hospital--The Methodist Hospital in Dabou is in desperate need of roof repair. Construction teams are needed for this roof repair and other needs such as painting.

#### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Child Action Initiative (CAI)--The community of Kasungami located near the city of Lubumbashi, DRC, faces many challenges in improving the living conditions for its people including but not limited to: educational provisions for AIDS orphans (provisions for lunch, school fees, uniforms, shoes/socks, and supplies; medical provisions (medications, medical personnel to provide services, including maternity clinics); construction provisions (drilling of a minimum of 3 additional community drinking water wells and constructing latrines for individual community members); agricultural services (implementing a developmental farming program to enable residents to grow fruits, vegetables and livestock such as pigs, goats, cattle, and fowl. Nazareth UMC, Kasungami, DRC, is the local church around which CAI is focused. The church's parsonage has been destroyed; therefore, there is a need to construct a new one to house the pastor and his family. The in-country coordinator has initiated construction of the Women and Children's Activity Center for administering and performing CAI activities, but the facility needs expansion to provide for more flexible use of the building.

Diengenga, DRC – Diengenga Elementary School Building Repairs - The project consists of restoring the roof of an elementary school building that was damaged by a heavy storm. Half of the roof was completely destroyed and the rest weakened, resulting in the need for restoration of the entire roof. While there are many other mission opportunities in this area, this school project remains a top priority to ensure that the kids have a safe place to study and work when they are at school.

-Youth and young adult teams accepted. Experienced roof repair people needed.

-Other volunteer opportunities include renovation of other buildings in the mission station.

United Methodist Church of North Katanga, DRC and United Methodist University, Kabongo, DRC -

The United Methodist Church of North Katanga, DRC, has needs for volunteers to help with various projects in the rural villages. It has also requested volunteers that can provide animal vaccinations and Christian education materials (hymnals, etc.). The in-country VIM coordinator has expressed a need for a van to transport workers/volunteers among the various villages as they strive to serve these areas in need.

As of October 2010, Rev. Kimba has also been appointed the new President of the United Methodist University in Kabongo. This is a new building that still needs to be finished. Specific needs include work on the ceiling and floor. The University is ready to welcome any team that can work on this building.

Renovation of Missionary House to Guest House, Kananga, DRC--Renovation of Missionary House to Guest House, Kananga, DRC--There are two houses inside the Kananga mission compound, one of which is occupied while the other is vacant. There are plans to renovate the vacant house and transform it into a guest house. However, due to heavy rains, the underground cistern for water has collapsed. While the project is completely funded, the cistern needs to be redone and the cement blocks need to be fabricated. Once those items

are complete, the structure will need to be painted inside and out with new plumbing and solar light panels installed.

## **KENYA**

Nairobi, Kenya – Operation Hope - Volunteers have the opportunity to work with Operation Hope, a grass-roots project which helps women, children, and youth infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Volunteers will be engaged in but not limited to the following activities: community-based outreach programs, orientations, home visits, seminar trainings/workshops, working with orphans, sharing of experiences, income generating activities, and home based health care.  
Medical services/general practitioners needed.

Ngong, Nairobi, Kenya--As of January 1, 2011, the Providence Children's Home needs volunteers for the support of the operation, staffing, materials, and supplies for the clinic on the grounds of an orphanage and school that provides a home environment for children whose parents have died due to HIV/AIDS. This facility also provides education and health resources for these children. The clinic serves students attending the school and the local community at large.

Dundori, Kenya--Kingdombuilder Children's Center: Teams of volunteers for medical, construction, and education needs are invited to help at this charitable children's institution. There are general maintenance needs such as fencing for teams skilled in construction. Medical teams have opportunities to work with hospitals and clinics affiliated with local villages. Education teams are also needed for local pastor training and congregational leadership development. All teams have opportunities to work with the children through VBS or other creative programs for kids.

Maua, Kenya - Maua Methodist Hospital--. Maua Methodist Hospital is a large, multifaceted complex in North Kenya that serves an area of one million people. Volunteer opportunities on this project include multiple on-going construction projects, working in the hospital (for medical professionals), community development, AIDS orphan programs, water well construction, teaching, workshops, working in bush clinics, VBS, school visits, working with the ZOE project and much more.

Youth and young adult teams accepted. Doctors and specialists are needed for longer if possible and all must be cleared through the hospital offices before arrival. Teams stay at a local hotel.

[\[#140159 - Maua Hospital Maternal and Child Health Program\]](#)

[\[#140160 - Maua Methodist Hospital Community Integrated AIDS-Time Initiative\]](#)

[\[#140161 - AIDS Orphans Project, Maua Hospital\]](#)

[\[#09610A - Maua Hospital, Operation Outreach\]](#)

[\[#09613A - Maua Hospital Service Fund\]](#)

### Meru, Kenya – Bio-Intensive Farm:

This farm is a training and teaching location for locals and farmers from all over North Kenya to come and learn how to raise food and livestock on a minimal budget and plot of land. Teams help with repairs, maintenance, and new buildings and use the farm for housing while they work in the community and with the local church. Clear need for veterinarians and people with horticultural skills to explore new farming techniques. Youth and young adult teams accepted.

### Malindi, Kenya – Women’s Leadership Training Center:

This project involves establishing/completing the construction of a conference room and guest house where women and girls will be trained in leadership skills, HIV/AIDS awareness, job development, family planning, home economies, empowerment, and environmental issues. Other opportunities for this project include VBS, conducting classes in parenting, hygiene, etc., help at the surrounding schools, and working with women and youth groups along the coast, sharing ideas and new projects. Medical teams needed. Youth and young adult teams accepted.

Nairobi, Kenya – Operation Hope - Operation Hope is a grass-roots project that helps women living with HIV/AIDS. Teams of volunteers are needed to assist with community-based outreach programs, seminar trainings/workshops, as well as, to visit the sick and assist with home health care.

[\[#3020458 – Operation Hope\]](#)

Naivasha District Projects - Grace Academy: construction of classrooms for 150 students  
Maimahiu

UMC in Maimahiu - construction of church building, parsonage, and Sunday school classes. There is also a clear need for medical services in this district, especially for physicians. Medical attention is most needed for illnesses such as malaria, typhoid, TB, parasites, and HIV/AIDS.

Nakura District Projects - Vocational School in Njoro: purchase of land and construction of classrooms  
UM Mission School in Nakuru- finish construction of classroom for 600 students  
Wesley Medical Clinic in Nakura- short-term medical teams, non-surgical, for health education  
Squatters Hill Preschool and Feeding Program- teaching Vacation Bible School and feeding for 150 children.  
Mercy Preschool in rural Nakura- teaching and feeding 60 children in rural area. There is also a clear need for medical services in this district, especially for physicians. Medical attention is most needed for illnesses such as malaria, typhoid, TB, parasites, and HIV/AIDS.

Central Nyanza District (Migori) Projects - Joy Bringers Academy in Oyani Masai: purchase of land and construction of classrooms for 250 students  
John Wesley UMC in Migori- purchase of land and construction of church and Sunday school classes and preschools for 60 students  
Comprehensive Rural Health in Kopanga- 5 year plans (22 acres), non-surgical medical teams for health education.  
UMW Center/Guesthouse- purchase of land and

construction of guesthouse. There is also a clear need for medical services in this district, especially for physicians. Medical attention is most needed for illnesses such as malaria, typhoid, TB, parasites, and HIV/AIDS

South Nyanza District Projects - Calvary UMC in Othoch-Rakuom: construction of church (foundation is done), Sunday school rooms and parsonage Medical Clinic in Mohreto- finish construction of building: walls completed, needs roof and finish Vocational School in Giribe- purchase of land and construction of classrooms. There is also a clear need for medical services in this district, especially for physicians. Medical attention is most needed for illnesses such as malaria, typhoid, TB, parasites, and HIV/AIDS.

Nairobi District Projects - Dr. B.T. Cooper UM School in Kayole: construction of classrooms for 150 students and feeding program High-rise UMC in High-rise- purchase land and construction of church, parsonage, and Sunday school classes Pre-school in Kariongi- worming and feeding programs, assist teachers, recreational and VBS program, purchase land and construction of classrooms for 50 students. There is also a clear need for medical services in this district, especially for physicians. Medical attention is most needed for illnesses such as malaria, typhoid, TB, parasites, and HIV/AIDS

Busia District Projects - Medical clinic in Bumala: medical teams, also purchase land and construction Busia Preparatory School in Busia town- purchase of land and construction for primary and secondary school Busia UMC in Busia- construction of permanent church, Sunday school classes, and parsonage Trinity UMC in Keroka- purchase of land and construction of church, Sunday school, and parsonage. Other community goals: drilling wells, education about sanitation, building latrines in communities, at church, and school. There is also a clear need for medical services in this district, especially for physicians. Medical attention is most needed for illnesses such as malaria, typhoid, TB, parasites, and HIV/AIDS.

## **LIBERIA**

Gorkorpa UMC - is located in Karyee, Tappita District of Nimba County with over 70 members who are mostly growing food to feed their families. Gorkorpa needs masonry and carpentry skills to help construct a 40X32 building made of concrete footings with a cement block foundation walls. \$7000 will provide zinc, cement, steel rods, lumber, and the transportation costs of materials, while \$2000 will pay for the bricks, gravel, and labor.

Glehyeeduopa UMC - is located in the Yarwenmensuno, Tappita District of Nimba County with over 80 members who are farmers. Glehyeeduopa needs masonry and carpentry skills to help construct a 54X38 building made of concrete footings with a cement block foundation walls. \$9000 will provide zinc, cement, steel rods, lumber, and the transportation costs of materials, while \$2000 will pay for the bricks, gravel, and labor. Other opportunities on this project include vacation bible school and evangelism.

Bopolu FUMC Parsonage - will be located in Bopolu, St. Paul River District of the Liberia Annual Conference in Gbarpolu County to host the assigned pastor and family who cannot afford rent. Masonry and carpentry skills are needed to help construct the 34X33 building made of made of concrete footings with a cement block foundation walls. \$6000 will provide zinc, cement, steel rods, lumber, and the transportation costs of materials, while \$1000 will pay for the bricks, gravel, and labor. Other opportunities at this site include evangelism and church leadership training.

Grace UMC - is located in Barrobo Circuit in Maryland County, which is the newest district with great potential for growth. Over 20 congregation members have established services in a make-shift structure, which now houses over 65 members. Masonry and carpentry skills are needed to help construct a 40X32 building made of made of concrete footings with a cement block foundation walls. \$8000 will provide zinc, cement, steel rods, lumber, and the transportation costs of materials, while \$5000 will pay for the bricks, gravel, and labor. Other opportunities with this project include evangelism and church growth efforts.

James Cox Memorial UMC - is located in Cape Palmas, Barroba Circuit District in Maryland County. It has over 80 congregation members who are mostly farmers. Masonry and carpentry skills are needed to help construct a 40X32 building made of made of concrete footings with a cement block foundation walls. \$10,000 will provide zinc, cement, steel rods, lumber, and the transportation costs of materials, while \$2,000 will pay for the roof, ceiling, electrical, plumbing and painting materials. Other opportunities with this project include evangelism, VBS, and leadership seminars.

UMU Library and Administrative Building - are located in Gbarnga City, Gbarnga District of Bong County and provide services to over 10,000 students and seminarians who lack adequate resources for scholastic purposes. The \$189,647 project has been completed to an appreciable level with funding from the university but \$50,000 more is needed to finish ceilings, doors, windows, electrical needs, plastering, latrine fixtures, floors and painting. Other opportunities on this project include VBS and evangelism.

## **MOZAMBIQUE**

### *Mozambique North Conference:*

Tete District Residencia Do Superintendente (DS Parsonage)

Manica Casa Pastoral (Pastoral House)

Nampula Casa Pastoral (Pastoral house)

Sofala Residencia Do Superintendente (DS Parsonage)

### *Mozambique South Conference:*

Listed in order of priority:

Maxixe Guest House - Needs repainting and expansion of the building.

Cambine's Mission Chapel - Roof is very old and needs extensive repair.

Chicunque Mission Guesthouse - Construction needs including work on the roof and painting.

Spiritual Revival Center in Inhassoro in Mavecane- Construction of different houses.

