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Africa

CAMEROON

Cameroon Mission Initiative

The 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).

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.

United Methodist Church of North Katanga, DRC

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

KENYA

Maua Methodist Hospital -- Teams work on a variety of projects including

light to heavy construction, sewing projects, VBS, etc. 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.

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

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

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

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

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

MOZAMBIQUE

The following construction projects are priority for 2010:

Matingane in Massinga Sul District: (DS Parsonage)
Centro de Reavivamento Espiritual (Spiritual Revival Center)
Capela de Matalane (Matalane Chapel)
Residencia Pastoral de Fadjine (Fadjine Pastoral House)
Capela de Xinhambanine (Xinhambanine Chapel)
Igreja de Chamanculo
Centro Educacional de Matsinhe (Matsinhe Educational Center)
Residencia Pastoral de Dunhe (Dunhe Pastoral House)
Tete District Residencia Do Superintendente (DS Parsonage)
Manica Casa Pastoral (Pastoral House)
Nampula Casa Pastoral (Pastoral house)
Sofala Residencia Do Superintendente (DS Parsonage)
Cambine's Chapel
Chicunque Mission (Guesthouse)
Cambine's Mission (Guesthouse)
Cambine's Mission (Bishop's House)
Cambine's Mission (Theological Seminary Housing)
Zavala (DS Parsonage)

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

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

Eye Centre in Zing needs ophthalmologists, optometrists, eye care professionals to assist Nigerian eye surgeon to perform cataract surgeries, provide 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.

LIBERIA

Gorkorpa UMC

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

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.

First UMC - Bopolu Parsonage

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.

Grace UMC

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 been 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.

James Cox Memorial UMC

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.

Gbarnga School of Theology Library (UMU Library and Administrative Building)

Gbarnga School of Theology Library (UMU Library and Administrative Building) is located in Gbarnga City, Gbarnga District. Seminarians lack adequate resource materials for scholastic achievement. Masonry and carpentry skills are needed to help with construction needs. A large amount of money is needed to fund the project in its entirety.

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

[\[#982023 - ZOE Ministry\]](#)

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

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 AFRICA

Southern Africa Methodist Volunteers In Mission (SAMVIM),
[\[#14363A - Southern Africa Methodist Volunteers in Mission\]](#)

The Ngcabasa Society Church Building Project in Ngcabasa needs carpentry workers, especially bricklayers, electricians, painters, to help construct a church building for worship.

The Sivuyile Project in Saldanha Bay needs construction teams for a church building.

The Ebenezer project in Kinvos needs construction teams for a church building. Medical teams are also needed, as well as Bible School for youth and adults.

The Lotus River Methodist Society has been meeting in a classroom for over 20 years. After much hard work and planning, the society is ready to begin construction of a church building. Some funds have been raised, but assistance is needed.

The Khayalitsha Site B Project needs construction teams. Khayalitsha Site B is a township of over a million people that did not exist 20 years ago. People flock to this area looking for work, a movement that has created this new community. The Site B Methodist Society has already started construction of a multi- purpose building.

Namaqualand Leliefontein is an area famous for its annual transformation of the desert into a carpet of flowers. It is home to a number of poor rural communities. It is also the historical home of Methodist work in Southern Africa. The church owns a hostel for the boarding school in Leliefontein, which serves the surrounding area. The hostel is in dire need of renovation. Much work remains.

Orange Farms Methodist Church - Two new Methodist Churches needed in Orange Farms in the Highveld and Swaziland District. Local involvement from Gauteng area needed with both funding and development of work teams, and work teams from the USA needed.

Amsterdam Church Project in the Highveld and Swaziland District needs construction teams. The church building is currently condemned. Local leadership is trying to get the local Heritage Society (if one exists) to determine if church can be salvaged. Need teams locally to help with the renovation or a new structure. Need funding for this project.

TANZANIA

Tarime-Mara Region – Angel House Orphanage

The United Methodist Angel House Orphanage is an Advance special project (#3020452) with the General Board of Global Ministries that needs teams of volunteers to construct buildings. There are also needs for medical services, particularly for the children and elderly. Besides construction and medical needs, there are also VBS and tutoring/teaching opportunities.

Dar es Salaam - Changombe UMC:

Basic building skills and some land tools needed to do the following:

enlarge classrooms or build new classrooms

finish floor, fix windows, and doors in pastor's house

build a new house for church visitors

They also want to purchase a large site and build different church facilities including schools, guest house, etc.

They are looking for help with Bible school, pre-school, women and youth Bible studies.

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.

