



MISSION & OUTREACH Minutes from Oct. 11, 2009 Room 316 MFLC

With respect to starting on time and finishing on time, please limit your discussion to no more than 10 minutes.

- **Introductions**
- **Devotion – Larry and Jean Brown**
- **Perfect Gift Market – Ann Murrah, Jeanne Bushong**
 - 2008 value of gifts = \$9639, 409 gifts, 53 givers.
 - For 2009, need:
 - 1)marketing suggestions on how to make it easy for people to understand how Perfect Gift Market works and
 - 2)volunteers to work in courtyard in December to sell the gifts
 - 3) Suggestion was made to visit the SS classes and share about PGM
- **College Ministry – Ann Gay**
 - Sends out 2 care package boxes per year, fall and spring.
 - Main need is for addresses of the college students – local, out of town, etc. Parents not responding to Ann’s email request for their addresses.
 - Suggestion to place article in The View and Bulletin
 - Also needed: homemade cookies, packing help, monetary donations.
- **Food Drive – Lynn Klann.**
 - Working thru Eatonville Boys and Girls Club this year to distribute food
 - Goal is for 1000 meals
 - Looking for a \$5.00 donation with the food donations in order to purchase hams
 - Nov. 1st – bags with list of items needed go out to the congregation
 - Nov. 8th – food collection begins
 - Nov. 19th – distribution of food
 - Winn Dixie is donating bags and also helping secure order of hams
- **Kenya Panua – John King**
 - Panua is a microfinance ministry that links FUMCWP to the Methodist church in Navaisha. It was started in 2008, with 27 small business loans distributed during mission trip. Loan amounts range from \$70 to \$285. 24 of the loans were made to women. 7 of the loans have been paid back in full. A few examples of businesses receiving loans are welding, deep fryer for small restaurant, coffee making, reselling shoes or clothes at the marketplace.

- This model works well for screening and extending the loan and accountability for payback.
- More dollars are needed to fund more loans.
- **Zoe Navaisha – Ben Richards**
 - FUMCWP will be working with Methodist church of Navaisha to establish ZOE concept with 100 orphan families in Navaisha.
 - ZOE concept teaches and enables orphan families to become self sufficient in 3 years.
 - Team of 5 from YAK, staff, and lay will meet to determine next steps and fund raising needed.
- **Bicycle Blessings – Brian and Amber Woodard**
 - Goal is to refurbish and distribute 300 bikes. Have 55 to date.
 - Someone has come forward to donate all of the helmets and locks.
 - Need teacher connections to determine those in need of bikes
 - Refurbishing your bike before donating enables a quicker turnaround to get to the recipient.
 - Any questions or comments can go to bicycleblessings@hotmail.com
 - Check out this website for more information:
http://www.fumcwp.org/ministries/outreach/bicycle_blessings/
- **The Giving Trees – Lee Anne Leerdam**
 - Benefitting 300 school children
 - Schools involved are Mollie Rae, Hungerford, Fern Creek, Lake Silver, and ???
 - 50 students from each school will be selected by guidance counselors and faculty/staff to receive the gifts
 - Guideline for spending is \$20 per child and possibly gift cards to a grocery store for food purchases.
 - Children's clothing size, shoe size, and favorite character will be provided.
 - Nov. 22 – trees will go up
 - Dec. 14 – gifts must be returned to the church
 - Dec. 17 – gifts go to the schools.
- **UMCOR – Nancy and Al Richter**
 - Mission trip with FUMC Orlando to work at the UMCOR warehouse in Baldwin LA. Nancy and Al Richter and Bud Vann attending from FUMCWP. Nov 1-8
 - FUMCWP will host a trip to UMCOR for the first time in 2010! These trips are very popular and therefore difficult to book due to lack of available weeks. Ten spots will be available and date of trip is Sept. 12-17th.
 - The Richters will be taking school bags collected from our church to UMCOR. They will be taking 200 bags versus the original goal of 100 bags!
 - 2010 District Challenge has been issued to fill up a semi truck with supplies donated by churches in the district for the UMCOR depot. The truck has been donated...we just need to fill it up!
- **Daily Bread – Footie Massing**
 - Successful past hosting in September.
 - 2010 dates are Feb. 1-5 and Sept. 13-17th.
- **Thanksgiving Dinner – Tracy Matheson**
 - Nov. 22 – Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for senior citizens at FUMCWP provided by students in Elevate. Additional meals will be prepared and taken to residents at the Center for Independent Living.

- Thanksgiving Day – FUMCWP will host the residents of Covenant House with a full day of fun starting with church, then football on the big screen in the MFLC, meal prep (Ruth Circle helping) and finishing with a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for everyone!

- **His Heart Ministry – Tracy Matheson**
 - Safe Families informational meeting on Oct. 20th at 7pm
 - Safe Families is managed by Bethany Christian Services and provides safe homes for children in crisis for up to 90 days. This is a shorter term than foster care and prevents children needing quick temporary help from getting lost in the foster care system.

- **Miscellaneous –**
 - Carol and Tracy will be meeting with mission and outreach leaders in upcoming weeks for 2010 planning.
 - Email and website updates are posted for IHN volunteer sign-ups. Next hosting begins Nov.1st.

- **Remaining meetings for 2009:**
 - November 8 - facilitated by Charlotte and Dave Nielson
 - Devotion by Tom McKean