

May 27, 2010 - Missions and Outreach Committee Report - BRUMC Church Council

Lorraine Griffin – Chairperson

16 member committee

20 active Mission and Outreach programs at present

On May 1, 2010 in conjunction with the 2nd Annual BR Scout-O-Rama, Missions held a Rummage Sale and was able to raise \$872.20 to support Missions & Outreach projects for this year.

Appalachian Service Project

October 14-17, 2010 Adult team to participate with more information in the future.

Book Bags of Love

Ongoing - Collect food for 30 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 have 5th & 6th graders concentrate on Missions and Outreach to be more hands on with community projects.

Christmas Family Adoption

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

Community Blood Center of the Carolinas

May 1, 2010 - Community Blood Drive – 10:30AM-1:30PM collected 24 pts. of life giving blood to be used in our community for area hospitals.

Crop Walk

October 31, 2010 – Lorie Cillie attended Early Registration on May 25 to receive materials and information on this years walk. 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.

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 for fall classes were held 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. Preview sessions are scheduled for Aug. 16, 18, 26 with classes beginning Thursday, Aug. 26.

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.

Haiti Relief Project/Missionary Outreach

Al & Gail Beisiegel made a presentation to the BR family about their experience on April 18, during the SS hour. They continue to fund raise (over \$6000 to date) and will continue their work with the children and renovations when they return in September, 2010 for 6 weeks. 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

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. Over \$775 for each has been raised for this year.

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

Ended March 25, 2010 for this season. Each Thursday, December – March BR has served 12 homeless individuals with housing, hospitality, dinner and breakfast and a bag lunch to-go. A very special "Thank You" to Al & Gail Beisiegel, Tracy Fisher, and Shirley Wolfe for their outstanding coordination and support. Also thanks to the many weekly volunteers. A celebration dinner prepared by Bob Bryant was held on April 22 in appreciation 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. UMW and Missions will work together on an upcoming Habitat for Humanity Project in Matthews, NC for a single mother with 4 daughters.

Bulletin Boards

Jan. – Financial Peace

Feb. – UMM

Mar. – Haitian Child Adoption

Apr. Hispanic Outreach

May – Missions

June – UMCOR

July - Trinity House in Haiti & Bethlehem Center

Aug. - Book Bags of Love

Sept. - Crop Walk

Oct. - Room in the Inn

Nov. - Angel Tree/Operation Christmas Child

Dec. UMW