

SPRING 2008

# missions



A NEWSLETTER OF THE SHORT TERM MISSIONS COMMITTEE

## AROUND THE CORNER...

- **Trinity EC** (Manheim, PA) will send a work team of 14 youth & adults as volunteers to Twin Pines Camp from June 15-17, 2008.
- Adults and students from X Factor, the youth ministry of **Lancaster Faith** (PA) will spend the week of June 17-21 working at Arbor Place, a Lancaster city ministry to underprivileged teens. Their main job will be to paint the facility, while also spending time in the evenings in street ministry. – *Joel Kime, youth pastor*
- **St. Matthew's EC** (Emmaus, PA) – 12 middle school students and 3 leaders will travel to Schuylkill County, PA with Youthworks, July 20-25. The team's ministry will concentrate on work projects as well as Kid's Club outreaches.

### KATRINA RELIEF

- In Jan of 08 six people from the **Bethel Church** (Dixon, Ill) completed the third work team to the New Orleans area to assist with the Hurricane Katrina cleanup. The team stayed in a large pre-civil war house in New Orleans that the E Free Church had rebuilt after the flood. The team worked on stripping mud & plaster from one home and installing new drywall in another. Both homes were in the downtown New Orleans area.
- Jay Schaeffer (**Trinity EC** Manheim, PA) just returned from a Mission Work Team trip to Pass Christian, Mississippi, where they helped rebuild homes destroyed by hurricane Katrina. (March 28 - April 5, 2008)
- **Reedsville Bethesda EC Church** (Schuylkill Haven, PA) – April 11-19, seven individuals (5 adults and 2 senior high students) traveled to Pass Christian, MS to work with Storm Aide, a ministry sponsored by the Mennonite Disaster Relief; continued clean-up and rebuilding process following Hurricane Katrina.

## AROUND THE COUNTRY...

- **St. Matthew's EC** (Emmaus, PA) – 9 college and high school students and 2 leaders will travel to Canyon Falls EC Church in Beattyville, KY for a week of work projects and Vacation Bible School, June 14-21. This is the second year in a row that a team from St. Matthew's is traveling to Canyon Falls.
- **Trinity EC** (Lititz, PA) – is taking a group of 8-10 people (mostly youth) to Monroe, North Carolina this summer July 20-26. We will be working through an organization called REACH (based in Colorado) to join with other youth groups in helping fix up

homes in that areas for those lacking the resources for upkeep and needed repairs. REACH has a good ministry staff that also works hard to present the gospel and minister to the youth that attend these work camps during the evening hours when youth are not working. - *Ryan Taylor, Assoc. Pastor*

- The youth of **Grace EC** (Akron, PA) have two summer trips planned. The first group of ten people will leave on June 22nd for Finley, Ohio to join Mid Atlantic Christian Endeavor (formerly Pennsylvania Christian) for a week of work camp to aid last year's flood

## DESTINATIONS

### AROUND THE CORNER and AROUND THE WORLD...

- Lancaster, PA
- Schuylkill County, PA
- Stroudsburg, PA
- Mon Valley, PA
- Lockport, NY
- Richwood, WV
- Oceana, WV
- Beattyville, KY
- Monroe, NC
- Golden Isles and Brunswick, GA
- Pass Christian, MS
- New Orleans, LA
- Fairbanks, AK
- Glennallen, AK
- Saint Marc, Haiti
- Island of La Gonava
- Trinidad
- San Jose, Costa Rica
- Juarez, Mexico
- Belem, Brazil
- Arba Minch, Ethiopia
- Burntisland, Scotland

victims. Then in July, fifteen will be heading to De Sales University for Christian Endeavor's Summer Assembly. We are very proud of our students at Akron Grace and our wonderful staff of volunteers!  
*-Steve Holubec, Assoc. pastor*