Matacalane Chapel - Needs roofing, plastering and painting of door and window frames.

Fadjine Pastoral House - Needs construction of a house.

Bishop's Parsonage in Cambine's Mission - Construction needs including work on the roof and painting.

Cambine's Mission Theological Seminary Housing - Faculty and student housing has construction needs including roof and wall repairs and painting.

Zavala DS Parsonage - A new building has been started but it is only at window level. Still needs walls, plastering, roofing, doors and windows, and painting.

Igreja de Chamanculo in Maputo - Needs roofing, plastering and painting of door and window frames.

Matsinhe Education Center - Needs new plastering and painting.

DS Parsonage in Matingane in Massinga Sul District - Project almost complete but still needs painting on doors and windows and roof repairs.

## **NAMBIA**

The Sarukwe project in the Kavango Region is in need of construction teams to work on building multi-purpose facilities for a recently approved small-scale gardening project, soup kitchen and water/assistance to the kindergarten. Carpenters, builders, plumbers, and welders especially needed.

## **NIGERIA**

United Methodist Church of Nigeria has medical programs in Zing, Bambur and Pero all in central Nigeria.

The Eye Centre in Zing needs ophthalmologists, optometrists, and eye care professionals to assist Nigerian eye surgeons with performing cataract surgeries, providing consultations to address eye problems, etc. Used eye glasses are requested.

Rural Health Program (RHP) in Zing requests health care professionals including medical doctors, surgeons, lab technicians, dermatologists and nurses. Medical supplies are requested especially for the laboratory. Persons with HIV/AIDS training may work with Nigerian staff to provide seminars. Medical volunteers will work in rural areas as part of the mobile clinic ministry. Health education for Nigerian staff is important.

UMCN Orphanage in Jalingo - The orphanage, completed in 2005, houses 52 children at the present time. The children are educated through Level 6 at the orphanage. Upon completion of elementary school, some of the children (around 10 currently) attend a boarding school and return to the orphanage for term breaks. Others (around 13 currently) attend a government run day school and return to the orphanage at the end of the school day. Structures include an auditorium, classroom, two dormitories, health care building, staff quarters, and administrator quarters with an office. There is a well with a solar pump

on the site. New classrooms are being built. It is planned that the existing classrooms will be converted to a dormitory for more children. Projects underway are a small fish farm, gardening and fruit trees.

Volunteers could help with the skill training center, teaching (music, art, technology, library, and so on), building, gardening, repair work, general healthcare of the children and other child-related activities.

## **RWANDA**

The ZOE Ministry in Rwanda works with orphans whose caregivers have died from AIDS and/or genocide. The "Giving Hope" project involves home building and repair of the residences of orphans who are being trained in the empowerment ministry. Mission teams will have significant interaction with the unique life-skills training the orphans receive that enables them to live self-sufficiently within two to three years. [www.zoeministry.org](http://www.zoeministry.org)

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## **SENEGAL**

The United Methodist Church of Senegal is a Mission Initiative of the General Board of Global Ministries that has been recognized by the government of Senegal since 1996. It is involved in a variety of ministries including health, Christian education, and church constructions. Senegal is a 95% Muslim country, but it is very safe and peaceful. It is the most western country in Africa, making it very easy and affordable to reach from the US.

Construction teams are needed to complete a church in a rural village. There is currently a concrete slab with a metal roof and iron framing. A team is needed to assist in putting up the walls. No construction experience is necessary, just willing hands and strong backs! If you are looking for a great African mission experience in an appreciative environment, perhaps this is it!

## **SIERRA LEONE**

Kissy UMC General Hospital: Operation Classroom needs medical personnel such as surgeons and nurses. Help is needed transitioning into a new building that is under construction. [www.operationclassroom.org](http://www.operationclassroom.org)

Kissy UMC Eye Hospital: Kissy UMC Eye Hospital is in need of optometrists, optical RNs, and optical assistants. Working conditions are acceptable with good instrumentation.

## **SOUTH SUDAN**

Church Development --This project in South Sudan is a church construction project that involves replacing the thatch covered shelters. General construction/labor skills are needed to complete the project. There is also a possibility of school construction, as many schools are still meeting under trees. Team members must be 18 years of age or older.

## **SWAZILAND**



Manzini – Mahlatsini Church – need general construction teams to help complete church for Mahlatsini Society. There are also opportunities for Bible School for the children.

Manzini – Lomngeletjane School – need construction teams to help with elementary school of the Methodist Church, especially bricklayers. Medical teams are also needed.

Manzini – Ngwane Park – need construction teams to help with Ngwane Park Church.

Manzini – Big Bend – Ubombo Ranches – need construction teams, especially brick layers, to help build a church

## TANZANIA

Dar es Salaam - Changombe UMC--Basic building skills and some land tools needed to do the following: enlarge classrooms or build new classrooms, finish floors, fix windows and doors in pastor's house, and build a new house for church visitors. They also want to purchase a large site and build different church facilities including schools, guest houses, etc. Furthermore, they are looking for help with Bible school, pre-school, women and youth Bible studies.

Mara District-- Helping the local churches of the Mara District of the United Methodist Church of Tanzania There is a need for brick laying, roofing, electrical, and general labor, and also for medical professionals. There will opportunities for evangelism and teaching English. Pastors or lay speakers are also welcome (teams or individuals) to come and lead a seminar for church leaders and pastors in the Mara District.

## TUNISIA

Tunis, Tunisia – City of Grace - This construction project involves the restoration and small transformations of an apartment located at the basement of the City of Grace to accommodate female students from sub-Saharan countries. These students have difficulties finding housing. With these transformations, the apartment will be able to accommodate ten students and will be a great contribution of the Methodist Church to these young girls.

## UGANDA

Gulu --Construction of an UMVIM mission centre that will be a multi-purpose facility for the Gulu UMC District. Approval of the building has been granted by the relevant authorities but construction has stopped due to lack of funds and materials. The UMVIM teams will also be able to minister to other UMC churches in the area, worship with local congregations, and visit memorable sites in the country. Building friendships and relationships with the locals is viewed as an important part of this experience. Accommodations are in a local hotel, and there will be a supervisor on site during the workday. Local workers will be involved as well.

Kampala East: Nambole UMC --The walls of this Church building are completed, and the next step will be to finish the roofing. After that, installing windows and doors and completing the finishings of the Church will be needed as well. A translator will be provided for the team and there is a local supervisor on site. Meals and cooking facilities are also supplied. Women are requested to wear long dresses and no-smoking is permitted. Christ is expected to be portrayed in all things that are done on the site.

Busia-Lumino-Bwakana --a) Church Building: Bwakana Church was one of the first UMC churches in the East Africa Conference and is the only permanent structure in the Busia District. Many teams are needed to help with repairs and other building needs. Teams need to bring shoes, boots, sandals, hats, and work gloves on this trip. Masonry and painting skills are needed, along with helpers to do general labor. b) Drilling Wells: Wells need to be drilled. c) The Clinic: The clinic needs to be improved on, as there is a clear need for medical services. Many of the medical conditions to be treated are Malaria, HIV/ Wounds, Rabies, TB and others. d) Agriculture: The need for teaching food security and agriculture to the people who live in the region. e) School: There is also a local school in the church compound for children from Nursery - Primary 3 aged children; there are opportunities for teams to be involved here as well.

Nakalanda Clinic and School-- Medical work, school, teaching, evangelism. If medical supplies are brought, they must be current. Nakalanda is on Mukono Peninsula on Lake Victoria. The clinic is limited at this time but will grow over time. We hope to deal with health in several aspects including, immediate care, a birthing unit, and health education for the vicinity. There will be opportunities for medical teams to come and do screenings and care both here and in another school approximately 40 miles away. The school is in need of some construction and maintenance and the children love to have muzungu (white foreign visitors) attention. The school is also in need of school materials but please contact us for specifics. There is ample opportunity to "do" but we pray for and plan time to "BE" in relationship to share the love and salvation we have in Christ with the wonderful people of the country. It might just be the toughest job you've ever loved!

## **ZAMBIA**

[\[#15057A - New Life Center in Zambia\]](#)

ZOE Ministry - Working with AIDS orphans, Zoe Ministry is an Advance Special of the North Carolina Conference of the UMC, and works through the UMC in Zimbabwe. A major component of the work is supporting a feeding program for the orphans, many of whom have little or no resources, and have the oldest children in a family acting as heads of household. Teams are sought to help build a worship and feeding center as the program seeks to reach more children. Additional information is available at [www.zoeministry.org](http://www.zoeministry.org)

## **ZIMBABWE**

Macheke - Mufusire Vacational Bible Camp - VIM teams are needed to do construction and renovations on the cabins at the Vacational Bible Retreat Camp site. Water is needed at the

site as well so drilling a well and installing a pump is a top priority at this camp. Teams are also needed to renovate and put a roof on the Chapel which will be used by the surrounding community as a daily sanctuary. Further opportunities for this project include work with schools, churches and clinics, construction, and various other related activities.

### ZOE Ministry - [#982023 - ZOE Ministry]

ZOE Ministry - Working with HIV/AIDS orphans, ZOE Ministry is an Advance Special of the North Carolina Conference of the UMC, with empowerment programs in Rwanda, Kenya, and Zimbabwe. ZOE provides a comprehensive approach to transforming the lives of African children. Orphans and child-led families, identified locally by ZOE's African staff, are united with one another in mutually-supportive Working Groups of 60-80 children. With the help of adult mentors, ZOE staff, and local leaders, these orphans are given access to the resources and training needed to improve their lives. The program addresses six areas, moving them from dependency to self-sufficiency: food security, health and hygiene, small business training, homes, faith, and community. Hope Companion partners visit with the Working Groups they are financially supporting, and assist with projects such as home-building or farming. Additional information is available at: [www.zoeministry.org](http://www.zoeministry.org).

Various Construction/Renovation Projects throughout Zimbabwe:

Birchnough Bridge, Chimanimani Chipinge - Construction of a parsonage for a local farming community.

Chiredzi Innercity, Chiredzi - Construction on a church in a growing settlement area. Basic construction skills needed and youth and young adult teams are welcome.

Mvuma Camping Ground, Midlands - Construction of a borehole and a storeroom for a campground for church revitalization.

Sanctuary, Chingwere - Completion of a church currently under construction.

Sanctuary, Gutu - Construction of a local church. The land for the church was acquired five years ago. If the building does not start this year, the land will be forfeited. Skills needed for this project include construction, brick laying, painting, etc. Other opportunities include community outreach, youth ministry and revival. Youth and young adult teams are accepted.

Central St. Phillip, Masvingo

Runyararo, Masvingo - Construction of a church for a growing congregation.

Nyahanga, Chiredzi - Sanctuary construction to help the church penetrate into the sugar industrial settlement and surrounding farms.

Chipangayi Church, Chipinge - Completion of sanctuary construction in a settlement area new to the UMC.

Parsonage, Nyangambe - Construction of a typical parsonage to house the pastor of a new church that will serve the local community. Basic construction skills are needed. Youth and young adult teams are welcome.

Sanctuary, Chivu - This growing church is currently meeting in a thatched hut which is too small for everyone to sit. The foundation for a new sanctuary has been laid, but much more work remains.

Rujeko, Masvingo (Inner City) - Continued top down method of construction of a local church.

Church and Bore Hole, Zaka East - Construction of a local church for an enthusiastic rural farming community. The bore hole, needed prior to construction, will also serve the primary and secondary schools and general community. Basic construction skills needed. Youth and young adult teams welcome.

Church, Nyangambe - Construction of a new church to serve the growing needs of a local community. Basic construction skills needed. Youth and young adult teams welcome.

Nyamacheni Mission School, Gokwe Midlands - UMC of Zimbabwe established this mission school and two blocks have been completed. A borehole, ten staff houses, five classroom blocks, and an electric connection remain to be completed.

Old Mutare Hospital - Renovation of a hospital that serves 12,000 people in the immediate community and draws from Mutare for specialized care. Medical components often involved. Youth and young adult teams are welcome.

