

Mission and Outreach Committee Minutes Thursday, May 14, 2009
7:00 p.m. Overlook 4th floor solarium

Present: Susan Howland, John Lindsay, Lana Pieczynski, Suzy Sharp. Regrets: Pastor Mary and Pat Bair

We opened with a mediation on Psalm 46 and the Starfish story

We viewed *Windows on Mission: The Coming of the Rain* –an inspiring story about a couple, Caleb and Louise King, and their four children who have started a medical clinic and hospital in rural Rwanda; an area that had no doctor for 10 years.

Marshall/ Zimbabwe and Sponsor Child ministry

- Marshall has taken and passed the TOEFL exam and is cleared to enter the US. Now the wait is for the issuing of a Zimbabwean passport, not always an easy thing to get.
- John let us know that conditions are marginally better in Zimbabwe. There is a “Unity” Coalition Government. American and South African dollars are the currency now being used, but the average person doesn’t have access to this currency and is relying on a barter system
- John has updated the Sponsor Child ministry map; we still have about 16-18 children, the majority of which are through the Balm and Gilead ministry in Zimbabwe.

Letters and Web page

- We received a number of thank you letters from the various organizations we contributed to in 2008.
- Mission and Outreach now has a web page on the Holy Trinity website. Walter Helgeland is the webmaster and welcomes items for posting. We will put a link to the BigM on the mission and outreach page.

Money: We had \$265.24 to distribute.

- We decided to set aside \$100.00 to give to a young missionary through YWAM. Lana will get her name and find out a little more about her before the money is sent
- At the last meeting Mary Hicks let us know about a nutritional supplement that is being used with malnourished children. The balance of 165.24 will be used to start the collection to purchase, through *World Vision, Plumpy’nut*, the nutritional product that is saving the lives of malnourished children. We also voted to contribute all the mission plate offerings in June to purchase *Plumpy’nut*. *World Vision* has a matching grant to multiply every dollar by 6. Our goal is to raise \$500.00 which will turn into \$3,000.
- Lana will contact *World Vision* for more brochures; and Susan will get announcements in *Tidings*, the bulletin and on the Website.
- Good Friday Offering was \$191 and was combined with the Maundy Thursday offering of \$53, which was sent for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem, "Gaza Relief"

Future agenda items: at the June 18th meeting we will:

- Watch the next *Windows on Mission: Crossing the River* – Honduras, Valeska Daley (18:55)
- Review our contributions over the last few years and see if we might want to dedicate some of our funds to a specific ministry.

Calendar for 2009: June 18*, September 10, November 12. Meetings at 7:00 p.m.

*** Note change: Next meeting Thursday, June 18, Overlook 4th floor Solarium at 7:00 p.m.**

No July Meeting

Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1 Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
Goal 3 Promote gender equality and empower women
Goal 5 Improve maternal health
Goal 7 Ensure environmental sustainability

Goal 2 Achieve universal primary education
Goal 4 Reduce child mortality
Goal 6 Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
Goal 8 Develop a global partnership for development

In Christ, Susan Howland, Chair 5.15.2009