- **Brownstown EC** (PA) — will be sending 2 adults and 3 junior highers to Lockport, New York from June 29-July 5. They are part of "Reach Work Camp".  
*- Rev. Keith Miller*
- **Lakeside EC Church** (Transfer, PA) — This year's mission trip is through TEAM out of Gainesville, GA. Our group of 21 will be serving in the Golden Isles and Brunswick area through work projects and VBS. Our service will be ongoing as we will serve in struggling neighborhoods and continue work at Morningstar Children's Home and the community through home repair, roofing, painting, and construction. Outreach throughout the area will also continue with weekly VBS programs and exciting neighborhood sports and games.
- Along with many other teens and adults from around the nation, the youth of **Community EC** (Sinking Spring, PA) will be reaching out to those in need through acts of service such as painting, dry walling, and basic carpentry. From July 6-12 the 16 youth along with 4 adults will be heading to Richwood, West Virginia. In cooperation with Group Work camps the group will be helping families that have suffered much loss through floods that devastated the town in 2001. Although much of the time will be dedicated to meeting the physical needs of the residents, the youth will also have the chance to share their faith through daily devotions and interactions with the folks for whom they will be working. The week is sure to be filled with many new learning experiences while working on homes, but the teens and adults will also have a chance to renovate their own lives while they worship in the evening with 400 other workers. We are very excited to see what the Lord has in store for us while we minister to those in Richwood and await His powerful touch on the lives of both the residents and teens.  
*-Rev. Matthew Hill, Associate Pastor of Children and Youth*
- **Reedsville Bethesda EC Church** (Schuylkill Haven, PA) — From July 20-26, 10 senior high students and three adults will be traveling to Oceana, WV, to work with REACH, focusing at light construction and maintenance of homes in this community.  
*- Rev. Mark Brooks, Youth Pastor*

- **Great Lakes Region You Lead 2008** is traveling to Glennallen, Alaska June 27 – July 9.

The team is helping with a week long Native American Bible conference providing day care for the pre school aged children as well as helping to prepare the evening meal for the conference. They will be staying in Glennallen, Alaska at the Alaska Bible College.

This trip is part of the 3 year rotation of You Lead. The first year participants attend a week long camp at Camp ECCO in Ohio. The second year is a week long camp at Rock River Bible camp in Illinois. On the third year participants are invited to attend a missions trip to enrich their leadership skills. David Carr, IL is the Dean of You Lead.

Weston Fusselman	Uniontown, OH
Liz Perch	North Canton, OH
Mary Hollingsworth	Akron, OH
Gary Brown	Akron, OH
Luke Snyder	Hermitage, PA
Sam Dennis	Greenville, PA
Caleb Carr	Afolkey, IL
Casie Carr	Afolkey, IL
Jonathan DeVries	Dixon, IL
Nancy Wadsworth	Dixon, IL

- The Sr. High youth group at **Salem EC Church** in Lenhartsville, PA is planning two youth missions trips this coming summer. From June 8-13, 5 youth and two adults will be heading to Mon Valley, PA, to attend a work camp run by Youthworks. During that trip, the youth will be involved with running kids club for area children, and helping to meet various needs of the community through small service projects. Then from July 9-18, 11 youth and 2 adults will be flying down to San Jose, Costa Rica for a 10 day ministry adventure with Pura Vida Missions. That trip will include a couple days of discipleship training, followed by a week of partnering with a local church to serve the needs of the community. This is the first time we have taken an international trip, and are not quite sure what to expect! We are confident though that God will work in a major way on both of our trips. Trip journals, pictures, and videos will be posted on our website soon after each trip. Feel free to check them out at <http://wearesalem.org> -Rich Peachey, Youth Director, Salem EC Church
- **Bridgeville EC Church** is sending a team of 8 to Camp Li-Wa, Fairbanks, Alaska. August 2-16, 2008. We are also sending a team of 10 to Trinidad to do a Vacation Bible School with the Waldmans in July.

## AROUND THE WORLD...



*Dr. Dave Brock and Rev. Bruce Hill while in Ethiopia.*

- **Community EC** (Sinking Spring, PA) — Rev. Bruce Hill and Dr. Dave Brock, both members of Community Evangelical Church, Sinking Spring, participated in a two week trip to Arba Minch, Ethiopia in February. This trip was sponsored by the Global Health Organization, the outreach arm of the Christian Medical and Dental Association. Dr. Brock spoke at one church in addition to serving as the Medical Director for the team of doctors, nurses and dentist. The clinic treated over 1,100 individuals. Rev. Hill preached at two churches, spoke at a pastor's conference and community leadership retreat.