Opportunities include: waste water treatment plant renovation, waste water line repair and/or replacement, fresh water supply line repair and/or replacement, solar energy for lighting and reserve power, solar heating for patient care areas, renovation of patient bathing facilities, upgrade of delivery room, equip and begin service of operating room, complete installation of X-Ray room, new kitchen, demolish old hospital building (condemned), equip lab, renovate and update dental rooms, train dental hygienist, train lab technician, train maintenance staff, in-service of nursing staff, repair and replace electrical entrance service, write operations manual for all service lines, provide reliable water for hospital and orphanage, build additional staff housing, repair existing staff housing, repair existing bore hole pump, install and repair autoclave, acquire cd4 counter and supplies for clinic, build chapel for patients and staff, acquire anesthesia machine, equip operating room, support for hospital management, physicians, and nursing in form of education, procedural methods, grant support, and leadership training, etc.

## Asia/Pacific

### INDIA

St. Paul School in Faridpur--Beginning in October 2010, teams are invited to help construct new facilities at St. Paul School, which was founded by the Clara Swain Hospital Rural Health and Community Development project in Faridpur. St. Paul School was founded to give the area children an opportunity for an education through the medium of English in a Christian environment. It will take approximately six teams and six phases to complete this construction project.

Construction will be done in brick with a reinforced cement concrete roof. Teams are urged to avoid the months of May to September because of the heat. NOTE: This is also an Advance Special Project (#3020718) through GBGM.

The Rural Health and Community Development (RHCD) in Faridpur--Beginning in October 2010, The Rural Health and Community Development (RHCD) invites construction teams to

renovate all buildings except the Women's block to accommodate a team of full time doctors and much-needed equipment. The facilities are in need of improvement in order to continue to meet the needs of the community and surrounding villages (some 72 of them!). This is especially important since the RHCD no longer receives support from the Clara Swain Hospital. Teams are asked to help in these initial construction projects that will help RHCD become self-sustainable. Teams are urged to avoid the months of May to September because of the heat. NOTE: This is also an Advance Special Project (#01075A) through GBGM.

Girls' Hostel and Manager's Quarter in Bareilly--Beginning in October 2010, the Methodist Girls' Hostel and Manager's Quarter is inviting construction teams to help repair several areas of the facility. The roof needs repaired and waterproofed. Also, four of the eight rooms need toilet repairs and other minor things fixed, but the other four rooms need more extensive work. Teams are urged to avoid the months of May to September because of the heat. NOTE: This is also an Advance Special Project (#3020706) through GBGM.

Shadman Methodist Home in Dehli--Shadman Methodist Home in Dehli is accepting teams for up to a week. Medical teams are needed, as are teams to assist with mentoring the girls. Shadman Methodist Home was founded by the Women's Division of the Methodist Church in India to house girls who need a home, regardless of religion, caste, creed, color, or race. Many of these girls are runaways, children of commercial sex workers, and street children.

## **JAPAN**

Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami Relief--The Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami Relief project will include mucking, debris removal, and clean up in homes, yards, or fields that were struck by the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami. The project will begin receiving volunteers on 9/15/11 who are at least 18 years of age. The suggested length of stay is 2 weeks for teams up to five people, including the leader and interpreter (not provided).

Asian Rural Institute--The Asian Rural Institute is a training ground in servant leadership, sustainability and community development for grassroots rural leaders from developing countries worldwide. The Asian Rural Institute is currently seeking volunteers for earthquake rehabilitation or help in maintaining the farm and running the training program. Earthquake rehabilitation projects include landscaping, masonry, painting, road construction, cleaning and organizing. Farm work and training program assistance include computer skills, maintenance (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, small engine repair), and meal service.

## **PHILIPPINES**

Amarao UMC Parsonage--The current parsonage of Amaraao UMC in Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur Philippines has one floor. A second floor is being constructed to provide housing for a deaconess or woman worker. Therefore, construction teams are needed to build a second floor for the parsonage for the current female leadership to ensure privacy and security. Work is in progress, but there are weeks when construction stops due to lack of funds. The current structure is also the pastor's office and children's Sunday school room.

Lucbuban UMC--Construction teams are needed for building a new parsonage and renovating the church building of Lucbuban UMC in Salcedo, Ilocos Sur Philippines. Renovations and repainting using quality materials are needed for a more conducive place of worship. The building needs a new roof. Building of a new parsonage has been started, but it is currently stalled due to a lack of funds.

Padaoil UMC--The current children's Sunday school room at Padaoil UMC in Sta. Cruz, Ilocos Sur Philippines has no walls. It is adjacent to the church worship sanctuary. Construction teams are needed to help Padaoil UMC have a new Sunday school building that is safe, secure, and comfortable for children.

Cubcubbuot UMC--Construction teams are needed at the Cubcubbuot UMC in Candon City, Philippines to extend the sanctuary space to accommodate the growing number of young people and children attending the church. The current building is no longer big enough for all members to attend on Sunday.

Pagangpang UMC--The Pagangpang congregation started constructing its sanctuary June 1, 2010. Pagangpang UMC has an immediate need for one UMVIM team to assist this 77-year-old UMC congregation rebuild its worship sanctuary. The congregation envisions a bigger church building with a balcony to safely and comfortably accommodate its growing number of worshippers. Besides welcoming construction teams, the community welcomes medical teams. VIM team members have opportunities to work and worship with Pagangpang UMC, where they are welcome to share their gospel witness and personal testimony! Hosts are friendly and accommodating in the best traditions of Filipino hospitality. Language should not be an issue as most church members can speak English.

Santor UMC--Santor UMC in Baggao, Cagayan, Philippines requests three (3) VIM teams to assist the local church in continuing the construction of a 2-story edifice which will serve as a worship sanctuary and multi-purpose center for the church and community.

Buliclic UMC--Buliclic UMC in Sta. Lucia, Ilocos Sur, Philippines requests one (1) VIM team. It is also requesting financial support to assist the local church in purchasing much-needed construction materials to supplement the funds that they have already raised. The VIM team can participate in the project at any point since four (4) full-time workers have been tasked to finish the project. VIM team members have opportunities to fellowship with Buliclic UMC members, where they are welcome to share their gospel witness and personal testimony. They can also visit Palali UMC and San Pedro UMC, both daughter churches of Buliclic UMC, which are within a short distance.

Salcedo Central UMC--Salcedo Central UMC in Salcedo, Ilocos Sur will begin the installation of the roof and ceiling of their worship sanctuary in January 2011. This church is requesting one (1) VIM team to participate in this project and to provide financial assistance to purchase much-needed construction materials to supplement funds the congregation has

already raised. VIM team participation can occur at any point in the project as full-time workers have been tasked to complete the project. VIM team members have opportunities to fellowship with Salcedo Central UMC members, where they are welcome to share their gospel witness and personal testimony. They can also visit Balidbid UMC and Kaliwakiw UMC, both daughter churches of Salcedo UMC, which are within a short distance.

Baguio Episcopal Area Conference and Multi-Purpose Center, Baguio City --Teams are needed for construction of this five-story structure that will include a conference and multipurpose hall, dormitories and lodging units, the Episcopal residence, a UMC radio station, and leasable spaces. Income from the leasable areas and rental and fees of the conference hall and lodging units will be used not only to maintain the center but also to provide funds to implement significant programs and projects of the Baguio Episcopal Area. The Baguio Episcopal Area Bishop's office will coordinate hosts from families/members of the Baguio City First United Methodist Church for volunteer teams.

Aside from the actual construction work, volunteers will have opportunities to visit mission congregations of the Cordillera Mission District (CMD) of the Northwest Philippines Annual Conference (NWPAC). The mission congregations are composed of tribal communities that have members who belong to the indigenous tribes in the Cordillera Region.

## Caribbean

### BAHAMAS

Bahamas Methodist Habitat--See website for specific projects - <http://www.methodisthabitat.org/>

### CUBA

UMVIM maintains a special relationship with the United Methodist Church in Cuba. Team leaders MUST have been to Cuba with UMVIM before leading a team. Those interested in traveling to Cuba with UMVIM should email Aldo Gonzales, UMVIM, SEJ Cuba Consultant, at [afgon@cox.net](mailto:afgon@cox.net). More information about the UMC in Cuba is available at [imecu.org](http://imecu.org).

[\[#08575N - Repairs of Cuban Churches and Structures\]](#)

### DOMINICA

Wesley Church - Teams needed for Vacation Bible School and construction at the Wesley Church Hall, Office, and Vestry.

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Iglesia Evangelica Dominicana Camp--This project in the Dominican Republic involves maintaining a multiple structured camp. Skill sets in plumbing, electrical, stucco, painting, and block work are needed. The project will accept volunteers on February 1, 2012, and a minimum of \$3,000 is requested from the UMVIM team. Teams that have difficulty raising

money for construction can be placed in an area that works with their budget. There is also a clear need for medical services, such as gynecological, pediatric, dental and general medicine. Medical work is held in clinics, communities, and hospitals. Medical credentials and a list of medical supplies must be cleared by the local missionary.

## **GRENADA**

Constantine Chapel: This chapel was destroyed by Hurricane Ivan in 2004. The 288 members of the congregation are presently worshipping in two locations, one group at a community center in New Hampshire and the other group at Boca. It is our hope to rebuild the chapel to enable the congregation to worship at one location. Cost and other details will be available in 2013. It is our hope to start the actual project in February of 2014 with the assistance of local members and international volunteers from UMC.

St. Andrew's Methodist Primary School Building: This school accommodates over 600 students and is the largest primary school in Grenada with respect to population. This project includes/needs: Minor repairs of doors, windows, security grills, partitions (classroom dividers), platform and painting of the entire building. Estimated cost is approx. \$5000 for materials. This project can receive volunteers during the months of July and August 2013 when school is not in session.

Wesley House: the Wesley House is the Manse where the superintendent minister and family reside. The completion of the downstairs of the house would allow for the accommodation of another minister. It is our hope to develop such property to further the mission of the church. Cost and other details will be available in 2013. This project can receive volunteers whenever funds are available.

Carriacou Mission: Carriacou is an island outside of Grenada, which completes the State of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique. It is about a 20 minute flight from Grenada or two hours by boat. The Grenada Methodist Circuit has to send preachers every Sunday to conduct service in the congregation of Carriacou. It is cheaper to travel by boat. However, the boat may arrive about one hour late or more of the appointed time for worship. As a result, the circuit has no other option at this time than to flight preachers on Sunday to conduct service. This has become a financial challenge for the circuit. In order to solve this problem, the circuit intends to build a two bedrooms apartment to enable a preacher to spend more time in that Island in order to meet the demand of ministry of all age groups. Cost and other details will be available in 2013.

Constantine Methodist Primary School Building: This school accommodates about 200 students in two concrete classroom buildings. Work needs to be done to correct some structural deficiencies in one of the classroom buildings, as well as, another building housing the bathrooms facilities. The work will involve installation of sloped roofs, reinforcement of the foundation under a "hanging" classroom floor, the reinforcement of a side of the wall in



the same classroom and the redirection of the water canal flow from the direction of this classroom. Estimated cost and other details will be available in 2013. This project can receive volunteers during the months of July and August 2013 when school is not in session.

## HAITI

See [www.umvimhaiti.com](http://www.umvimhaiti.com) for current information.

Haiti Village Health--Haiti Village Health (HVH) is a non-profit NGO that aims to dramatically improve the health of the Bas Limbe region of northern Haiti. HVH is synonymous with Santé Pou Yo, which is the Haitian Creole name meaning "Health For All." HVH is physically present in the small fishing village of Bod mer Limbe, with a guesthouse, a medical clinic, and a truck ambulance. The purpose of having medical teams come from out of country is to support the clinic and its outreach programs. HVH has four main areas of focus: Clinic, Women's Health, Children's Health, Water and sanitation (W.A.S.H.). Details can be found in the Volunteer Manual which is available upon request. [www.haitivillagehealth.ca](http://www.haitivillagehealth.ca)

Haitian Artisans for Peace Intl--The Haitian Artisans for Peace Intl project is a broad-based community development initiative that welcomes teams with a diverse array of gifts. We have opportunities for:

- Light, general construction and carpentry/cabinetry skills for projects at either the Merlet Center or the adjoining maternity clinic.
- Medical practitioners to facilitate health seminars or training with local clinic staff, as well as opportunities for direct care at the clinic and home visits in the field. Dental and eye care are areas of high demand, as is knowledge of maternal health and delivery, both OB/GYN as well as midwifery.
- Product development with our HAPI artisans on the creation of specific products, or, general "art & spirituality" creativity seminars.
- Facilitate business seminars designed to improve the ability of our microloan recipients to start and grow small businesses (visit the clients in the field)
- Opportunities engaging in children's ministry (art, 4H, dance, Bible study), mostly with Peace Pals, but also opportunities to do art projects with the local public school.

