

Missions Committee Annual Report: The year opened with a bleak financial projection, yet with our faith and belief in service for Christ turned into one of abundance. This is truly an amazing church to be a part of. Throughout the year we continued to support existing projects and programs; added new ones to the mix and came to completion of others.

Missionary support: Kathleen Masters in Bluefield West Virginia serving Mary's Cradle and Nan McCurdy, serving the people of Nicaragua, each receiving \$2500.00 and a Missionary Intern David Hosey in support of Peace in the Middle East received \$1000.00.

Local Programs: Bowie Food Pantry received an abundance of food and \$2190.00 in budget and donated funds. Chillum Youth Project received \$1020.00. St Matthew's Housing Corporation received \$2398.00 in budget and donated funds. Help By Phone received \$500.00. Wesley Seminary Scholarship funds received \$500.00. Warm Nights received \$500.00 in budget funds. Christmas in April received \$428.67. Conference Hope Fund received \$450.00 in budget funds. One Great Hour of Sharing (UMCOR) received \$2,653.00; World Communion Sunday received \$1,378.00; and Human Relations Day received \$751.00 in donated funds. Title 1 Schools, we purchased clothing for children totaling \$196.36. Youth Group 250 UMCOR Health Kit project \$811.71. Local VIM Support, we spent \$295.00. Missions Central Hub we have collected two truck loads of Goods in support of their mission efforts and sent three teams to Missions Central in PA to work in the warehouse. We prepared and served 24 meals at PG House Men's Shelter. We once again opened our doors to Warm Nights for the homeless for one week in December. Our Advent projects included 320 sweatshirts for school children in 20 PG schools, and 350 Christmas Stockings for the Prison Ministries.

National and International: Nothing But Nets, we raised \$4000.00 sending 400 insecticide treated bed nets to countries in Africa. Operation Classroom, we raised \$10,344.75 in scholarship funds sending 138 children to school in Logan Town Liberia. We sent \$5000.00 and a team of 11 volunteers to the Maryland House Project to build a house for a family victimized by Katrina in Mississippi. We sent \$4000.00 for supplies and fixtures along with a team to El Paso Texas to help Jose Luis and his family refurbish a house to gain residence in the US from Juarez Mexico. We sent UMCOR emergency relief to Dakotas flood victims fund \$375.00.

New Projects added: Fundraising through the sale of Rita's and Papa Johns discount cards yielded \$1000.00. On line shopping Mall and search engine under www.iGive.com is off to a slow start yet is growing. The **Environment Group** joined the Missions Committee. **Support for our Troops** was established to support uniformed service personnel and their families within our church family along with programs: Operation Welcome Home Maryland; Adopt a Platoon; Handmade Afghan Project and the Injured Marines Semper Fi Fund. **ERT training;** Pete Saderholm organized and conducted our first conference recognized Early Response Training for our church members and others within our conference. **Church Recycle Project;** established by the Youth Program to encourage church members to recycle paper, bins are placed in all offices and classrooms within the church. **ASP Ambassadors** Program was established through the ASP program with the intent of gaining more support. Bob Fuller is our representative in support of this effort. **New Church Pictorial Directory** was launched in September.

Projects Completed: The Narthex refurbish project is 99% complete awaiting a background board for the Boy Scouts Plaques. Narthex Guild is formed and approved by the Ad Board. Cloak Room collection bins are in place and functioning. The Opportunity Booklet has been updated and is now shepherded by Patti Klein for up-dates and revisions under the Missions Committee.

Irene Schneider, Chair Missions