- **Trinity EC** (Lititz, PA) — Last fall four women from Lititz Trinity EC Church and two women from other churches decided to once again go to Haiti with New Missions. We set out to raise \$2,000 to buy rice for the Haitian people. With our sales from our Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale, this amount was easily raised. Around January we saw an article in the newspaper saying that the price of rice had risen so much that many of the people in Haiti were eating mud cookies. These

cookies are made from yellow mud, shortening and salt. We decided then that we needed more money to buy more rice, so we sent out a plea to our church and community. We were overwhelmed how God used this opportunity to lay on many hearts the desire to give towards this need. We ended up with \$8,460 to buy rice for the Haitian people - Praise the Lord!

We took our trip on April 5th-12th and saw first hand how scarce food is in Haiti. Through New Missions, the school children (approx. 8,000) are fed lunch each day. But due to riots over food prices, the rice could not be delivered while we were there. The children had to go without their school lunch and for many, that is their main meal for the day. We are thankful that the riots have stopped for a while, and New Missions was able to receive a shipment of rice to feed the children.

- From March 12 through March 20, seven people from **Kutztown Grace** (including Kathy and Amy Friedlund) traveled to the island of La Gonave off the coast of Haiti. Our team leader had been a nurse at the Wesleyan Hospital there for several years. Our goal was to help the missionaries and Haitian workers as they serve at the hospital and in their other outreach ministries. We were able to help the local orphanage in many practical ways, and also help with the start-up of a new Compassion Project at a Wesleyan Church in a remote part of the island. A highlight for the Friedlunds was spending a morning visiting with their Compassion Child, six-year-old Woudiana.



*Barbara Joe Metzler, June Schreiber, Linda Allen, Lin Good, Carol Fritz, and Erin Harnly at Bake Sale to raise money to help feed Haitian people.*



Group from Zion EC (Myerstown, PA) who will be helping build a church in Belem, Brazil.

- **Zion EC** (Myerstown, PA) will be sending a team of 8 youth and 5 adults to help David and Conce Roof with a new church building in Brazil. The Roofs are relocating to Belem in northern Brazil, where they will be church planting for OMS International. The Zion team will help start the physical building while David and Conce minister to the spiritual needs of the people. David will return in May to make preparations, the team will serve June 13-27, and will be accompanied on the trip down by Conce and son Andrew. David, Conce and Andrew are members of Zion and were commissioned as missionaries out of that church.
- **Reedsville Bethesda EC Church** (Schuylkill Haven, PA) — June 21-July 2, five individuals (3 senior high students and 2 adults) will be working with Brad and Maxine Waldman of Caribbean Children's Ministry Network (CCMN) in Trinidad. The focus of this trip will be working along-side area churches in the ministry to children.
- **Trinity EC** (Lititz, PA) — Jim Metzler from the Lititz Trinity EC Church went on a mission trip, with 27 other people from various churches, to St Marc, Haiti. From March 1-8 they did interior work on cottages to be used by YWAM Missionaries. The trip was very successful and much was accomplished by their team.
- **St. Matthew's EC** (Emmaus, PA) — 5 high school students and 2 leaders will travel to Juarez, Mexico with Youthworks, June 29-July 4. The team will assist with various work and ministry projects.
- Mary Jane Sterling, from the **First EC Church** (Easton, PA) will be going to Scotland with Scotland Christian Outreach Teams to teach Vacation Bible School July 4-11, 2008 – *Rev. Paul Barber*
- **First EC** (Palmyra, PA) — The Sonshine Praise Puppets from Palmyra First EC will be heading to Burntisland, Scotland from August 8-16th. They will be conducting 1, possibly 2, VBS's as well as serving as a work team. The puppet team is made up of 15 puppeteers and is under the direction of co-directors Lois Matarazzi and Cyndi Rupert. They will be traveling with S.C.O.T., Ltd, under the leadership of Pastor Bill Orr.
- Youth from **Bridgeville** and **Terre Hill EC Churches** will be traveling to Trinidad this July to work with missionaries Brad and Maxine Waldman. The team will be leading VBS with the help of a local church. It is exciting to see two churches working together on this project.



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