

March 25, 2010 - Missions and Outreach Committee Report - BRUMC Church Council
Lorraine Griffin – Chairperson
16 member committee – Last meeting February 28, 2010, next meeting March 28, 2010
20 active Mission and Outreach programs at present

Appalachian Service Project

Under discussion at this time to see if we will continue and/or form an adult team.

Book Bags of Love

Ongoing - Collect food for 35 children and their families from Lebanon Road Elementary School to provide weekend meals. Barry Smith is overseeing this program, has developed a website and he is working with corporate sponsors. BBoL is also working with other churches in the area to train them on this worthwhile and successful outreach for support of children and their families in surrounding communities.

Children's Ministries

June 14-18, 2010 "Vacation Bible School" Carmel Feldman will meet with our committee this weekend to discuss the Missions and Outreach possibilities for this event. It is our hope to get the children more hands on with projects out in the community this year.

Christmas Family Adoption

Nov. & Dec. - Provide gifts for families through Bethlehem Center.

Community Blood Center of the Carolinas

May 1, 2010 - Community blood drive for area hospitals will coincide with the Methodist Men and Scout-O-Rama event this year. We are trying to secure the Blood Mobile.

Crop Walk

Fall, 2010 – BRUMC members will seek pledges and then walk to raise awareness and funds to fight hunger in the Charlotte community and around the world, sponsored by Church World Service. The dates cannot be set until the Panther's scheduled is released.

ESL - English as a Second Language

25 students are at present attending classes. Teachers: Level I - Alex Smythers
Level II - Ann Smythers and Alex Smythers Level III – Betsy Case, Charlotte Klopp and Cindy Oxendine UMW provided monthly hospitality and snacks for the students and children. There is an ongoing need for additional teachers and volunteers for child care.
Teacher training: April 16 & 17, 2010 at Calvary. Planned Citizenship Classes in the near future with support of the UM District and Bishop.

Financial Peace University

Ongoing – A life-changing 13 week program that teaches BR members and non-members to achieve financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future and giving like never before. 19 families are learning about "Baby Steps" and "Financial Goals" in our present classes.

Gift of Sight

Ongoing - Collect and deliver used glasses (regular/sunglasses, prescription/non-prescription) to local Lions club. There are collection boxes in the FLC and CEB.

Heifer International

Sponsored by BR every other year so we will support this mission in 2011.

Haiti Relief Project/Missionary Outreach

Al & Gail Beisiegel along with the children of the St. Joseph's Family were spared by the grace of our Lord and Savior during the recent 7.0 earthquake in Haiti. Al & Gail plan to continue their work with the children and renovations when they return in September, 2010 for 6 weeks. They plan to make a presentation to the BR family about their experience in the near future as they continue to fund raise (\$5000 to date) at area churches and local civic organizations. Blair Road donated and assembled 347 Health/Hygiene Kits for Haiti disaster relief through UMCOR and raised and donated \$2400 for UMCOR and \$1730 for "Hearts with Haiti."

Hispanic Ministry

Ongoing – Reach out to identify needs and provide support to the Latino community.

Claudia Martinez has joined the Missions & Outreach team as their representative.

It is our goal to encourage better communication and inclusion in our Mission's Ministry.

Kairos Prison Ministry

Spring 2010 Prison Ministry was cancelled and fall dates will be announced soon.

Loaves & Fishes/World Hunger

Ongoing – Raise awareness and provide food and monetary support of local and international food banks. A special offering will be taken the second Sunday of each month to be divided evenly between the local Loaves & Fishes Ministry and World Hunger.

Operation Christmas Child

Oct. -Nov. 2010 – Provide gift shoe boxes for children around the world.

River of Life – Youth Ministry

June 23-27, 2010 Youth Mission Trip

Room in the Inn

Tonight, March 25, 2010 is our last night for this year's season. Each Thursday, December – March BR has served 12 homeless individuals with housing, hospitality, dinner and breakfast. A very special "Thank You" to Al & Gail Beisiegel, Tracy Fisher, and Shirley Wolfe for their outstanding coordination and support of each other. Also thanks to the many weekly volunteers. A dinner prepared by Bob Bryant will be held on April 22 in celebration of all the volunteers that worked together to make this ministry such a success.

Substance Abuse Ministry

To provide a Christian based program of love, respectfulness, confidentiality, and non-judgmental support for members, families, and others. This ministry offers understanding, education, and hope in dealing with substance abuse. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Christian Education Building at 7PM and are confidential.

UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief

July 23 – 31, 2010 – Youth travel to New Orleans, LA. Need funds for food and supplies.

United Methodist Men

Ongoing – Support Scouting Programs, local projects, as well as support of BR programs.

United Methodist Women

Ongoing – Develop a creative, supportive fellowship and expand mission projects through participation in local and global ministries. March 27, 2010 Children's Consignment Sale UMW and Missions will work together on an upcoming Habitat for Humanity Project in Matthews, NC for a single mother with 4 daughters.