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 in building a worship and feeding center as the program seeks to reach more children. Additional information is available at www.zoeministry.org

ZIMBABWE

Macheke – Mufusire Vocational Bible Camp - VIM teams are needed at several churches and parsonages that need various levels of work. VIM teams are also needed at schools to do work on classrooms such as painting, building, working on the water supply and sanitation systems. There are also opportunities to provide educational programs for orphans and children at the church. A variety of supplies are needed such as medicine, school materials, and clothes. Medical teams of doctors, nurses, dentists, and opticians are needed and welcomed. Malaria is a common ailment. The in-country project coordinator is willing to work with the unique vision of interested VIM teams in any of these capacities. Additional information is available at www.umczimbabwe.org

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Asia/Pacific

PHILIPPINES

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, that 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, that 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.

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:

Phase 1: toilet block for boys, girls, and staff on the ground floor -
PRIORITY

Phase 2: ground floor veranda and staircase connecting the two existing buildings

Phase 3: first floor veranda

Phase 4: first floor classrooms - three are needed over the ground floor hall

Phase 5: first floor classrooms - two are needed over the ground floor classrooms

Phase 6: first floor toilet block

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.

Caribbean

BAHAMAS

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. More information about the UMC in Cuba is available at imecu.org.

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

DOMINICA

Construction and VBS teams needed for Wesley Church Hall, Office, and Vestry: construction teams needed; VBS teams welcome.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

UMVIM Individual Volunteers Kim and Damon Bland help coordinate teams to Dominican Republic, and there are many opportunities for youth teams in the area. [Visit their website](#) for projects, itineraries, and contact information for the Blands.

GRENADA

Wesley House -- Wesley House needs urgent repairs. This project has been in delayed in recent years due to other church construction projects after Hurricane Ivan. The building requires general maintenance and upgrading, with special consideration to be given to the lower level of the building, with the intention of leasing out the excess space as office

accommodations. Donation from teams \$4-5K. Room and board at Bethel Hall UMC, \$20 per night.

Constantine Methodist Church -- The original church building was destroyed by a hurricane. However, this project has been in delayed in recent years due to other church construction projects after Hurricane Ivan. A new church building (for approximately 300 worshippers) needs to be constructed, but not in the exact location, as there are plans for road improvement adjacent to the site. Donation from teams \$4-5K. Room and board at Bethel Hall UMC, \$20 per night.

HAITI

See www.umvimhaiti.com for current information.

Central America

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 [\[#014060 - Salud y Paz\]](#)

EL SALVADOR

Nueva Jeresalen

Teams are needed to build a Sunday School classroom for an existing church in Ahuachapan.

Methodist Housing Project

Teams are needed to build simple homes for families tha own land but live in either over-crowded 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 \$4,000.

Methodist Medical Clinics

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 or as a mobile clinic, depending on the immediate need. Teams will need to provide medications.

Vida Nueva

Teams are needed to rebuild Iglesia Nueva Vida, a Methodist church in San Salvador. The property was previously rented and used as a restaurant. However, the church now owns the property and plans to rebuild a more functional church facility. These plans include constructing a two-story church building, as well as a Methodist clinic.

BELIZE

Priority Projects for 2010:

Ebenezer Circuit: construction teams to help finish off teacher's house at Burrel Boom and a new church construction at Belama

Wesley Circuit: construction team to build a technical/vocational training center and extra primary classroom space

Stann Creek: Epworth Church needs a new roof.

Other needs:

Belize also accepts medical/dental teams at any time and to any where. However, they have a clinic at Forest Home in Toledo and an eye clinic in Corozal.

The Methodist Church of Belize also welcome teams willing to help with VBS, particularly in Belize City in July and August.

COSTA RICA

Latin American Biblical University

The Latin American Biblical University in Costa Rica needs some work teams to complete small apartments for the Women's Study program. This is a beautiful place to work and team members can stay on campus. This would be a great project for teams that would like to work outside of the USA but want an easy cultural learning experience.

Other projects include painting student housing, carpentry work especially study tables, and outdoor walkways to improve safety issues.

Costa Rica Mission Projects

Costa Rica Mission Projects (www.costaricamissionprojects.com) has several projects for teams, including the following:

La Bonita de Changuena - From January through April of this year we will be back in La Bonita de Changuena, in the mountains of Southern Costa Rica. We built a new sanctuary there last year. This year the project consists of two classrooms, two bathrooms, and a storage room. It should be complete in April 2010.

K37 - The retreat center at Kilometer 37 is almost done. We need to finish the secondary roof around the open air gym and finish the bathrooms/changing rooms next to the gym and put the finishing touches on the three cabins and dining hall. After that we'll re-paint everything and do some general sprucing up before declaring this 4 year project complete!

