

Blair Road UMC 2009 Annual Report - Missions & Outreach
16 Member Team - 21 active annual and ongoing programs

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me” Matthew 2: 35-36

“Thank you” to the BRUMC family and friends for making 2009 Missions & Outreach such a success. The following is a report of the programs and the persons responsible for making it a success. BRUMC Missions & Outreach is successful because of your compassion and generosity. Again, we thank you for your continuous love and support for Missions & Outreach at our church, in our local community, and in our world.

A special “Thank you” goes to our Missions & Outreach Team. The success of each and every program would not be possible without their hard work, dedication and compassion.

Appalachian Service Project - Steve & Carol Cole 704-545-2814 scole1@carolina.rr.com

July 26-Aug. 1, 2009 The theme was “Putting Faith Forward.” 11 youth & 7 adults provide general labor for home repairs for 7 families in Knox County, KY.

June 6, 2009 Fundraiser – Church Yard Sale - June 15, 2009 Fundraiser - Chick-fil-A night

Book Bags of Love - Dawn Fike 704-847-6642 dmfikel@Carolina.rr.com

Ashlyn McCall – 704-953-8304 ashlynmccall@gmail.com

52 weeks per year - Provide nutritional weekend meals for 30 children and their families from Lebanon Road Elementary School. For more details visit www.bookbagsoflove.org

Bethlehem Center Clothing Drive - Ashlyn McCall – 704-953-8304 ashlynmccall@gmail.com

Oct. 18 – Nov. 15, 2009 Clothing Drive - 75 to 100 new and gently used coats, hats, gloves and scarves for children, youth and adults were collected for our local community.

Children’s Ministries – Carmel Feldman 704-953-2194 cafeldman@carolina.rr.com

June 22-26, 2009 “The Edge Vacation Bible School” 188 children and 60 adults/youth participated. Children stuffed “Comfort Critters” (sea turtles) to donate to the local police and fire-fighters for children in crisis. Some will go with our youth groups on mission trips for local children and others will be sent to foreign countries to support mission work. The 17- 5th/6th graders provided supplies and “House Warming” gifts for families of Habitat for Humanity in Matthews, NC. We were all amazed at the level of understanding and excitement that the children showed during the week of how God is with them everywhere, everyday!

Christmas Family Adoption – Jeannie Parker 704-545-1373 jatp3@aol.com

Nov. & Dec. - Provide gifts and grant wished during the Christmas Season for 16 families and additional 35 children in need through Bethlehem Center and local to Mint Hill. Sunday School classes as well as individuals chose names and granted wishes.

Community Blood Center of the Carolinas – Beth Baine 704-573-7726 bethbaine@bellsouth.net

Coordinate yearly blood drive for hospitals in the Charlotte area.

May 2, 2009 - Community blood drive for area hospitals was successful.

November 7, 2009 – Blood Drive was successful.

Crop Walk - Lorie Cillie 704-957-4238 lorelhp@aol.com

Oct. 4, 2009 – 9 members of BRUMC received pledges of \$810.00 and then walked to raise awareness and fight hunger in the Charlotte community and around the world, sponsored by Church World Services. Lunch was prepared by church members and served in the Fellowship Room to participants before their departure.

ESL-English as a Second Language - Alex & Ann Smythers 704-258-0361

annsmythers@carolina.rr.com Teach 3 levels of free English classes, books cost \$25.00.

25 international students graduated in May, 2009. 22 students are currently attending weekly classes Tuesdays & Thursdays 7-8:30 PM that will end May 2010. Thanks to our teachers, childcare providers and UMW for monthly hospitality and snacks for the students and children. Child care is paid through Missions budget and grant money. Volunteers are still needed.

Financial Peace University- Kim Heimbach 704-545-7728 kheimbach@carolina.rr.com

A life-changing 13 week program that teaches individuals and families to achieve financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future and giving like never before. Preview Sessions are offered to those who might be interested before classes begin. Two FPU classes were held in the fall, 2009. During the classes, nine families reduced their total debt by \$59,105 with one family becoming debt free except for their mortgage. The group also saved a total of \$20,183. In 2009, a total of 67 class members paid off \$210,200 of debt and saved \$58,912. FPU is changing lives at BRUMC. New classes begin in Feb. 2010. For more information visit www.daveramsey.com.

Gift of Sight- Sharon Beal 704-545-3301 sbeal001@carolina.rr.com 101 pairs of used eye glasses (regular/sunglasses, prescription/non-prescription) were collected and delivered to the local Lion's Club drop off location. There are two boxes at church for collections.

Haiti/New Zealand Project- Debby Baird 704-516-4599 jddlab@bellsouth.net

Provide awareness of world outreach by serving as missionaries and through mission trips.

Haiti - Gail & Al Beisiegel returned from Haiti in July, 2009. While there, Gail taught 13 classes per week in science and Bible study. She and Al taught 3 ESL classes, opened a library with 55 titles, and added 2 rooms to the school. Al built furniture, and rewired much of the home.

New Zealand Project - LeeAnn & Preston McBrayer returned from New Zealand in June, 2009. This program supports missionaries and provides awareness of world outreach.