These are just a few of the areas in which volunteers can engage. We work with the gifts and graces of those teams who want to come. We've hosted volunteers with skills ranging from security guard training to Zumba classes!

Dondon Methodist Church/School/Clinic-- On the grounds of the Dondon Methodist Church/School/Clinic, volunteers are needed to help with electrical work (installation of two PV panels and hooking up the controller and well pump), as well as the completion of the shower pumps, some interior/exterior painting of the shower and pit-latrine, and adding several additional screened ventilation pipes to the latrine. \$3,500 is requested from each

UMVIM team. Volunteers with carpentry, masonry, electrical and general skills are needed to complete this project.

## **JAMAICA**

Newcombe Valley Chapel Restoration--Newcombe Valley Chapel restoration includes building a fence around the Church grounds, replacing substantial areas of wooden flooring, and painting. Carpentry, painting, and building skills are needed for this project, as well as tools like screwdrivers, chisels, claw hammers, and painting equipment. \$1, 000 is to be raised locally for the project; however, \$2,500 is requested from the UMVIM team.

Hill Top Chapel Restoration--Hill Top Chapel restoration includes fencing the Church grounds and painting. Carpentry, painting, and building skills are needed for this project, as well as tools like screwdrivers, chisels, claw hammers, and painting equipment. \$1, 000 is to be raised locally for the project; however, \$2,500 is requested from the UMVIM team.

Mulgrave Chapel Restoration--This project on Mulgrave Chapel includes repairs/replacement of the wooden flooring, building of a concrete stand for a water tank, and painting. Carpentry skills are specifically needed for this project, as well as important tools such as hammers, screwdrivers, and painting equipment. Other opportunities for this project include working with children in an after school program or an adult Bible study. This project has a 12 person per team max. \$1,000 is to be raised locally; however, \$2,500 is requested from each UMVIM team.

Mountainside Manse Restoration--Mountainside Manse was destroyed by a fire, so restoration includes the replacement of ceilings, electrical work, painting, and fencing. Carpentry, painting, plumbing, electrical, and building skills are needed for this project, as well as tools like screwdrivers, chisels, claw hammers, and painting equipment. \$500 is to be raised locally for the project; however, \$2,750 is requested from the UMVIM team.

Black River Chapel Upgrading--Black River Chapel upgrading includes repairs to sections of the roof, windows, ceilings, porches, hall, and boundary wall. Skills needed for this project include basic carpentry, block laying, painting, and general assistants. Hammers, screwdrivers, electric drill, buckets, paint brushes, etc. are also need for work on the Black River Chapel. Opportunities for leading Bible Study/School with the children and adults are always possible and welcome. Youth activities can be organized on school holidays. This project has a 12 person per team max. \$1,000 is to be raised locally; however, \$2,500 is requested from each UMVIM team.

St. Elizabeth Medical Mission--The St. Elizabeth Medical Mission will hold clinics in various locations that need general practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, etc. The Medical Mission is looking for 3 teams per year with a max 12 people per team. There is a clear need for medical services, and a base medical structure does exist in the area. The clinics will be held in temporary locations such as chapels and schools.

Papa's Ministries (Pastors and Priests Available for Service) - is looking for volunteers to help "rehab" or rebuild church buildings and pastor's living quarters. Papa's Ministries also works with basic schools to provide funds, books and short-term teachers and provides training of all kinds for church leaders, lay people and the community. Papa's Ministries is looking for as many teams as possible with no more than 12 team members per team. Volunteers with brick laying, carpentry, and other general construction skills are needed. Other opportunities to volunteer with Papa's Ministries include evangelism and teaching.

## **The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago**

Kelshall Chapel--This project on Kelshall Chapel involves building concrete block walls for the worship area, second story Sunday school rooms, hall, kitchen, and restrooms. Electricity and plumbing also need to be installed in the Church. The project will begin to accept volunteers on March 1, 2012, with 12-20 members per team. \$500 per person on the team is requested, but the team may raise more. In addition to helping with construction on the Church, summer VIM groups can serve as helpers at VBS or evening Evangelistic Services.

## **St. Vincent & the Grenadines**

Brighton Methodist Chapel - The Brighton Methodist Chapel Construction Project is looking for a team of 15-18 people with skills in carpentry, masonry, plumbing, and electricity. The chapel is a one and a half story masonry building, with the lower level consisting of two rooms and 4,215 square feet on the second level. While the project has been slow to progress due to lack of funds, the project is currently preparing to install the support structure for the roof. The construction of this chapel will allow the congregation to extend their work in mission, outreach and evangelism. Youth and young adults welcome.

## **Central America**

### **BELIZE**

Ebenezer Circuit - Construction teams needed to help finish off a teacher's house at Burrel Boom. Teams needed for new construction of more classrooms at Burrel Boom.

Wesley Circuit - Construction teams needed to build a technical/vocational training center and extra primary classroom space.

Stann Creek - Construction teams needed to build a new roof for the Epworth Church.

Toledo Circuit - Construction teams needed to work on the ongoing addition to the school at Forrest Home as well as the remodeling of the kitchen in the school. The Mafredi School needs a new teacher's cottage and work done on the school's kitchen and bathroom facilities.

Corozal Circuit - A guest house, located on the Corozal School Campus, is being built to house teams that come. Teams are also needed to help with the renovation of a teacher's cottage at the Libertad School.

There are several projects in the country of Belize where volunteers are needed. More information can be provided on each of these projects upon request.

### Construction Projects

A portion of the new high school in the capital, Belmopan, is near completion but still needs additional financial support and teams before the opening in the Fall of 2013. Volunteers are also needed to help with the completion of the rest of this building. This is a high priority project with hopes to finish the second half of the building by Fall 2014 so more students can be admitted at that time.

Two classrooms are under construction at a small but growing school, Zion Park. This space will also double as a worship facility.

Alterations need to be made at the District offices at the John and Charles Wesley Center in Belize City.

The Wesley preschool is looking for volunteers to help with construction of a new play area.

### Vacation Bible Schools

Teams are welcome to partner in running Vacation Bible School during the holidays, particularly in the months of July and August.

### Medical and Dental

Medical and dental teams are needed in various areas. There is a Methodist eye clinic in Corozal for eye surgeries and a medical clinic in the Toledo district that can be used for medical and dental teams and has the capability to use portable dental equipment.

## **COSTA RICA**

Methodist Children's Home--Construction teams are needed to build five homes, a multi-purpose building, and an administration building. In the fall of 2006, the Methodist Children's Home was begun in Costa Rica. It sits on seven beautiful acres in Coronado, a small farming community just outside of San Jose. Once the home is completed, it will consist of 5 homes, a multi-purpose building, an administration building, a soccer field, playground, and extensive garden areas. There will be between 10-15 children in each home, most of whom will be siblings who have been legally declared abandoned.

House #1 was completed in March of 2011. The first children arrived in June of that year and currently there are 10 children living in the Casa Esperanza (House of Hope). Currently, work is being done on house #2 and will need additional teams for the foreseeable future to assist

with the construction of it and additional structures on the property as the ministry to abandoned and homeless children.

Agape Medical Clinic--Teams are needed in the Puerto Viejo de Sarapiquí region of Costa Rica to help with completion of a full-service medical clinic. In 2000, the Methodist Church in the Sarapiquí region of Costa Rica had one church and one district superintendent. This superintendent, local pastors, and a missionary family have spent the last decade planting churches throughout this region. Today there are 12 churches and over 500 new Methodist members in the Sarapiquí district. These churches minister to a large agricultural community. Most of the members and neighbors are employed in the pineapple and banana fields which surround the churches. Many of these individuals are immigrants who do not have medical coverage. The Evangelical Church of Costa Rica is working with the Ministry of Health and a local doctor to provide a full-service medical clinic in the region.

Presently the clinic is approximately 80% completed, but is still in need of several teams to assist with the final details. Though the building has not yet been completed, the ministry of compassion and outreach within the community through healthcare is well underway thanks to the work of a local CR nurse who is working alongside the Agape Methodist Church.

Latin American Biblical University ([www.ubila.net](http://www.ubila.net)) -- In February 2011, the Latin America Biblical University began construction of student-family units (20 total). Students and their families come from various countries throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to receive university degrees in Bible and Theology taught from a Latin American context. The degrees at the Latin America Biblical University are fully accredited by the Costa Rican government. Students from outside of Costa Rica stay on campus for a term of 2 to 4 years, so the student family housing construction is important. Generally students are Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Catholic, Pentecost, Lutheran, etc. and are studying to further their ministries as pastors and community leaders. Mission work teams are needed to complete the first 4 casitas in 2013, and begin construction on the next 16 units. A total of 20 mission teams are needed per year, with a goal of completing the project in 2014. [\[#09139A – Latin American Biblical University\]](#)

Costa Rica Mission Projects -- ([www.costaricamissionprojects.com](http://www.costaricamissionprojects.com)) has several projects for teams.

Please visit the web site or contact Wil Bailey, Costa Rica's VIM Coordinator, by emailing him at [wil@costaricamissionprojects.com](mailto:wil@costaricamissionprojects.com)

2013 Projects include:

(1) Building a multi-purpose building at a Methodist camp in a community called El Peje de Buenos Aires. There is a congregation at the camp that often has to suspend its activities when there is camp stuff going on. This new building will allow them to worship uninterrupted.

- (2) Building a parsonage at the Methodist church in a rural area called Bajos de Coto, about an hour and a half from San Isidro, where we are based out of. The current parsonage is a small wooden structure that was built years ago out of wood and needs to be replaced.
- (3) Building a church kitchen and 2 Sunday school rooms at a small church in Pavones de San Isidro.
- (4) Building a concrete wall around the perimeter of the church property in Cocori de San Isidro. The property is totally exposed and they have a problem with theft.

Strong Missions--in Carrillos Bajo, Alajuela, Central Valley, Costa Rica has opportunities available for church, school, and home construction that range from light to heavy construction. Other opportunities include children's feeding and education program support, including gardening for feeding program, children's school scholarship support, sewing and wood-working shops, medical and dental teams, and VBS. Children welcome. Please see the Strong Missions website for more information about these projects:

[www.strongmissions.com](http://www.strongmissions.com), [strongmissions.blogspot.com](http://strongmissions.blogspot.com) and Strong Missions on Facebook.  
[Advance #3021552 - Strong Missions]

Rice and Beans Ministries --Please see the Rice and Beans website for current opportunities in Costa Rica:

[www.riceandbeansministries.com](http://www.riceandbeansministries.com)

Will and Ella Faircloth - serve as Individual Volunteers in Costa Rica. Please see their website for volunteer opportunities: [www.fairclothcostarica.com](http://www.fairclothcostarica.com)

## **EL SALVADOR**

The following projects are with Salvadoran Mission Projects Inc.. If you would like further information, please check out the website [www.salvadoranmissionproject.com](http://www.salvadoranmissionproject.com) or email Brian Dubberly at [briansmp@yahoo.com](mailto:briansmp@yahoo.com) or Pastor Juan de Dios at [juandevim@yahoo.com](mailto:juandevim@yahoo.com).

### **Methodist Housing Project**

Teams are needed to build simple homes for families that own land but live in either overcrowded or substandard homes. Families are chosen from an application and review process overseen by the Methodist Church of El Salvador. Homes are simple 36-square meters made of concrete blocks and tin roofs. The cost for each home is \$4,500.

### **Methodist Medical Clinics - Ahuachapan and San Salvador**

Teams are needed to staff medical clinics conducted by the Methodist Church of El Salvador. Doctors will see patients with chronic illnesses, infections, parasites, etc. Clinics can be performed at one of the Methodist clinics, the community centers or as a mobile clinic, depending on the immediate need. Teams will need to provide medications. All medical personnel is welcome.