Piedras Blancas - The sanctuary in Piedras Blancas is 90 percent complete and Pastor William has about 100 people coming for worship. We hope to finish the last details of this building project during the summer of 2010.

There are still some spaces available for 2010 and programming is already underway for 2011 teams. There has been discussion about the community needs with the local Superintendents and it looks like building will begin on a new parsonage in Ciudad Cortez, along the southern coastal highway, along with assisting with the completion of a big building project at the Central Methodist church in Alajuela. Please visit the web site or contact Wil Bailey, Costa Rica's VIM Coordinator, by emailing him at wil@costaricamissionprojects.com

Strong Missions

Central Valley, Carrillos de Poas, Costa Rica has opportunities for church, school, house, and playground construction. Other opportunities include children's feeding program support, children's school scholarship programs, sewing and wood-working shops, medical and dental teams, and VBS. Please see the Strong Missions website for more information about these projects in Costa Rica: www.strongmissions.com or strongmissions.blogspot.com.

Rice and Beans Ministries

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

www.riceandbeansministries.com

Will and Ella Faircloth

The Faircloths serve as Individual Volunteers in Costa Rica. Please see their website for volunteer opportunities:

<http://fairclothcostarica.com/default.aspx>

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

Ciudad Espana - latrines

Talanga - surgical teams

MAMA Project (Mujeres Amigas Miles Apart)

The MAMA Project welcomes short-term medical teams for deworming and vitamin A distribution.

Carolina Honduras Health Foundation Limon

Limon Clinic receives medical teams, health care workers, support/construction teams and individuals year-round.

Project Honduras

Project Honduras has opportunities for church building, remodeling and repair. Multiple on-going projects with community and church, including church repairs and re-modeling. VBS and medical teams also accepted. Youth welcome.

Limon – Leonarda’s Home of Hope, Inc. (LHOH)

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 will help provide further education of the children. LHOH supports English and computer classes for the children. Day to day medical services are provided through the Carolina Honduras Health Foundation (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.
www.leonardashomeofhope.com

NICARAGUA

El Ayudante

El Ayudante partners with the Nicaraguan people working under the authority of the local and national government to bring hope and change to every aspect of community. The highest priority at El Ayudante is to meet the needs of at-risk children in Nicaragua. El Ayudante's on-campus child protection center provides opportunities to serve children who have been abused and abandoned. Construction teams made up of general laborers, electricians, plumbers, or skilled construction workers will work alongside national contractors/laborers and local volunteers on these projects.

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. The Special Needs School of Leon also needs resource materials for teachers and students for both on- and off-campus instruction through the "early intervention program."

El Porvenir Watershed Protection

The Methodist Church of Nicaragua - 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.

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

ISLA

ISLA needs teams in the border town of Jalapa. This year they have openings for five teams for medical, construction, and educational support. They also need four teams to help with an on-going project with teams in January, March, June, and October. \$1250 per person, plus airfare. Minimum age is 14 years old. Construction and maintenance projects are defined by the community and limited to local hospitals and area schools. Pap smear screening and follow-up program is needed, along with mental health program assistance and wound clinics in local villages. Housing is a double-occupancy hotel.

The Methodist Church of Nicaragua

The Methodist Church of Nicaragua: needs a nurse or MD to work with persons in very poor areas of Managua, especially to promote the practice of preventive medicine.

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

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 6th 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.

Europe

CZECH REPUBLIC

[\[#00399A - Czech Republic In Mission Together\]](#)

Bechyne UMC

Bechyne UMC is located southwest of Prague. The church house needs cleaning and painting. Details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible).

Jablonne UMC

Jablonne UMC northeast of Prague – small church that needs work to level the ground and build stonewalls around the small house that was recently renovated for worship. Estimated cost is \$20 per day. The local church would be very encouraged by a VIM team!

Litomerice UMC

Litomerice UMC north of Prague – beautiful town full of old houses and quiet places. The 1921 church needs help turning basement of the building into rooms for children, families, and outreach activities. Work may include replacing windows, painting, cleaning, construction, gardening. Cost per day for room is \$5 (guest rooms in parsonage) and \$15 for meals. Suitable dates are from April to June.

Protivin UMC

Protivin UMC south of Prague - Construction work. Number of participants: 5-8. Further details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible).

Camp Veselka

Camp Veselka southwest of Prague. This facility is located in the country and is used for family recreation and spiritual retreats from May to September. It can sleep 24 people in 8 bedrooms and has a kitchen, toilets, dining room, meeting room, recreational room, plus an outdoor play area. There are hiking and biking trails nearby. Work needs include painting and repair of wooden fence around the property, painting of window and door frames, walls of the building and renovation of the recreation center. The outdoor grounds need playground equipment, picnic tables and a gazebo. Cost per person per day for room and meals is \$15. Cost for materials for the work is about \$2000. June is a suitable time for volunteers.