June 14, 2009 – Pounding to welcome Lee Ann and Preston back to Blair Road. Leigh Ann and Preston celebrated the birth of their son in October, 2009.

***Heifer International** - Alex & Ann Smythers 704-258-0361 annsmythers@carolina.rr.com
Donate livestock to needy families for sustainable agriculture. Our goal was to raise \$5000.00, enough money to purchase an Ark including livestock for thirty families.
April 12 – May 17, 2009 “Help fill the Ark” \$5,660.05 was raised to buy an Ark to provide livestock to needy families for sustainable agriculture.

Hispanic Ministry

Ongoing – Reach out to identify needs and provide support to the Latino community.
Candido Albino has been accepted as a Licensed Local Pastor by the Western NC Conf.
26 persons joined BRUMC by profession of faith in October, 2009.

Kairos Prison Ministry- Dave Ramsey 704-882-2758

Share Christ's love, grace and forgiveness with the incarcerated.
Spring 2009 - A successful weekend for 42 inmates and team members.
October 15-18, 2009 – Provided 8 spiritual leaders from BRUMC and dozens of cookies for the incarcerated. Prayers and support are needed for the team leadership and participants.

Loaves & Fishes/World Hunger - Johnny Lord – 704-545-6785 johnnylord@bellsouth.net

To raise awareness and funds to provide food to families in crisis and hold periodic food drives for local and international food banks. Loaves & Fishes provided groceries to 7,030 people in May. In 2009 Blair Road UMC donated \$3,643.03 to Loaves & Fishes and \$3,618.04 to World Hunger. June, 2009 – 210 cans were collected for the Canned Food Drive for Annual Conference. The Greater Charlotte Crop Walk helps support this ministry.

Operation Christmas Child - John & Debby Baird 704-516-4599 jddlab@bellsouth.net

Nov. 1 – 16, 2009 – Over 150 shoe boxes were filled by members and friends of BR to provide gifts of joy and a message of God’s love. They were delivered to Samaritan’s Purse Processing Center on Nov. 23, 2009 for distribution to children around the world.

River of Life – Youth Ministry - Eric Hendrickson 704-545-6785 erichendrickson@bellsouth.net

June 24-28, 2009 in Lincolnton, GA. 28 students and adults represented BRUMC working with 255 other volunteers. They put on several new roofs, built new porches, new wheelchair ramps, and painted houses. Four of our youth were nominated for “Keeper of the Water” for their outstanding example of Christ on and off the worksite!

Room in the Inn - Al & Gail Beisiegel 704-882-1237 gbeisiegel@yahoo.com

Dec. 3, 2009 – March 25, 2010 – Provide hospitality, dinner and breakfast for 12 homeless, weekly for 17 weeks. BR volunteers provided weekly set-up, clean-up, meal prep, entertainment, and all night supervision. Thanks to the UMW for preparing Hygiene Zip Lock Bags for each homeless person to be given to them weekly.

* Bi-Annual Mission or one time program

Substance Abuse Ministry – Dottie Harrington 704-573-9530 vivh14@yahoo.com

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. The Holiday Season is considered a time of temptation and stress for those in recovery. This time is referred to as the “Red Zone” and extra help is available for those dealing with addiction and in recovery.

UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief - Eric Hendrickson erichendrickson@bellsouth.net

July 24 – Aug. 1, 2009 – 22 youth and adults traveled to Slidell, LA to work with the LA Conf. of the UMC Disaster Response to provide much needed general contract labor for Katrina disaster repairs. FEMA paid UMCOR \$8.50/man hour that our group worked. BRUMC earned over \$7000 for UMCOR that will be used to support UMCOR in their continued mission work in New Orleans. Our youth will return to New Orleans July 24-31, 2010 at a cost of \$120/participant. Organizational meetings began in October, 2009.

United Methodist Men - Albert McMicken 704-545-8846 albertmcmicken@carolina.rr.com

To assist all men to know Jesus Christ, serve Him, grow spiritually and to seek daily to do His will. The Methodist Men also support the **Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts Programs** at Blair Road. Ongoing – Support Scouting Programs, local and global projects, provide meals for the homeless and sponsor our fall Bar-B-Q, Mother/Daughter Banquet, Valentine’s Sweetheart Dinner, etc.

United Methodist Women - Sharon Beal 704-545-3301 sbeal001@carolina.rr.com

March 28, 2009 and Oct. 3, 2009 Children’s Consignment Sales with all profits, \$6,364 donated to local and global missions. 214 Health/Hygiene Kits were assembled to be given weekly to the homeless at Room in the Inn. Provided desserts for UMM’s BBQ and donated \$500.00 to Hearts with Haiti. They also donated enough money to Doves Nest to furnish one new residence room.

***Red Cross/Mint Hill Police Community Blood Drive** – December 29, 2009

BRUMC hosted this community blood drive sponsored by the Mint Hill Police Dept. and the American Red Cross. 19 pints of blood were donated and used to touch the lives of 57 people.

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me’.” Matthew 2: 40

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