

**July 7, 2009 - Missions and Outreach Committee Report for Church Council
Lorraine Griffin – Chairperson**

16 member committee – Last meeting May 17, next meeting July 12, 2009

21 active Mission and Outreach programs at present

Appalachian Service Project

July 26-Aug. 1, 2009 Youth & adults provide general labor for home repairs.
June 6, 2009 Fundraiser – Church Yard Sale - June 15 Chick-fil-A night

Book Bags of Love

Ongoing - Collect food for 35 children and their families from Lebanon Road Elementary School to provide weekend meals.

Children's Ministries

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 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

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

Community Blood Center of the Carolinas

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

Crop Walk

Oct. 4, 2009 – 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 attended spring classes and a graduation party. Thanks to our teachers and UMW:
Level I - Alex Smythers and Laura Epting with assistant Jane Price
Level II - Ann Smythers and Charlotte Klopp
Level III – Alex Smythers and Cindy Oxendine
UMW provided monthly hospitality and snacks for the students and children.
Need for additional teachers and volunteers for child care.
Teacher training: Sept. 11 & 12 at Calvary. Planned Citizenship Classes to start in fall 2009

Financial Peace University

Preview Session will be held August 10, 12, 13, 2009 in the CEB rm. 313 from 7-8:30 PM with class schedule to follow. A 13 week program that helps individuals and families set things right financially, emotionally and spiritually.

Gift of Sight

Ongoing - Collect and deliver used glasses (regular/sunglasses, prescription/non-prescription) to local Lions club. There are two boxes at church for collections. There will be a notification out to our members to inform them of location and needs.

Haiti/New Zealand Project

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

New Zealand Project

LeeAnn & Preston McBrayer have returned from New Zealand

This program supports missionaries and provides awareness of world outreach.

June 14, 2009 – Pounding to welcome Lee Ann and Preston back to Blair Road.

Heifer International

April 12 – May 17, 2009 “Help fill the Ark” \$5,660.05 was raised to buy an Ark to provide livestock to sustain a village in a third world country.

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.

Kairos Prison Ministry

October 15-18, 2009 - Provide leadership and dozens of cookies for the incarcerated.

Loaves & Fishes/World Hunger

Ongoing – Raise awareness and provide food and monetary support of local and international food banks. Loaves & Fishes provided groceries to 7,030 people in May. Blair Road UMC donated \$878.96 to Loaves & Fishes.

June, 2009 – 210 cans were collected for the Canned Food Drive for Annual Conference.

Operation Christmas Child

Oct. -Nov. 2009 – Provide gift shoe boxes for children around the world.

River of Life – Youth Ministry

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

Winter months – Provide hospitality, dinner and breakfast for homeless, weekly.

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 24 – Aug. 1, 2009 – Youth travel to Slidell, LA. Need funds for food and supplies. 30 students and adults will represent BR to provide general labor for disaster victims.

United Methodist Men

Ongoing – Support Scouting Programs, local and global projects, fall Bar-B-Q, Mother/Daughter Banquet, etc.

United Methodist Women

Ongoing – Develop a creative, supportive fellowship and expand mission projects through participation in local and global ministries of the church.

Oct. 3, 2009 Children’s Consignment Sale