Camp Poust

Camp Poust southwest of Prague. 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 Sept. 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 that need renovation. Work that needs to be done includes; painting a fence around the property (metal posts and wire mesh), build a small wooden building near the river for camper use and equipment storage, work on the cabins and another building, such as painting and installation of wooden paneling on indoor walls, and a number of smaller miscellaneous projects. Cost per person per day for room and meals \$15. Cost of material for the work about \$2000. Suitable dates - June or September

Plzen-Maranatha UMC

Plzen-Maranatha UMC west of Prague needs help cleaning, rebuilding an old house for the church ministry to drug addicts. They would like to paint the outdoor railings of a large apartment complex (they rent one apartment in this building) used to house poor people (mostly gypsies) as a community improvement project, and would invite a VIM team to jointly do this project with their clients. Other opportunities include Teaching English, maybe music, working with children and youth in churches, both short term and long term stay.

Prague-Horni Pocernice Diakonie-Christian Help Center in Praha (Prague)

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 a UMC conference center. Part of it is already being used for this purpose, plus housing families in need (mainly Gypsy). The work will be divided into several parts that can be accomplished independently. The work may be: reconstruction, repair of roof, repair of the wall around the Center, construction of a storage building for furniture and materials, reconstruction of the wall and spring in front of the whole Center, gardening, preparing program for clients - children and families. VIM teams are housed and fed right on the property for \$ 15 per person per day, and the small UMC is right next door for worship. Any financial contribution by the VIM team is welcome. Preferred dates - March to October.

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>

Entrepierres 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 2010-2012 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.landensen.com

LITHUANIA

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

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

MACEDONIA

[\[#00220A - Macedonia In Mission Together\]](#)

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 (songs, games, pantomime, crafts, etc.)

Participants: up to 8 persons

Length of time

Strumica (and nearby villages)

English camps (songs, games, pantomime, crafts, etc.)

Participants: up to 8 persons

Length of time: 5 days

Time: June 15-July 30

POLAND

[\[#00408A - Poland In Mission Together\]](#)

Kielce

Drama/Pantomime for Polish Methodist Youth

Project cost: USD 4,000.00

Worship/Gospel Workshop for Polish Methodist Youth

Project cost: USD 4,000.00

Construction work, adding new building to Kielce UMC

Participants: at least 5 people

Project Cost: USD 25,000-30,000

Kielce and Chalupki

Construction work, improving homeless shelter in two locations

Participants: at least 5 people

Project cost: USD 5,000.00—15,000.00

Zaborze

VBS / Indian Village for about 200 children from 8 to 14

Participants: 12 to 14 people, 2 team leaders

Project cost: USD 6,000.00

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

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

[\[#00236A - Slovakia In Mission Together\]](#)

2010 Projects:

Partizanske

Planned work: scraping and repainting the fence around the church property, yard work.

The price of the project: 350 Euros

Number of people: 5

Length of the project: 6 days

Bratislava

Planned work: reconstruction of the sanctuary, some demolishing, moving all the pews out of the sanctuary, then moving them back, tile work, painting.

The price of the project: 3000 Euros

Number of people: 10

Length of the project: 7 days

Piestany

Planned work: English camp for children and youth.

The price of the project: depends on what type of curriculum is used – needs to be purchased in the USA

Number of people: 8-10

Length of the project: 7 days

Sered

Planned work: replacing windows in the sanctuary, insulating the building.

The price of the project: 3000 Euros

Number of people: 10

Length of the project: 6-10 days

Slavkovce

Planned work: pulling down the wall between two rooms in the church building to get a larger space, some repairs in the attic, facade on the church building.

The price of the project: 5000 Euros (note – the projects need to be split into phases)

Number of people: 10

Length of the project: 7 - 10 days

Kosice

Planned work: helping with evangelizational programs in a mission tent and bus.

Number of people: any

Length of the project: 5 days

Velke Kapusany

Planned work: replacing of the entrance door and windows, build a gate and a catwalk over a ditch, build flushing toilets and connect them to the sewer.

The price of the project: 2000 Euros (the projects can be done separately)

Number of people: two teams of 6

Length of the project: 7 days

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 are needing 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. 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, <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.

We are look forward to receiving teams.

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. 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

Kathie Mann, Texas Conference, texaspm@methodists.net, 713/521-9383. 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.

