

Mission Memos – December 2007

Include Thanks-living with Thanks-giving: Check out Enough for Everyone web site: <http://www.pcusa.org/enough/thanksgiving>

SUPPORT FOR MISSIONS:

71 Churches: That's how many have committed to supporting a specific missionary. Has yours?

Support mission programs in Malawi and Guatemala with **Christmas donations**. Cards and card inserts are available to give others letting them know of contributions made in their honor. \$25 donation to Nkhoma Hospital, Children's Scholarship, Lay Leader Training for Health programs in Guatemala for a card; \$10 for a card insert. For \$10 there is a card available for adults to give to children (Nkhoma Hospital and Guatemala children's scholarship program) and for \$2 each cards for children to give (food for children in Malawi or Guatemala, mosquito nets for Malawi and school supplies for Guatemala). Contact Ginnie Stevens or Lisa Pressley in Presbytery office for more information.

Recommend musicians/groups to perform at one of the **2008 Frozen Chosen....Thawed Out events**. Form attached. Performances scheduled for
March 2, 3-5:00 pm at Grace Covenant Church
March 30 – Gastonia or Hickory/Morganton
April 6: Gastonia or Hickory/Morganton

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSION CO-WORKERS: Read information and newsletters of PCUSA missionaries at www.pcusa.org/missionconnections.

John McCall: See an Associated Press audio/video report about John's ministry at http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/files/specials/interactives/_international/taiwan_holyhills/index.html?SITE=AP

- o For the new program at the seminary in which second year students are mentored and nurtured through their 4th year in the pastorate.
- o For the six students whom he took to Taize, France, and John as he disciples them once a month in Taize worship services.
- o For the complexity in relationships between the US, Taiwan and China, especially as it regards to a proposed referendum in Taiwan next spring for Taiwan to join the United Nations under the name of Taiwan.

Debbie & Del Braaksma, missionaries to Sudan: Debbie visited PWNC last year and some of our churches are supporting them. Del is working to get the goat project (supported by PWNC Nickel a Meal money) off the ground.

- o Sudan needs our prayers. The South has decided to suspend its involvement in the Government of National Unity. Rev. John Okumu, one of our board members who has been a leader in the peace process, has asked us to urge the friends and supporters of RECONCILE to keep this delicate situation in your prayers. Thanks.
- o Del is working to get the RECONCILE goat project (supported by PWNC Nickel a Meal money) off the ground. The barn is ready and our colleagues are excited. In Yei, a city of 200,000, there is no fresh milk for purchase – only powdered. Our family made a trip to Mbale to view/learn from an exemplary dairy goat project and to initiate things on purchase of a breeding unit (a buck and 4 does) of Toggenburg goats which will be taken to Yei soon.

Becca Young: It appears that she will soon be moving to a new place. Hallelujah!

Les & Cindy Morgan, missionaries to Bangladesh (supported by two PWNC churches): Their 22 year old son Everett has been diagnosed with cancer of the pelvis and is undergoing intensive and long-term treatment in Houston, TX.

Barbara Nagy and daughters Melia, Anna, and Happy:

- o For Happy's adoption; there still has been no process!
- o For Barbara's parents who are in very poor health.

PWNC Guatemala Partnership Committee (Randall Boggs, Judy Nebrig, Barbara Hosbein, and Ginnie Stevens, along with Bill Hosbein and Lee Stewart) as they are in Guatemala, December 3-13 for the annual meetings of the three committees.

MISSION TEAMS: Contact Presbytery office for applications.

February 2-9: Disaster Recovery Team to Gulf Coast

March 24-April 2: Church Partner Delegation to Guatemala

May: Malawi (exact dates tba)

Mid-June : Puentes de Cristo, Mexico (exact dates tba)

November 1-8: Disaster Recovery Team to Gulf Coast

URBAN MISSION SITES:

1. Government Street Presbyterian Church sponsors Urban Mission Trips. Saturday evening through Friday morning; \$230/participant for lodging, meals, planned mission activities and a tee shirt; rising 9th graders and up; one adult (25 years or older) per seven campers. For more info: http://www.gspcmobile.org/Urban_Missions/UrbanMissionsPage.htm
2. DOOR. Sites in Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Hollywood, Miami, and San Antonio for junior high through adult. The cost is \$275/participant for lodging, meals, logistical arrangements, a t-shirt, speakers and guided reflections. It is also possible to do a weekend program for between \$75-\$135/participant. For more info: <http://www.doornetwork.org/index.htm>

EDUCATION & RESOURCES:

Mission Challenge '07 DVD: Sent to every congregation. The first segment is contains photos and stories of several missionaries known in PWNC. Can you find Ellen Dozier, Frank and Nancy Dimmock, John McCall, Les and Cindy Morgan, Larry & Inge Streshley, and Mark Hare? FPC, Belmont is using it in new member classes! What a great way to acquaint people with the mission of the PCUSA and our "connectional system!"

Feb 17-20, 2008 in Memphis Tennessee for the first annual ***Presbyterians Making a Difference Conference***. A group of programs including National Health Ministries, Peacemaking, Self Development of People, the Hunger Program, and the Office of Child Advocacy have joined together to create a unique opportunity to learn of and experience, model programs, demonstrations and skill building for Presbyterians who are interested in becoming more engaged in the life of your congregation or in making a difference in your community.

"Safety on the Internet" is a DVD and CD that leaders and teachers can use to educate children and youth about staying safe while using the internet. It includes a leader's guide, printable documents for kids and their parents, and puzzles for younger children. Available on loan from PWNC Resource Center; to order a free copy, write Protect Every Child, P. O. Box 749, Knightdale, NC 27545, e-mail soapbox@bellsouth.net, or call 919-266-0506.