### **Vida Nueva - San Salvador**

Teams are needed to help in the renovation of an existing church property. Construction/renovation plans include a street level subfloor that will be used for a medical clinic and office space and upper floors that will include office space and Sunday school classrooms. Youth and young adult teams accepted.

El Shadai - Ahuachapan

This project consists of building a permanent home for an already established church in Ahuachapan. Currently, the church rents a small home that they use as the church building. Youth and young adult teams accepted.

## GUATEMALA

Salud y Paz (Health and Peace) is a project located in the western mountains of Guatemala. There are opportunities for medical, surgical, construction and education teams to serve the indigenous Mayans of the area. The facilities are some of the best in Guatemala and sites are suitable for all ages and abilities. Other features include good living, working, and traveling conditions at a well-organized project. The project manager at Salud y Paz welcomes potential volunteers to come and have the experience of their lives by following God's call. This is also a GBGM Advance Special [\[#014060 - Salud y Paz\]](#)

Mission Guatemala works in the highlands of Guatemala. They operate a mission site with a medical/dental clinic, preschool nutritional program. They also operate a feeding center for children in Nueva Esperanza. They work with local communities on various projects including home repair and stove installation. Other important information: \$2,000 towards the project is requested from the UMVIM team. Youth and Young Adult teams are accepted. 12-20 people per team. There is a clear need for medical services, but a base medical structure does exist. The working conditions of the area are rustic.

Organization for the Development of the Indigenous Maya (ODIM) works within the community to address educational and healthcare needs. ODIM's vision is for the people of the villages to have a hopeful future for themselves and their children. The current focus of ODIM is on medical teams who are willing to be of service. ODIM operates an ongoing medical/dental clinic in San Juan La Laguna, Solola, Guatemala. The clinic has local support, functioning with a local staff and community health promoters in conjunction with volunteers. Some examples of team members that are needed include: family care physicians, internists, pediatricians, gynecologists, urologists, cardiologists, dentists, etc. ODIM asks teams (preferably from 8-12 members) to bring medicines and supplies for their use and in addition to meet the ongoing clinic needs. A sample team budget will be sent upon request.

Individual volunteers who are health care professionals are invited to stay for an extended period of time (1 week-1 year).

Highland Support Project - Quetzaltenango, Guatemala - The Highland Support Project, a 501c(3) nonprofit organization and an Advance Special (#15022A), promotes ongoing and

lasting transformational development of Maya communities in the Western Highlands of Guatemala by addressing poverty through changes to the social, economic, political, and cultural systems of the population. Volunteer opportunities include various construction projects from building improved, fuel-efficient stoves in the homes of indigenous families to the building of local school rooms and community kitchens. Volunteers can also participate in different programs partnered with the HSP including the Maya Art Program for those interested in education and the arts and the Integrated Health Program for those interested in providing preventative health services and sustainable education (nutrition classes, diabetes prevention, maternal/infant health, etc.) to the community. Youth and young adult teams accepted. All skill levels for construction encouraged.

[\[#15022A- Highland Support Project\]](#)

## HONDURAS

United Methodist Mission Church of Honduras (Interior of Honduras)

[\[#12928A - Honduras Mission Initiative\]](#)

### The Honduras United Methodist Mission Church

All sites: - The Honduras United Methodist Mission Church works throughout the interior of the country of Honduras. UMVIM teams of all kinds are invited and needed to work alongside the Methodists in Honduras at the following sites. All sites welcome prepared educational programs and activities for children.

There are 12 congregations and 2 missions. Current needs include:

*El Paraiso* – general medical teams and construction teams to complete the first floor of the two-story sanctuary/classroom building and build a security wall in front of the church.

*10 de Septiembre United Methodist Church* - repair roof on Sunday school building, paint the inside and outside of the sanctuary and Sunday school building

*Subriana* - complete the parsonage

*La Cofradia* - complete the first floor of a two-story building that has classrooms, kitchen, and pastor's office

*Escuapa* – complete two bathrooms

### Honduras – Medical Missions and Environmental Projects

Teams are requested for the following medical, dental, water and environmental projects:

*El Paraiso* - general medical teams

*Danli Central* - dental teams

*Quisqualaqua* - vision teams

*Danli La Cofradia* - assessment teams

*LaJuaga* - water purification cistern team

*Fuerzas Unidas* - sewage systems

*Cuidad España* - latrines

*Talanga* - surgical teams



MAMA Project (Mujeres Amigas Miles Apart) -- welcomes short-term medical teams for deworming, vitamin A distribution, medical clinics, dental consultations, and laying concrete floors in poor communities of rural Honduras.

Carolina Honduras Health Foundation Limon--receives medical teams, health care workers, support/construction teams and individuals year-round. See website for more details: <http://www.carolinahondurashealth.org>.

Project Honduras - has opportunities for church building, remodeling and repair. There are multiple on-going projects with the community as well as the church. VBS and medical teams accepted. Youth and young adult teams also welcome.

Limon - Leonarda's Home of Hope, Inc. (LHOH)- will build and help to financially support an orphanage in the poor, remote village of Limon, Honduras. The local school system provides education up to the equivalent of 8th grade. In order to break the cycle of poverty, LHOH provides education of the children by sending them to private schools to obtain a quality education. LHOH also supports the day-to-day needs of the orphanage. Medical services are provided through the Carolina Honduras Health Foundation [www.carolinahondurashealth.org](http://www.carolinahondurashealth.org). However, LHOH will assist with arranging and paying for special medical needs of the children. Volunteers also work on construction projects, and work with the children by providing Christian ministry programs, activities, and crafts, as well as love and attention. Housing for teams is available at Carolina Honduras Clinic if the group schedules and sponsors a medical team with CHHF. In addition, LHOH ships food into Honduras to feed hungry and malnourished children. This food, provided by Stop Hunger Now [www.StopHungerNow.org](http://www.StopHungerNow.org) , is distributed to numerous schools, clinics, orphanages, day care centers, nurture centers.

[www.leonardashomeofhope.com](http://www.leonardashomeofhope.com)

## **NICARAGUA**

El Ayudante-- El Ayudante is a Christian humanitarian organization based in Leon, Nicaragua, dedicated to partnering with the Nicaraguan people to transform the nation one child, one family, and one community at a time. Since 2001, El Ayudante has pursued this goal through a two-pronged strategy.

-First, we care for twenty-eight children and their families through our Family Enrichment Center (FEC). Our FEC partners with each child and their family to improve their quality of life and to give them opportunities to rise above poverty and succeed. We strive daily to give each child and family in our program a hopeful future through spiritual nurturing, housing, proper medical care, nutrition, and excellent education.

-Second, we host anywhere from 25 to 35 short-term mission teams each year from the states to work with local community leaders to help bring tangible change to people's lives in the areas of education, medicine, construction, and training. Teams are provided with an itinerary, meals, translators, and transportation.

-El Ayudante also coordinates all medical teams with the Ministry of Health, which selects high priority locations for teams while sending all medical professionals (all types are needed,

including surgeons) to serve alongside their counterparts. Medical teams will primarily serve in rural locations from clinics to schools, and even under shade trees! Clinics will be well-organized by community leaders and the Ministry of Health prior to the team's arrival.

-El Ayudante also partners with Alcance and 12 Churches, ministries with United Methodist roots, in planting churches and equipping church leaders. El Ayudante teams have the opportunity to be in ministry in Leon and the surrounding area in many ways, including VBS programs, nursing home ministries, church leadership trainings, and water purification programs.

El Porvenir Watershed Protection - Team members will work alongside Nicaraguan villagers on a sustainable watershed protection and reforestation project. Team members will work alongside beneficiary families to protect their micro-watershed. Trees will be planted to protect the local water supply. Also teams will build ecofogones - enclosed fireboxes with chimneys that reduce the amount of wood needed for cooking, thereby reducing future deforestation.

[\[#525000 - El Porvenir, Clean Water and Sanitation\]](#)

IGLEMEN (Iglesia Evangelica Metodista de Nicaragua) and VIM for Nicaragua promote a partnership between the (15) Methodist Churches in Nicaragua and United Methodist Churches in the United States. Activities include sending short term Mission Teams (construction, medical/health, children's ministry), praying for the pastors, providing support for construction of churches (Advance #14853N), providing support for pastors and ministry programs including feeding program for children (Advance #14854A). For more Information: [www.UMCNicaraguaConnection.com](http://www.UMCNicaraguaConnection.com)

Specific projects underway include:

Mateare - Build parsonage. Pastor with total of 15 currently live in back of church), Install 5 ceiling fans for church. Finish building security wall at back of church. Provide sports camp for local youth (nice soccer/basketball court close to church).

Laurels Sur - Repair Parsonage, Expand facilities for children.

San Miguel Church:- Install concrete floor in food storage/preparation room, build bathroom facility (block building attached to church), stucco and paint outside, install tile floor, install windows that stop dust and rain.

Acahulinca - Land recently purchased, building roof/tent to provide open air ministry area.

Interfaith Service to Latin America - ISLA needs teams in the border town of Jalapa for medical, construction, and educational support. Youth and young adult teams accepted. All types of medical personnel needed for help in local clinics.

Twelve Churches--The Twelve Churches ministry has been created to come alongside the local church to encourage, train, and equip its pastors and congregations to ensure strong theological teaching and preaching, to build lay leadership and greater spiritual maturity within the body, and to further reach people whom have yet to develop a relationship with Christ.

Our efforts, with the God's help, are intended to bring long term transformation in the city of Leon. By partnering with the churches and communities with sports leagues, feeding initiatives, computer labs, and other outreach programs we are seeing change in the lives of the people and God's kingdom expanding. We are working with the community to bring additional education and training opportunities such as sewing classes, cosmetology classes, English learning classes, and better nutrition and hygiene training.

We believe providing affordable access to capital will create opportunities for long term economic stability for families. Microcredit loans have been made for livestock breeding, small area markets, and repair shops. A local administrator along with mission teams will work with these entrepreneurs to facilitate sound, culturally based training in effective business practices.

The ministry will also serve to help in connecting the physical and spiritual needs of the local people with resources that can be provided by ongoing mission teams from the United States. Such resources may include medical and eye clinics, vacation bible school, construction, and other similarly situated offerings.

## **PANAMA**

Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Panama is a program that promotes the encounter of volunteers from the United Methodist Church of the United States with our Evangelical Methodist Church of Panama (IEMPA) and the Panamanian culture in order to strengthen both churches.

The general objective is to promote the mutual strengthening of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Panama (IEMPA) and the United Methodist Church (UMC) of the United States through the encounter of volunteers from the UMC with members of the IEMPA and with the Panamanian culture.

Specific objectives include the following:

1. Strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship between Panamanian and North American Methodists.
2. Contribute to a better understanding of the Panamanian culture.
3. Provide free medical attention to marginalized sectors of Panamanian society.
4. Help build and improve the churches and other buildings of the IEMPA and the communities served by the IEMPA.

These objectives invite volunteer teams with medical, construction, and/or educational components. See the in-country coordinator's website for more details:

[www.funk4.com/rhett](http://www.funk4.com/rhett) or  
<http://www.iempanama.com>.

Specific projects include:

Camp Cielito --The Church has purchased a 40-acre property that is located about two hours from Panama City. With the help of Christian Camping International, the Church is developing the site which will be used for our Summer Camping Program for children and youth, as well as for Spiritual Formation Retreats for the 3000 students of our Methodist school in Panama City (IPA). Facilities to be built include a multi-purpose building for large

gatherings (worship conferences), a kitchen and dining hall, workshop spaces (indoor and outdoor), a small office, a recreational complex with areas for soccer, basketball, swimming and other activities, and approximately ten eight-person cabins. We will also be reforesting a significant portion of the property to provide areas for hiking and “wilderness” camping. At present we have completed 5 cabins (a 6<sup>th</sup> is almost finished) and the sewage treatment plant. The well has been drilled but we must build a structure for the water tank. Our next project will be the kitchen and dining hall complex.