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

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

Olive Planting/Picking Programs

There are volunteer opportunities in regard to the protection of Palenstinian 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 to early to start planning!

Keeping Hope Alive is another program that offers opportunities to sponsor an olive tree.

Hebron, West Bank: Hebron Rehabilitation Committee.

Rebuild/restore historic buildings in Old City of Hebron (City of Abraham). Office assistance for those who can't do construction.

Wadi Foukin, West Bank: Future Vision.

Maintenance, refurbish children's preschool and community center.

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).

Bethlehem, West Bank: Diyar/Dar el Kaleima.

General finishing work on newly constructed campus, painting, landscaping, moving in new furniture, set up classroom. Guest house on site.

Zababdeh, West Bank: St. George's Church (Melkite).

Basic construction, general manual labor, bricklayer/mason helpful, gardening. Very small addition to church to be used as kindergarted and meeting room, construction of wall needed. Hostel or apartment.

Ibillin, Galilee: Mar Elias Educational Inst's.

General maintenance, light construction, painting, gardening. Guesthouse on site. [\[#3020532 - Mar Elias Peace Study Center\]](#)

Bethlehem: Bethlehem Bible College.

Building and Maintenance Work. Currently, our vision is to finish the interior of the newly constructed Student Center building. Need for medical services, as well. Guest house on site.

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

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: Four Homes of Mercy.

Help with physical therapy, meals, laundry, gardening, assistance with severely handicapped patients.

Beit Jala: The Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation.

Can use therapy workers to teach new methods.

South America

BOLIVIA

Evangelical Methodist Church of Bolivia
2010 Top Priorities:

The Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia seeks VIM Teams to assist with the following projects. The minimum requested financial assistance for construction projects is \$2,000.00. This money insures there are adequate materials on hand for work activities when teams arrive. If you are interested in bringing a team to Bolivia, we can provide detailed information and probably even pictures for any project in which you are interested.

Construction Teams:

Good News Church – La Paz (Iglesia Buenas Nuevas) - New Construction for an existing church that has been badly damaged by landslides in the Pampahasi section of the capital city of La Paz.

Mt. Horeb Church – La Paz (Iglesia Monte de Hóreb) - Construction of a church in progress in La Paz that is helping to house a family and store possessions for 4 families who lost homes to landslides (a different church than above).

The Sower Church – Tupiza (Iglesia El Sembrador) - Construction of a church in progress in Tupiza (in the department of Potosi in southern Bolivia).

Manco Kapac Church (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) - Construction of a set of guest rooms in progress for another church in the city of Copacabana (shore of Lake Titicaca).

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

Lake District Office - New Construction of a 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 deteriorates quickly.

Methodist Home for the Elderly – site to be determined. New construction of the first Methodist home for the elderly near La Paz. It is preferred that a team of Older Adults from the US 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.

Hotel John Wesley – La Paz (Huéspedes John Wesley) – The Methodist Church in Bolivia purchased one of the most famous landmarks in the capital city of La Paz in 2008 – the ex-Hotel Sucre. The hotel building is nearly 80 years old and has housed both Bolivian and US presidents. It is hoped the hotel will provide needed low cost housing for church members needing to travel to La Paz from around the country as well as serve VIM teams, tourists and business travelers. The hotel currently needs teams willing to paint and help with general maintenance and light improvements.

Medical, VBS, Women’s Encounters Youth Teams, etc.

We also encourage visits from teams based on medical needs – doctors, nurses, dentists, surgeons, etc. The Bolivian Methodist church currently operates seven clinics – most in very rural areas of the country - as well as two hospitals. There is an especial need for US professionals to train the local clinic and hospital staff as well as surrounding community health promoters in the treatment, prevention and general healthcare. In the coming years, there will be a need for geriatric specialists for the Methodist Home for the Elderly.

Youth and VBS teams can be organized and placed according to available of VIM teams. Often these events can be programmed to coincide with construction or medical teams.

Beginning in 2010, the church will hold its first Women’s Encounter providing the opportunity for women in Bolivia and the United States to share their cultures, spirituality, lifestyles, crafts/hobbies, and even fashions.

Contact the Office of Promotions for more information or to schedule a team.

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

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.

ISEAT - The Andean Ecumenical Institute of Theology La Paz: Teams sought for general repair of facilities and plumbing work.

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.

Other Construction Projects for 2010:

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\]](#)

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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.

VENEZUELA

Maripa Bolivar State

Construction of Workshop for Indigenous Women: The Indigenous Women Formation Center is place that helps compliment abilities and potential in the areas of health, micro enterprising, and community leadership among the Yekwana, Jibi, 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.