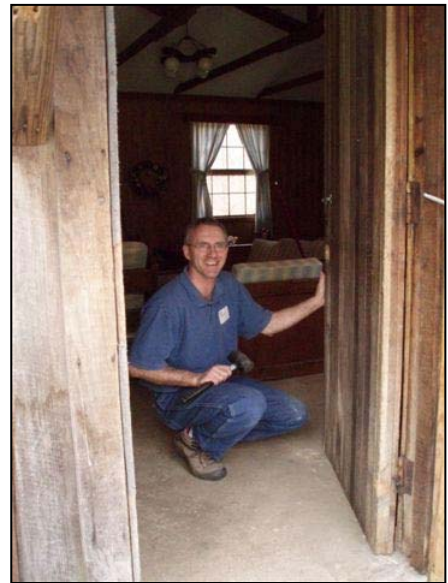


# MISSION MEMOS – MAY 2008

## **SUCCESSFUL “HELPING HANDS” AT CAMP GRIER...**

and a great time was had by all! Approximately 65 people from 14 churches showed up to do much needed repairs and prepare the camp for summer. The shower stalls in a girls' bath house were brought up to code. Curtains were sewed, ironed, and put up; screens built and installed; every single window washed; walls and mattresses scrubbed; bathrooms cleaned and painted. The grounds cleaned up; new swings were hung, flower beds cleaned. The camp kitchen was painted. The trail to Global Village and a nature trail were blazed.



There are so many people to thank, it's impossible to do. But just as examples of the great volunteers that came, John Bowles of Glen Alpine arrived at 8:15 am and stayed until 7 pm to complete the task of putting on door knobs. Karen Evans of Waldensian has made it a project to get the rest of the curtains made and installed. And, oh, the staff of Camp Grier deserves applause for the long hours of planning and living with uncertainty required to make this happen! Clap, clap, clap!

**But the beat goes on!** First, donations to pay for the supplies used are still badly needed. \$750 was contributed, but \$2500 was spent. Donations can be mailed directly to Camp Grier, POB 490, Old Fort, NC 28762. If anyone is able to donate grey shingles to re-roof a building, contact the Camp at 828-668-7793. If you (and a couple of friends) want to help stain the remaining buildings, paint bathrooms, or do some other work, also call the Camp.

Churches participating include: Waynesville, Warren Wilson, Waldensian, Union, Southminster, Rutherfordton, Hickory, Grace Covenant, Glen Alpine, Franklin, Dallas, Canton, Burnsville, Brevard-Davidson River, Black Mountain. Also a couple folks from Charlotte Presbytery and five former counselors came to help. THANKS BE TO GOD!

**BRAAKSMA'S, MISSIONARIES TO SUDAN, VISIT PWNC IN JULY:** Del and Debbie Braaksma, will be in WNC July 24-29, speaking in various parts of the Presbytery and completing their time with us at the Presbytery meeting on July 29. Del works with the “goat project” supported by Nickel a Meal funds and Debbie is involved with the process of reconciliation among Southern Sudanese. There will be three or four other opportunities to hear these wonderful people. Their schedule should be on the web site and e-mailed to churches next month. Read about them at <http://www.pcusa.org/missionconnections/profiles/braaksmad.htm>.

**ELLEN DOZIER & MISSION POSITION IN GUATEMALA:** Thanks to an individual donation of \$40,000, there is enough money for World Missions to begin the search for someone to continue Ellen's ministry with women in Guatemala! **However, churches that have been supporting her are urged to continue support for the position so the full amount is raised.** Ellen is back in the US, but traveling in other parts of the country now. She will be willing and very eager to speak in PWNC churches beginning in June, when she is officially retired. You can reach her on her cell phone (828-335-9633) or by e-mail: [ellendozier@hotmail.com](mailto:ellendozier@hotmail.com).

## UPCOMING MISSION TEAMS

**Guatemala: April 18-25: Health Ministries Team.** Pray for Dr. Doug Michael, Buzz Durham and Judy Nebrig as they meet with Jt. Health Committee in Guatemala to reorganize and plan for the future. Tracey King, PCUSA Liaison for Central America will be facilitating the meeting. Please pray for all of them, including the Guatemalan members of the Committee: Jose Asencio and Victor Batz (Suchi) and Ruben Morales and Maura Echiverria (Sur Occidente)

**Malawi:** See Information about Opportunities to Donate and Prayer flyer  
May 8-19: Team #1  
May 20-June 3: Team #2

## Gulf Coast:

**November 1-8: Next PWNC team. See application form.**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Teams:

- June 8-14 and June 15-21: Father & Son Work Teams. For more information and to register: 866-732-6121
- June 22-27: Youth teams (ages 16+ with 1:5 adult ratio). Team leaders contact PDA Call Center: 866-732-6121

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITES:

May 14: Faith-Based Organizations: Partnering with Public Health for Pan Flu & Disaster Preparedness. Harris Conference Center in Charlotte. The brochure can be found at (<http://www.charmeck.org/NR/rdonlyres/eriddio4tdorjw3zcvxqbwoptrhlsplpyllwqrr7redmfm27zxvsacws2vrh6x2fm6atu2f53obtdnsob4vkb62e6e/invitePHRST.pdf>)

Aug 9: Workshops related to Outreach at Let's Celebrate, FPC, Morganton.

From Peace & Justice Committee:

**JOYS AND CHALLENGES OF MINISTRY WITH LATINOS IN WNC  
THE GIFT OF CONFLICT  
"IT'S NOT EASY BEIN' GREEN"**

From Missions Committee:

**"HELPING HANDS" AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS IN THE LOCAL CONGREGATION  
YOUTH IN MISSION  
GUATEMALA HEALTH MINISTRIES PROGRAM**

From Hunger Committee:

**ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE**

For more information, go to

[http://www.presbyterywnc.org/content/monthly\\_update/2008/04\\_april/documents/p15.pdf](http://www.presbyterywnc.org/content/monthly_update/2008/04_april/documents/p15.pdf).

Registration material will be available soon on the web site or from Presbytery office.

**NEW WORLD MISSION WEB PAGE...** A new Web page related to Presbyterian World Mission (<http://www.pcusa.org/worldmission>) has been launched. The page includes a message from World Mission director Hunter Farrell (which will be regularly updated), a video on the work of mission worker Dusty Ellington in Egypt, and mission news. It also links to the programs related to the World Mission ministry area sorted by the three primary emphases of World Mission: sending mission personnel, equipping the PC(USA) for mission, and empowering the global church.