Cienaguita Community Center--Our Methodist Community Center in Cienaguita, Chiriquí serves as the base of operations for our ministry to the Ngobe people, the largest indigenous group in Panama and the poorest of the poor. The ministry is organized around the concept of a Comprehensive Community Health Program designed to enable the people to be the protagonists in the efforts to improve their quality of life. The strategy involves organizing and training men and women of the communities to be promoters of the health and well being of their communities.

The community center itself (which we use for training programs, worship services and medical missions) needs some improvements, but the main project at the present is the construction of a dental clinic.

VIM's to Panama-- VIM's to Panama is looking for volunteers who are willing to help with whatever jobs are needed. Possible jobs include building, painting, or Vacation Bible School classes. This project is looking for teams of 12-15. Youth who are at least 16 years of age and accompanied by a parent/guardian are accepted on this project. No particular skills sets are needed, because a local skills person will guide each group.

Santiago, Veraguas, Panama – Punta Delgadita New Church Plant - Establishment of a new faith community through a church plant/construction and community based health care program. This project will utilize volunteer construction teams, medical teams, and basic church development (VBS, drama, music, evangelism, community assessment procedures, bible studies, etc.) teams in order to provide creative opportunities for establishing a presence and witness for Jesus Christ among women, children, and men in the area. Basic manual labor skills, cement work, brick laying, carpentry, plumbing skills encouraged. Need for general medical services including vision and dental. Youth and young adult teams welcome.

## Europe

### CZECH REPUBLIC

Diakonie - Christian Help Center - This is a large facility, with four buildings on several acres of land, taken by the Communist government in the 1940's, and only returned to the UMC in 1999 after a lengthy legal battle. The plan is to renovate and reconstruct the facility to once again be used as a home for mothers and children in need and later a home for elderly, especially for Methodist pastors. Part of it is already being used for housing families in need (mainly Gypsy).

Opportunities/ projects available for volunteers include:

- Reconstruction of the kitchen (repairing walls, painting, replacing stoves and furniture)
- Gardening (building paths, leveling ground, preparing beds, planting trees and bushes)
- Preparing a week of programs for children (whose families are too poor to send them to camps during the summer) including VBS, crafts, ceramics, local field trips, etc. from 8am to 4pm.

Camp Veselka - Camp Veselka is located in the southwest of Prague and is used to provide recreational and spiritual retreats for UMCs and their members, mainly during the months of June through August. The facility (house) can hold up to 25 people in several rooms and volunteer opportunities include painting the house and painting and repairing the wooden fence around the property.

Camp Poust - This camp facility is located southwest of Prague and is used to provide recreational and spiritual retreats for UMCs and their members, mainly during the months of May through August. It can house 55 people in four duplex cabins that now have central heating. Showers and toilets are in another building. Teams could either do their own cooking or persons could be found to cook for them. The main building (built in 1600's) has a chapel, kitchen and several sleeping rooms upstairs. Work that needs to be done includes: painting, installation of wooden paneling and building a fence.

## **ESTONIA**

Agape Church in Parnu --This church needs help finishing rooms on the lower floor. Plastering, sheetrock, painting, flooring and tile work needed.

Camp Gideon in the Gulf of Finland --This camp serves Methodists from Estonia, Finland and the Baltics. Camp Gideon is in need of construction teams to completely renovate two badly needed dormitory rooms. One building has been started. Ready to begin raising inside walls, sheet rock, etc. The camp has excellent places for teams. Room and board provided at \$20.00 per day.

The Light House Center in Tallinn--This is an on-going ministry for at-risk children. Music/art therapy needed for the children.

Great need due to recent fire damage (December 2009). Needs include painting, plastering, light construction work, etc. There is also a need for funds to replace the furnishings that insurance did not cover.

## **FRANCE**

Entrepierres - <http://www.pierresvivantes.org> - is a center in southeastern France that provides rest, counseling, debriefing and spiritual retreats for pastors and missionaries. Skilled individuals or teams of 2-4 people are sought for 2013-2016 to assist in increasing the accommodation space for missionary families that come for rest and counseling. Specific skills needed include drywall, plumbing, wiring, tiling, and painting. Materials

available and provided locally. \$10 per day for accommodations/living expenses. Please avoid July and August.

Landersen Methodist Vacation/Conference Centre Vosges Mountains

[\[#14693A - Landersen, The Methodist Camp and Retreat Center\]](#)

Prepare center for the opening of the summer season - annually in the spring. Includes removing storm windows, painting, flowers, erect tents, clean playground.

[www.landersen.com](http://www.landersen.com)

## HUNGARY

Dombovar - A construction/education team of 6-8 people are needed sometime during the spring to autumn of 2011, though the last 2 weeks of June are ideal for the kids. The construction component of this team is needed to change the windows in the church building. The education component is needed to conduct an English camp with day nursery for children in two groups: beginner and intermediate, both incorporating games and Bible stories. The team would have accommodations in the homes of the members of the congregation. Former groups have stayed in Kaposzsekcsó.

Kisvaszar - Teams will be needed in 2012 to assist with the Roma ministry. Further details will be posted at a future date, but please email [projects@umvim.org](mailto:projects@umvim.org) if you are interested in this upcoming opportunity.

Alsozsolca - Teams will be needed in 2012 to assist with construction needs among the Roma congregation. Interested teams would need to plan on hotel or other accommodations. Further details will be posted at a future date, but please email [projects@umvim.org](mailto:projects@umvim.org) if you are interested in this upcoming opportunity.

Szeged - Teams have opportunities to work with the children's day nursery and the English camp.

Budapest-Pest - Teams have opportunities to work with the children's day nursery and the English camp.

Pecs - A team of 5-7 people is requested for street evangelization, preferably with a small choir or music group that would also be able to provide evening services in the church. The site will not be ready for such a team until 2012, but please email [projects@umvim.org](mailto:projects@umvim.org) if you are interested in this upcoming opportunity.

Kaposvar - An evangelization team is needed.

Hetes - A construction team is needed to complete the attic of the church building in order to provide an additional room for summer camps. Floor covering, painting, and window repair is also needed.



Kurtospuszta (Roma congregation)--A construction team is needed to put up fencing and a gate around the church property. There is also the opportunity for an educational component at the children's day nursery.

Budapest/Obuda --A team of 8-10 people that could come for the last 10-12 days of June in 2011 or 2012 is needed for the children's day nursery to teach English and provide Bible stories, crafts, games, and songs.

## ITALY

The Church of the Chiesa Evangelica Italiana in Castel Volturno, Caserta

\_This construction project is part of the General Board of Global Ministries' (GBGM) new ecumenical Latin America and Caribbean ministry in Italy. Raffaele and Angie Caruso have been pastors in Italy since 1991. Raffaele is now the President of The Church of the Chiesa Evangelica Italiana (CEI), which is an official partner of GBGM that works in difficult areas of Naples and Caserta. This partnership between GBGM and CEI is, among other ministries, concerned with the immigrants in the Caserta and Naples area, including immigrants from Latin America.

CEI has recently purchased a large building that it is refurbishing and renovating to be a church and an elementary school in Castel Volturno, Caserta, complete with an area for after-school programs. Beginning in March of 2011, construction teams of 10-15 people are needed to help with this priority project.

## LITHUANIA

[\[#12168A - Lithuania Mission Initiative\]](#)

[\[#13545A - Lithuanian Help Center\]](#)

## MACEDONIA

Kochani--Making a garden/yard at the church in the city of Kochani Participants: up to 6 persons Length of time: 7 days. Time: May

Strumica--Assisting with meals on wheels program (preparing food, packing food, washing dishes, and other clean-up). Participants: 1-6 persons. Length of time: (Monday-Friday) 7-10 days. Time: any

Strumica (and nearby villages)--Preparation and implementation of Vacation Bible School, English camps (songs, games, pantomime, crafts, etc.) Participants: up to 8 persons-Length of time: 5 days- Time: June 15-July 30

## POLAND

Elk--Construction teams are needed to renovate church facilities for new outreach /mission activities in Elk, Poland beginning in July 2011. Specific tasks include the following: painting

the church interior, repairing floors and windows, painting the choir room, congregation room, and the church exterior.

#### Kielce UMC -

Drama/Pantomime for Polish Methodist Youth.

Worship/Gospel Workshop for Polish Methodist Youth.

Construction work, adding new building to Kielce UMC. Participants: at least 5 people

Kielce and Chalupki-Construction work, improving homeless shelter in two locations-

Participants: at least 5 people

Zaborze -VBS / Indian Village for about 200 children from 8 to 14. Participants: 12 to 14 people, 2 team leaders.

## ROMANIA

Global Hope Orphanage - [\[#15087A - Global Hope\]](#)

The projects work directly with children in the orphanage system, repair and painting projects, minor or major construction projects, work at a Christian Youth Camp, or work at the Recuperation Center for children. Teams have also traveled to Arad to provide training for Sunday school teachers and to support the work of the Protestant churches in the area. When pastors travel with a mission team, they will often preach at area churches, with translation support. A typical team will be made up of 5-12 workers depending on the project. [www.globalhope.org](http://www.globalhope.org)

## SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Bratislava-Petrzalka: This project is looking for volunteers to paint and complete brick work on a newly acquired church facility. The project is looking for 5-6 people for a week. Volunteers will be accepted as of September 2012.

## Mexico

PROJECTS of the Eastern Conference of the Methodist Church of Mexico -  
[\[#14314A - Mexico Volunteer In Mission, Eastern Conference\]](#)

Rio Bravo - Manos Juntas Mexico (Hands Together): This ministry has recently come under the direction of the Methodist Church of Mexico, Eastern Conference. It is located approximately 20 miles southeast of McAllen, TX and coordinates mission projects approved by the Methodist Church of Mexico: church buildings, parsonages, school classrooms, community centers, improvements on housing living conditions for low income families, free health clinics, mission Bible schools, etc.

[\[#3020527 - Manos Juntas \(Hands Together\)\]](#)

Projects below reflect 2010 needs:

Saltillo - Horeb Church - Need to finish the parsonage.



Nuevo Laredo – Getsemani, Mission Aposento, Aposento Alto Church

Guadalupe - Vida Nueva Church

Monterrey - Hope and Love Home

San Fernando - Principe de Paz Church: Needs a parsonage.

Rio Bravo - International Christian Center for the Deaf (ICCD): ICCD's Rio Bravo residential school for the deaf, Centros Cristianos para Sordomudos (MCCS) began in 1997 for the purpose of reaching the deaf in northeastern Mexico with the Gospel of Christ. Two more buildings need completion. There are dorm room facilities for groups as well as transportation and meals that are provided. Please visit the website for more information or to sign up a mission team for this experience [www.iccd.net](http://www.iccd.net). This is an approved project of the Methodist Church of Mexico, Eastern Conference. VIM coordinator of IMMAR has complete project profile.

Reynosa - Clinica Betania: Construction of clinic is done; however, clinic needs equipment and surgery teams.

Reynosa - A new building for the "Colegio Betania" Methodist Kindergarten and Elementary School. The current location for the school is behind the Betania Clinic facilities, but there is no more room to grow for either ministry and the school wants to expand to junior high in a couple of years. The new building will be located outside of downtown on the new property of Piedra Angular (Cornerstone) Methodist Church. They hope to start building after the summer of 2010.

HANDS AND FEET MINISTRIES - PIEDRAS NEGRAS, Roy Adams, P.O. Box 270, Adairsville, GA 30103, 706/625-0314, [contact@handsandfeet.com](mailto:contact@handsandfeet.com), <http://www.handsandfeet.com/>, Orphanage and school and clinic to the poor in Piedras Negras. Teams needed in all areas of service. J, Y, F, A, OA.

[\[#15175A - House of Mercy Orphanage\]](#)

GUADALUPE, NUEVO LEON--Iglesia Metodista Refugio de Paz: The project is the construction of 12 classrooms for Sunday school. It is our priority and urgency to build the classrooms, because our church congregation membership is growing and we have many children. We have no facilities to give classes or space to learn and to grow in the knowledge of Jesus. It is our vision to reach entire families in our neighborhood reaching the children it is a way to reach the whole family.

