

SPRING 2009

missions



A NEWSLETTER OF THE SHORT TERM MISSIONS COMMITTEE

AROUND THE CORNER...

- **Bethesda EC** (Reedsville, PA) — a team will be working with the non-profit organization, Schuylkill Community Action, on a community project in Pottsville, PA, May 11-15.
- **People's EC** (East Weissport, PA) — This year, two of our teens, and myself (Pastor Ken Ogden), will be going on a short term mission trip. We will be serving in the community of York PA for one week (July 5-July 10). We will serve in Housing Rehab, Community Clean Up, and as VBS staff.
Please keep us in prayer, as this is the first time (since I have been pastor) that we will undertake such a mission.
- **Trinity EC** (Manheim, PA) — has scheduled a Short-Term Mini-Mission Work Team for Teens on June 14-17, 2009 at Twin Pines, PA (12-15 participants including chaperones)
- **St. Matthew's EC** (Emmaus, PA) — A group of middle school students will be heading to Philadelphia for a weekend of ministry with Joe Toy, April 17-19.
- **Trinity EC** (Lititz, PA) — we are intending to take a group of youth and young adults to a REACH Workcamp this summer. It will be in/near Niagara Falls, NY. The dates we will be there is July 5-11. We will be fixing and repairing homes for families that cannot afford to have the help and labor needed.

AROUND THE COUNTRY...

- **Salem EC** (Lenhartsville, PA) — Our Senior High Youth Group (TGIF) will be going on a mission trip this summer from July 10-18 to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.
- **Trinity EC** (Manheim, PA) — During the winter months our missions committee chairman and his wife (Don & Donna Fry) traveled to New Orleans, LA on December 14-20, 2008 as work team participants with Brethren Disaster Relief.
- **The Red Rose District of the Susquehanna Region** sponsored a work team to Pass Christian, Mississippi to continue with Hurricane Katrina clean up. Red Rose has been sending teams to this area for three years running now. The team of 16 left March 21 and returned on March 29.
- **St. Matthew's EC** (Emmaus, PA) — A group of high school students will be heading to Canyon Falls EC Church, Beattyville, Kentucky for a week of Vacation Bible School and work projects. This will be the third year in a row that St. Matthew's has sent students to Canyon Falls and a wonderful relationship between the two churches has developed.
- **Trinity EC** (Lititz, PA) — there will be 3 ladies going to Haiti through New Missions on May 2-9; Linda Allen, (her 6th trip to Haiti), Carol Fritz (3rd trip) and Barbara Jo Metzler (7th trip.) Once again we will do a clothing ministry. We also have been raising money for dry rice feeding in villages and at this point we have over \$10,000 and money is still coming in. Praise the Lord!

DESTINATIONS

AROUND THE CORNER and AROUND THE WORLD...

- Philadelphia, PA
- Pottsville, PA
- Stroudsburg, PA
- York, PA
- Niagara Falls, NY
- Beattyville, KY
- New Orleans, LA
- Pass Christian, MS
- Pine Ridge Reservation, SD
- Haiti
- England
- Scotland
- Ireland
- Wales
- Romania
- Israel
- Puerto Rico
- Jamaica
- Costa Rica
- Belize
- El Salvador
- Honduras

AROUND THE WORLD...

- **Community at New Direction**

(Tallmadge, Ohio) — Pamela Ream and Lillian Balca went to Honduras to minister with Ed and Valerie Schubert. They went December 13-20, 2008. “We spent time ministering with the day-care of *Love without Boundaries* as well as driving up in to the mountains to deliver beans and rice to families. We took along donations of socks, hats, toys, to distribute to the children. We shared the wordless book of Jesus’ love. - “*El Libro sin palabras*”. We shared in a Christmas Party with single moms at a day care center called Casa de Sol. We taught the English class of girls a mime/ dance to “Thy Word” by Amy Grant. **Pamela and Lillian are planning a trip for early 2010 for anyone interested. Please contact Pastor Tim or Pam Ream at 330-633-6356.**



- **Riverhill EC** (Shipperville, PA)

MARCH — Tim Mathews will be building an orphanage in Romania.

MAY — Debbie Mathews will be helping out the grand opening of the orphanage in Romania.

JUNE — Lynn Neely will be traveling for 2 weeks with the Continental Singers in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

JUNE — Pastor Terry Jacobs will be working with an Archeological Dig in Israel for 3 weeks.

- **Zion EC** (Clarks Valley, PA) — will be sending a sixteen member youth contingent to Caguas, Puerto Rico. The trip is planned for July 19-24, through Group Work camps Foundation.

- **Community EC** (Sinking Spring, PA) — will be sending a team of adults and teens to Belize in Central America, July 25-August 1, 2009 to minister along side EC missionary Jane Heck. The team of 12 adults and 12 teenagers will work side-by-side in ministry under the leadership of Matt Hill, Community’s Associate Pastor of Children & Youth. The task of the CEC Short Term Team will be to lead a local Vacation Bible School ministry and help with local building projects.

- A team from **Community EC** (Sinking Spring, PA) consisting of Rev. Mike Snedeker, Dr. Dave Brock (Physician), Dr. Dan Roland (Dentist) and his wife Michele (licensed therapist), and Barb Matiatos (Pharmacist) will be going

to El Salvador. They will be joining with other doctors and dentists from around the country on this medical and dental missions trip with Global Health Outreach and the Christian Medical and Dental Association. The teams will be offering a free medical and dental clinic and sharing the gospel with individuals who come through the clinic. The medical team will be gone from June 20 to 28.

- **Faith EC** (Lancaster, PA) — We’re going to work with our Costa Rican EC Churches from July 20-29, 2009. Submitted by Pastor Joel Kime.

- **St. Matthew’s EC** (Emmaus, PA) — Michelle Fey and Kathy Kochanek served on a short-term trip to Jamaica with Teams for Medial Missions in February. Michelle and Kathy are both R.N.’s and served with their team at local medical clinics and local ministries offering opportunities for both physical and spiritual healing.



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