

Rally 2005

THE RALLY CONNECTS!



Photography by Joe Hamilton

UMVIM SEJ's annual mission event, the UMVIM Rally was a great success. Beginning June 29th through July 2nd, over 300 VIM'ers gathered for learning, sharing, worship and fellowship at Lake Junaluska, NC.

"This was the largest crowd in recent memory, and the feedback has been great!" said executive director Nick Elliott. "The event is providing a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to gather, connect, and recharge their batteries for more effective service," Elliott said.

A wide variety of workshops, training, project displays and international guests gave participants a chance to increase their knowledge of new possibilities for service as well as new ways to improve their experience in their next connection for service.

Mark your calendar now for next year's event – June 28th-30th, 2006 at Lake Junaluska. Also, watch for the new name of the event! In order to more accurately reflect what UMVIM does in mission service, the Rally has been renamed - "**CONNECT**".

Watch the UMVIM web site, www.umvim.org, for the latest information on next year's "**CONNECT**", or call 404-377-7424 for more information and a brochure.

What's up at UMVIM

Number of Teams sent out in 2004...
Over 1,000

Number of volunteers in 2004...
Almost 20,000

Countries Served...
44

Lives Touched...
Countless

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷ Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 9:36-38