ARIZONA - MEXICO FRONTIER OPPORTUNITIES:--Bill Sanford, 1550 E Meadowbrook, Phoenix, AZ 85014, 602/798-8217, 1-800-229-8622 (Ext 217); E-mail: [bill@desertsw.org](mailto:bill@desertsw.org). This ministry includes four (4) Methodist Churches and Communities in the Northwest Conference of the Methodist Church of Mexico – along the U.S./Mexico frontier.

METHODIST BORDER MINISTRIES - Building churches, parsonages, and educational buildings with the poor and providing health services in and around Matamoros, Monterrey, and Reynosa, with the Eastern (Oriental) Methodist Conference. S. A, OA.

Construction of Parsonage--The Church related to this project in San Agustin Zapotlan Hidalgo, Mexico does not have a parsonage for the pastor to live in. The project will require skills such as electrician, bricklayer, and plumber to build a house near the Church. The remaining cost of the project is \$100,000.00 Mexican pesos. In addition, the area could use general medicine practitioners, dentists, and ophthalmologists. Many of the residents do not have medical security, so they lack regular checkups.

Repairs to baths and walls: Venustiano Carranza, Zempoala Hidalgo State, Mexico--

Construction of the baths of the church, the perimeter wall of the area, and remodeling of the social lounge will be done on this project. Youth and young adult teams are accepted. Five teams are requested for this project with 10 people per team. \$15,000 Mexican pesos are requested from the UMVIM team. Team members will stay with members of the church. The construction that would be remodeled is a room of 84m<sup>2</sup>. It has a foundation of stone and walls of block. The roofs and floors are made of concrete. Dentist and other general practitioners are welcomed.

Construction of the Multiuse Room: El Arenal Hidalgo state, Mexico--The construction work that is needed on this project will be done to a large room above the parsonage. This meeting space is multiuse, and the walls are ready. The roof, floor, windows, and electricity need to be completed. The people in charge will lead the construction and teach the team members how to do the work. A supervisor will lead the project but will need to be paid. Ophthalmology and general practitioners are needed medical services.

METHODIST BORDER FRIENDSHIP COMMISSION--Susan Hellums, shellums@mcfirst.com, 956/661-9771. First UMC, 4200 N. McColl McAllen, TX 78504. Ministries hosted by border area churches of the Eastern Conference Methodist Church of Mexico, Rio Grande and Southwest Texas Conferences of the UMC. Opportunities for gleaning, VBS, construction, medical teams, and other Methodist/UMC related community ministries/projects. Both sides of the Texas-Mexico border from Del Rio/Ciudad Acuna to Brownsville/Matamoros. F, Y, OA, NOMADS. [\[GBGM Advance #982443 - Methodist Border Friendship Commission\]](#)

## Middle East

### ISRAEL/PALESTINE

[\[#14907N - Jerusalem Church, Renovation\]](#)

Shepherd Field Kindergarten, Beit Sahour - A Christian based pre-school and kindergarten center for children offering care and education for the children and enabling working mothers a safe place for their children while they work. [www.hwc-pal.org/ar/display\\_album\\_gallery.php?id=55](http://www.hwc-pal.org/ar/display_album_gallery.php?id=55)

St. George's Church (Melkite), Zebabdeh, West Bank - Project areas include: women's sewing project, kindergarten, senior center, church building expansion, olive oil soap project, incense projects. [www.stgeorgeinzababdeh.com](http://www.stgeorgeinzababdeh.com)

Four Homes of Mercy Home for Disabled, Bethany - Improving the quality of services for severely disabled children, teens and elderly persons. Advance # 3020711. [www.fourhomesofmercy.com](http://www.fourhomesofmercy.com)

Tent of Nations – “People Building Bridges” Bethlehem District - Christian family farm on a hilltop surrounded by 5 Israeli settlements, and under continued threat of settlement expansion. [www.tentofnations.org](http://www.tentofnations.org)

Elderly Care Center, Beit Sahour - Provides a day center for the elderly, provides food, health services and activities. [www.hwc-pal.org/display\\_album\\_gallery.php?id=66](http://www.hwc-pal.org/display_album_gallery.php?id=66)

Wadi Fukin Community Development Project - Providing community development projects for residents of a Palestinian village in the West Bank. Advance # 3021565. [www.change.org/petitions/save-wadi-foquin-fukin](http://www.change.org/petitions/save-wadi-foquin-fukin)

Wi'am Community Empowerment & Conflict Transformation, Bethlehem - Advancing a culture of peace and acceptance while promoting nonviolent resolution to conflict. Advance # 14910A. [www.alaslah.org](http://www.alaslah.org)

Al Basma Center, Beit Sahour - a special education vocational training Center for youth and young adults with Moderate Intellectual Disabilities. [www.betterplace.org/en/organisations/albasma](http://www.betterplace.org/en/organisations/albasma)

The Diyar Consortium, Bethlehem. Ecumenically-oriented institutions serving the whole Palestinian community with an emphasis on children, youth, women & elders, focusing on community building, development and outreach. Diyar is the umbrella organization to which the Dar al-Kalima Health and Wellness Center, the International Center of Bethlehem (Dar Annadwa), and Dar al- Kalima College belong. [www.diyar.ps](http://www.diyar.ps)

Mar Elias College in Ibillin, Israel - Bringing students from different faith backgrounds together to learn about peace and reconciliation through education. Advance # 3020532. [www.pilgrimsofibilin.org](http://www.pilgrimsofibilin.org), [www.ukashray.wordpress.com](http://www.ukashray.wordpress.com)

Bethlehem Bible College - Training Arab Christian leaders to serve and strengthen the church and communities in the Holy Land. Advance # 12017A. [www.bethbc.org](http://www.bethbc.org)

L'Arche or Ma'an lil-Hayat (together for life) Center, Bethlehem - The first and only wool-felting project in Palestine, brings together people with and without intellectual disabilities. [www.maanolihayat.ps](http://www.maanolihayat.ps)

East Jerusalem Baptist Church Renovation - Renovating and enlarging the worship and fellowship area for a congregation of 100-120. Advance # 14907N.

Hebron Rehabilitation Committee - Monitors the presence and acts of Israeli Settlers toward the Palestinians in their own town. They promote, encourage and put people to work on various kinds of rehabilitation in the city. [www.hebronrc.org](http://www.hebronrc.org)

Olive Planting/Picking Programs--There are volunteer opportunities in regard to the protection of Palestinian property and olive trees. The 3rd annual Olive Planting Program took place in February 2010. During the ten-day program, participants helped plant 1600 olive trees in lands inside the West Bank that are threatened to be confiscated by Israel. Teams are invited to come for the 7th annual Olive Picking Program October 16-25, 2010. This program is organized by the Joint Advocacy Initiative of the East Jerusalem YMCA and YWCA of Palestine (JAI) and the Alternative Tourism Group (ATG). Janet Lahr Lewis is also already working in teams for fall 2011, so it's never too early to start planning! Keeping Hope Alive is another program that offers opportunities to sponsor an olive tree.

Bethlehem: Bethlehem Bible College--Bethlehem Bible College is situated in the historical and Biblical town of Bethlehem, six miles south of Jerusalem and twenty miles north of Hebron. Since 1979, Bethlehem Bible College has been faithful in its mission calling of training Christian leaders for the churches and society in the Holy Land. Dr. Bishara Awad, the College's founder and president, works with a seven-member, local Board of Directors, in overseeing the progress and direction of the College. The College's multi-faceted programs include Bible Studies, Christian Education, Tour Guide training, and Mass Media, as well as a Biblical extension in Nazareth-formally known as Galilee Bible College. Additionally, the College serves as a home for the Shepherd Society (the College's charitable arm) and provides community outreaches-among them language, literacy, first aid and computer courses; counseling; and summer camps for children. BBC's modest, four building campus also houses a library which is open to the community (the only public library in Bethlehem). The present facilities have classrooms, offices, and guest quarters to accommodate traveling Christian groups and/or small conferences. Volunteers are need for general carpentry and masonry; gardening; teaching English; helping with children's programs during summertime; assisting in the college's guest house, offices, library and gift shop; and cleaning. Medical mission teams that will work with local clinics can have one or more of the following specialists: general practitioners, ENT specialist, dentists, and heart doctors.

[\[#12017A - Bethlehem Bible College, Vision 20-20\]](#)

Jerusalem: Shu'fat Refugee Camp Center for Disabled Children. -Repairs and maintenance.

Jerusalem: Mount of Olives. Princess Basma Hospital for Disabled Children. Painting, repairs, maintenance.

Beit Jala: The Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation. -Can use therapy workers to teach new methods.

Shu'afat Refugee Camp, West Bank: Shu'afat Rehabilitation Center- General maintenance and upgrading of facilities, light construction for expansion project, rehab center for physically handicapped. Guest-house or hotel (requires commutes).

## South America

### BOLIVIA

Evangelical Methodist Church of Bolivia-The Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia seeks VIM Teams to assist with the projects below.

2013 Top Priorities are for the following construction projects:

Mt. Horeb Church – La Paz (Iglesia Monte de Hóreb) - Construction of an updated parsonage. The old parsonage is in very bad condition, and this project is in the early stages of construction.

Manco Kapac Church – Copacabana (Iglesia Manco Kapac) - Construction of a church in progress in the city of Copacabana on the shore of Lake Titicaca – one of the highest elevation lakes in the world.

New Jerusalem Church – Copacabana (Iglesia Nueva Jerusalén) – Continuation of a set of guest rooms.

North B District Office - New Construction of a walled parking area for District vehicles in North B District (near Lake Titicaca).

Lake District Office – Continued construction of a new district office, set of guest rooms and rentable space for the District office in Ancoraimes (opposite side of Lake Titicaca from Copacabana). This will create housing for teachers who serve at the local Methodist High School as well as generate much needed revenue for the District.

Christ the Good Shepherd Church – Cobija (Iglesia Cristo el Buen Pastor) - New Construction of a church in the town of Cobija (tropical area on the border with Brazil). The church is approximately 10 years old but has never had a building.

Sinai Church – El Alto (Iglesia Sinai) - New Construction of a church in El Alto (where the airport is located above La Paz). The existing church is more than 25 years old but is small, incurs water damage during the rainy season, and is made of adobe brick, which deteriorate quickly.

Methodist Home for the Elderly – Located in Achocalla, near La Paz the first Methodist home for the elderly is under construction. A team of older adults from the US could assist with this project so that a time of sharing of different cultures can take place with persons of similar age, but teams of all ages are welcome.

Medical/Health Teams - The Methodist Church in Bolivia also encourages visits from medical teams. Doctors, nurses, dentists, surgeons, and any other medical professionals are invited to come and field medical teams (or in combination with other types of teams) to assist with the Methodist Church's medical program. The Bolivian Methodist church currently operates seven clinics – most in very rural areas of the country - as well as two hospitals. There is a special need for US professionals to train the local clinic and hospital staff, as well as surrounding community health providers in the treatment, prevention and general healthcare. Soon there will be a need for geriatric specialists for the Methodist Home for the Elderly.

Youth and VBS Teams – The Bolivian Methodist Church welcomes teams of youth to connect with Bolivian youth and can be organized and facilitate cross-cultural youth encounters. Teams are also invited to provide special children's ministry opportunities through Vacation Bible School type events. Often these events can be programmed to coincide with construction or medical teams.

Women's Encounter - The church holds Women's Encounters every year to provide the opportunity for women in Bolivia and the United States to share their cultures, spirituality, lifestyles, crafts/hobbies, and even fashions.

#### Servants In Faith & Technology (SIFAT)

[#982812 - SIFAT (Servants In Faith And Technology) Ministries]--SIFAT offers a variety of volunteer opportunities. See website for more details [www.sifat.org](http://www.sifat.org)

Lake Titicaca Border Ministry- GBGM Individual Volunteers, Jeff Wasilevich and Deborah Rissing are supporting services and ministry of Iglesia Evangelica Metodista, and their indigenous communities in the border region of Lake Titicaca. This is an exciting new collaborative project involving both Peru and Bolivia, working together to improve the impoverished communities surrounding the lake. Funds, labor, and supplies are welcome for these projects.

If you are interested in bringing a team to Bolivia, detailed information is available, along with pictures of most projects in which you are interested. For information and scheduling, please Contact Rev. Skip Hodges, Volunteers In Mission coordinator for Bolivia by e-mail at [skip@skiphodges.com](mailto:skip@skiphodges.com).

