



JANURAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

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To: All Pastors and Chairpersons of Outreach
From: Michael Collins, Coordinator of Mission / Outreach, WNCUMC
Re: Haiti Response

Grace and peace in the name of the Lord! By now all pastors should have received a letter from Bishop Goodpaster concerning the Haiti quake and our conference response. In addition, we have current information on the conference web page, www.wnccumc.org and on the Missions' Alive – WIRED page, <http://sites.google.com/a/wnccumcmail.org/wncc-missions/>. Please keep abreast of what is happening. These pages are being updated several times a day. We are flooded with e-mails at this time, so please be patient if we do not respond immediately.

I am in contact with other volunteer organizations and with churches wishing to work in Haiti in the future recovery efforts. Within the next week or two we will have a meeting for churches interested in being part of these efforts. It will be available in-person and on-line. More information will be sent out on this. Haiti is in rescue mode at this time. Some relief teams will go out within the next few weeks and if we are requested to send some personnel, we will let you know. It will be some time before recovery teams are sent, but this will be an on-going activity!

What is needed at this time is funding. Information for donation is posted on-line. Please note that there is a need for Health/Hygiene Kits now and in the coming future.

We have 3,000 in the pipeline for Haiti at the present time and we are asking churches to make more! Below please find the contents of these kits. Information on how to build bedding and layette kits is posted on the web pages. Pick-up dates for the kits will be Wednesday-Thursday, January 27-28. Below please find the drop-off points and times. Please make sure all items are at the drop-off points no later than Wednesday, January 27 early AM!

Health Kit

KIT CONTENTS

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)

1 washcloth

1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)

1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)

1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)

1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)

6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

(NOTE: UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before it is sent. Please include \$1 for each kit you send toward the purchase of toothpaste.)

Important Kit Assembly Information

All items included in kits must be NEW items.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items—nothing more. Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Drop-off Points

Albemarle District Office, Jan. 19th thru Jan. 21st

Monroe: Central UMC, Jan. 19th thru Jan. 21st

Albemarle District Bag Lunches, Jan. 25th and 26th.



Congratulations to Rev. Tim and spouse, Linda on the birth of a grandson, Scott Andrew Onesios. He was born weighing 7.3 lbs and he is 19.5 inches long.

Birthdays

1-1 *Coy Blackman*
1-4 *Bobby Dennis*
1-14 *Cathy Davis*
1-16 *Paul McClure*
1-25 *Vickie Wilson*
1-27 *Mike McClellan*

Anniversaries

1-2 *Kristy and Dewayne Burnette*
1-5 *Lanny & Janet Lancaster*
1-8 *Ruth & John Mercer*

Prayer concerns within the District

Danny Almond, who was an assistant at Green Memorial and Cedar Grove, when Melita Padilla was there, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Rev. Dee Bee Martin, a resident at Lake Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

**If you have any prayer concerns that you would like shared in the newsletter,
Please contact the District Office.**



Please check out this website as a wonderful resource to promote health and healing in your church and community: www.hopeandhealing.org

District Calendar



Jan. 25th- Bag Lunch @ Faith UMC from 12:00 to 2:00 pm
Jan. 26th- Bag Lunch @ Gilboa UMC from 12:00 to 2:00 pm
Jan. 28th- All Year-End Stats to be put online
Feb. 1st thru 3rd- Amy at Cabinet
Feb. 15th & 16th- Amy at Cabinet Leadership
Feb. 4th-Bag Lunch @ Albemarle: Central UMC from 12:00 to 2:00
Feb. 22nd thru 25th- Amy at Cabinet

Make sure you check out Conference Calendar for events scheduled throughout Western North Carolina Conference @ <http://www.wnccumc.org/Cal/calendar-events.htm>



Remember to check out Weekly E News- WNCC

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