## **BRAZIL**

Shade and Fresh Water Project--In the face of a mammoth social crisis, the Brazilian Methodist Church has made its children its number one priority and created the Shade and Fresh Water Project as a national network to assist local Methodist churches to develop activities for children as an alternative to the streets. The goal is to provide supervised activities that help young people become healthy citizens and gain an exposure to Christian values. Every local church is challenged to organize an after school program for children and teenagers between 6 and 14 years of age that follow national guidelines promoting healthy physical, intellectual, spiritual, and social development. Opportunities for teams to assist with this program are available throughout Brazil. The following videos provide more information about the Shade and Fresh Water Projects:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KhyavfEvSMQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fL8Etqwo6Ys>

In addition to the Shade and Fresh Water Project, teams are also welcome by the Brazilian Methodist Church to help with projects that entail light construction, healthcare, Bible school, and evangelism.

## **CHILE**

Reconstruction after February 2010 Earthquake --Teams are needed to rebuild church properties affected by the earthquake that occurred in south central regions of Chile on February 27, 2010. Many types of construction needs exist, but the most common ones include repairing stucco walls, rebuilding concrete and block cement walls, and doing some carpentry on damaged properties.

### North District:

Chapel English School. Kusayapu. Church San Lucas

### Green North District:

Temple Villa Alemana. Temple Quilpue

### District William Taylor (Central District):

Temple Linares. Pastoral House Talca

### District Concepcion:

Temple Santa Barbara. Temple Villa Mora

### El Vergel Agricultural School Angol

Urgent need: Teams are needed to help construct new classrooms. A contribution for building materials is requested. Best dates: Oct., Nov., Jan.

### El Vergel, Orchard Fruits

Teams are needed at Angol, Chile - An agricultural school that emphasizes Christian values and serves 220 students.

### Rural Development Among The Mapuche Native People

Teams are needed to serve this rural mission to the Mapuche Indians.

## COLOMBIA

Vista Hermosa--The Colombian Methodist Church has a need for construction teams in Vista Hermosa to improve the learning conditions of many students there. Two halls of classrooms are needed. (January-March and July-September are the best months to work on this project to avoid rainy seasons.) These teams are invited to also provide Bible school for the community/children and fun activities for the kids. There is also a need for sex education within the community.

Rincon del Mar--The Colombian Methodist Church has a need for construction teams in Rincon del Mar. The parsonage is in need of restoration. (January-March and July-September are the best months to work on this project due to avoid rainy seasons.) These teams are invited to also provide Bible school for the community and children, as well as provide awareness about sex education, drugs, and alcohol.

Brisas del Mar --The Colombian Methodist Church has a priority need to implement a water system for the community that will disperse water to family homes in Brisas del Mar. There are also opportunities for teams to conduct workshops and training in health and the environment.

## ECUADOR

SIFAT (Servants In Faith And Technology)

[\[#982812 - SIFAT \(Servants In Faith And Technology\) Ministries\]](#)--SIFAT offers several opportunities to serve. See website at [www.sifat.org](http://www.sifat.org) Methodist Church projects throughout Ecuador. Construction, medical and teaching teams for emerging Methodist churches.

## PARAGUAY

Fuente de Vida--Fountain of Life Church needs bricklayers, electricians, tile layers, plumbers, carpenters, painters, clean up, etc. to work on this project. Youth and young adult teams are accepted with 10-12 members per team. \$250 per team member is requested for materials.

The local Church is involved in the planning, raising funds, and construction of their Church. The Methodist Church is next door to the New Horizon school.

Mobile Medical Clinic--The Mobile Medical Clinic sees patients who have little or no medical services throughout the year due to a lack of services or inability to pay. The clinic's scope of services is limited to the most common conditions: hypertension, diabetes, respiratory problems, dental extractions, control for women who are pregnant, etc.



The Mobile Medical Clinic needs doctors who are specialists for skin problems, dental, and eye care, children and women. Nurses and others are needed to help take blood pressures, assist the doctors, sterilize equipment, care and transport patients, etc. Activities can also be coordinated for children who are waiting. Prayer and counsel with the patients is also needed.

Three to five teams with 8-12 team members are needed for the mobile medical clinic. Larger or smaller groups can be accommodated. The project can receive volunteers from April to October.

New Horizon Methodist School--[Advance # 3020189 \(New Horizon Methodist School\)](#)

The New Horizon Methodist School serves students with limited resources. We seek scholarships for the students and families who pay a small portion so they have a vested interest in their children's education. We currently have 715 students from 4 years old through the 12th grade.

Currently, all our planned buildings have been constructed but there are various smaller projects and general maintenance that need to be attended to. However, building, maintenance, and construction are just a small part of our needs. We are looking for teams that are interested in joining our older students, school staff, and parents to visit local schools and poor settlements in our area and around Paraguay to do Evangelism projects. Also, we would like groups that can lead Bible studies, vacation bible school, leadership trainings and other seminars. Since the completion of our multipurpose building, we are also looking for teams that can help us conduct sports camps and tournaments, art programs, music and dance programs and plan theatre productions and concerts as community outreach programs for children, youth, and adults.

For more information, check out our webpage: [www.paraguayschools.org](http://www.paraguayschools.org) or our Advance Project #3021089.

Methodist Bible Institute and Seminary--The building to be worked on is a church facility and multi-use facility. It houses the Church offices, provides seminary classes, library, sewing center, housing/dormitories for students, retreats, and mission teams. Youth and young adult teams are accepted with 10-12 people per team. Larger or smaller groups can be accommodated. It is best to avoid the months of November through March, due to extreme heat. \$250 per UMVIM team member is requested to help with construction materials. This project need bricklayers, electricians, tile layers, plumbers, carpenters, painters, helpers to mix cement, carry bricks, and clean up.

It is best to have your own translator, but one can be provided for \$10-\$15 per day.

The Methodist Church strives to provide evangelistic and social services. The majority of the members are from very poor homes.

## PERU

Individual Volunteers Dr. Scott and Bev Pressman --Lake Titicaca Border Ministry – Supporting services and ministry of Iglesia Metodista Evangelica, and their indigenous communities in the border region of Lake Titicaca. This is an exciting new collaborative project involving both Peru and Bolivia, working together to improve their impoverished communities surrounding the lake. 2010 needs include help finishing the Methodist church in Puno and help re-constructing a church in Juliaca. Funds, labor, and supplies are welcome for these projects.

Health and Cares for the People of the Amazon--This mission organization is to help provide better health services to the local communities in this area of Peruvian Amazon jungle. They organize medical teams, dental teams, agricultural teams, and construction teams. 2010 needs include fixing bathrooms at the local schools.

## URUGUAY

Paysandu “Renacer” Summer Camp and Retreat Center - Beginning in March 2011, the Methodist Church in Paysandu, Uruguay needs volunteer teams to work on the “Renacer” Summer Camp and Retreat Center. This summer camp is located on the shore of the River Uruguay 300 miles from Montevideo, Uruguay’s capital city. This site has a long history. While the Methodist Church in Paysandu was closed many years ago, it reopened in 2000. In 2004, the GBGM missionary appointed to the church reestablished many of the church’s activities. However, the church needs work teams to continue progress on the plan to revitalize this site to serve as a summer camp and a center for meetings and seminaries for the entire Methodist Church of Uruguay. The Church also wants this site to be available to the local community. Part of the land, which features a small lake and a park with native trees and vegetation, has already been recovered. However, teams are needed to continue this revitalization effort, including construction, farming, and landscaping teams.

Salto Methodist Church of the Cross and Eugene Stockwell Student Center - Salto is the most important city in the interior of the country. It is located at about 400 miles from Montevideo, the capital and largest city. The Methodist Church of the Cross in Salto has a center for students, the Eugene Stockwell Center, which has dorms for students who come from nearby towns and rural areas to continue their studies. The dorms, sitting room, bathrooms, hallway, kitchen and stairs are in need of painting. Many of the church facilities including the sanctuary, the Pastor's office, the sitting room the bathroom and all the iron window frames are also in need of painting. The basement has several rooms which need painting as well as repairs for some of the doors. This is where a Dance School meets and also a local AA group which has been meeting there for more than 25 years.

Mercedes Methodist Church - Mercedes is a city about 250 miles from Montevideo, Uruguay’s capital. The Methodist Church of Mercedes is now 108 years with a steady congregation. One of the characteristics of this congregation is their constant dedication to cooking meals on weekends which they sell in order to support the work of the church. Women are at the

heart of this ministry and they faithfully continue to do their job. Two UMVIM Teams started building the new kitchen in 2009. The church continued building a wall and windows after the teams left so the kitchen could be used. This was done with some donations received from a few volunteers and money the church raised for this purpose. Building of kitchen furniture is the last step in the plan.

The sanctuary has a serious humidity problem which needs urgent repair. This would be done by Dry Osmotic system and should be finished before the teams arrive. After solving the humidity problem, painting will be needed.

Buceo Methodist Church - The Buceo Methodist Church was closed for several years. During that time the building was used by the YMCA for work with children and youth. This program was recently ended and the church has reopened its door to the congregation. The building is in need of important repairs. The congregation has already painted the front of the sanctuary and the fence. They have also made some small repairs. However, the priority is to fix the roof of the whole building and the bathrooms. The interior of the sanctuary and the multi-purpose room also need repairing as well as painting. The two bathrooms are in very bad condition and need to be renovated.

Aguada Methodist Student Home - The Aguada Methodist church is located in the city of Montevideo, capital of Uruguay. The parsonage next to the church has not been used for several years. The Board of Directors of the Methodist Church, after studies and following the desire to strengthen the work with youth, decided to transform the parsonage into a student home and university center. Many of the schools as well as the bus terminal are close to this church. As the home is located next to the church, the Aguada congregation would open their doors to the students living there, give them support and care together with the work of the Pastor assigned to direct the home and the parish. One of the goals is to transform it in a University Center with activities that would allow other non-Methodist students to gather with those living in the home.

The majority of the universities are located in Montevideo; therefore many of our students who live in the interior of the country have problems when they finish their pre-university studies to find a place to live. When they do, they usually lose contact with the church. The parsonage has 150 square meters. It has bedrooms, kitchen, dining room a study-room a bathroom, a patio with a fire-place which will be transformed into a community room with a library and a sitting room. It connects to the church's multi-purpose room which could be used as a conference room or for physical activities. There will be room for 12 students who will pay a fee just to cover maintenance and utilities. The students will be responsible for the cleaning and meals.

The Pastor will do pastoral work and support for those who live there. A committee of three lay people will be helping in all administrative tasks as well as checking the good use of the building.

Different activities will take place at the home and the parish. These activities will be supported by the Christian Student Movement and other ecumenical student organizations. It will also be open to non-church students. One of the goals is to enrich and strengthen the

formation of the youth in their personal faith as well as in their growth as citizens. Volunteers are needed for painting of both the university center and the student home.

## **VENEZUELA**

San Carlos Island--The Comunidad Cristiana Metodista de Venezuela is a Partner in Mission with the United Methodist Church Mission and the Council of Evangelical Methodist Churches of Latin America and the Caribbean (CIEMAL). About ten years ago, UVMIM teams built several structures for the Mission Compound at San Carlos Island. These structures have deteriorated not only from the natural elements of the island, but also from hurricane destruction. Construction teams are needed for new roofing - replacing beams and re-roofing. This is priority because the church structure cannot be used during rain or extreme sun due to this destruction. Medical teams, including dental teams, are also welcome. Teams are invited to provide VBS and worship services in English or Spanish. (All teams are advised to avoid going during the Christmas season.)

Maripa, Bolivar --There is a need for a workshop for indigenous women. The Indigenous Women Formation Center is a place that helps compliment abilities and potential in the areas of health, micro enterprising, and community leadership among the Yekwana, Jibi, and Sanema ethnic groups along the Caura River. This project is important and complimentary to the hospital boat program along the rivers of the Orinoco basin. Other opportunities include finishing the church construction in Maripa and the pharmacy storage facility for the medical boat. Medical teams are also welcome for the medical boat. (Please avoid December 15 - January 1 dates.)