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Monday Mission Opportunities

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**Reminder: There will be no e-NEWS or e-VENTS this week due to Thanksgiving.**

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[www.disasternews.net](http://www.disasternews.net) and [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).**

## NCJ-VIM NEWSLETTER NOW ONLINE

The November issue of the North Central Jurisdiction Volunteer in Mission newsletter, Send Me 2010, is available online. Download your copy [here](#) today .

## MISSION AND OUTREACH NEWS

### TYPHOONS LEAVE FILIPINOS REELING, SAYS BISHOP SORIANO

Filipinos are reeling from the impact of multiple typhoons this fall, says United Methodist Bishop Leo Soriano of the Davao area of the Philippines. Just one week after Tropical Storm Ketsana struck Sept. 26, Typhoon Parma hovered over the country for five days. You can just imagine (how) it added to the floods, he said while visiting United Methodist Communications on Nov. 16. Soriano expects this Christmas to be a very bleak one in the Philippines, but hopes other United Methodists will pray for them and contribute financially to the recovery. UMNS [Read More](#)

### UNITED METHODIST BISHOPS LAUNCH APPEAL OF PHILIPPINES

The United Methodist Council of Bishops has issued a Church-wide Appeal for Philippines Disasters in response to the multiple typhoons that struck the country. The appeal, which was announced Nov. 19, will provide humanitarian relief and support for the ministries of The United Methodist Church in the Philippines. In late September and October, four typhoons Ketsana, Parma, Lupit and Mirinae hit the Philippines, leaving more than a thousand dead and an estimated 1.3 million people displaced.

Can you imagine all the small villages near a mountainside being buried and thousands of lives lost? said Bishop Leo A. Soriano, episcopal leader of the Davao Area. UMNS [Read More](#)

## METHODISTS IN PUERTO RICO ELECT NEW BISHOP

A clergyman who is also a trained musician will be the next spiritual leader of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico. The Rev. Rafael Moreno Rivas, pastor of the University Methodist Church in Rio Piedras since 2000, was elected bishop Nov. 14 at a special session of the church's General Conference. He will take office on Jan. 1, when the term of Bishop Juan A. Vera expires. Bishops in the Puerto Rican Methodist Church serve six-year terms. UMNS [Read More](#)

## UNITED METHODIST MEN TO START MENTORING PROGRAM

At least 70 boys whose fathers are in jail or prison will be mentored by big brothers as the result of a \$7,200 grant to United Methodist Men from the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society. Nationally, 7.3 million children have at least one parent in jail or prison, and these children are five times more likely than their peers to commit crimes. Funds for the program come from Human Relations Day offerings received in local United Methodist churches on the Sunday nearest the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. The effort to secure big brothers in 11 annual conferences will begin in 2010. UMNS

## BLOOMBYTES: REPORT SHOW FRIGHTENING RISE IN U.S. HUNGER

A report released Nov. 16 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows that 49 million people live in households where there sometimes isn't enough to eat. In her blog, United Methodist News Service News Writer Linda Bloom says, "That's not only the highest number reported since the government began tracking food insecurity 14 years ago, but an increase of 13 million from just a year ago. This has to be one of the most frightening statistics related to the recession." [Read blog post](#)

## AFRICA UNIVERSITY DONORS MATCHING GIFTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Africa University's Honorary Alumni Association is trying to raise \$20,000 or more by Dec. 15 for its endowed scholarship fund. Two members of the association are participating in a dollar-for-dollar match, up to \$10,000, for all gifts by that date. The scholarship fund makes it possible for students who cannot pay tuition to be educated at the United Methodist-related university, located in Mutare, Zimbabwe. Giving information is available [online](#). Checks also can be mailed to: Africa University, P. O. Box 340007, Nashville, Tenn., 37203-0007. UMNS

## STORIES FROM THE GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The General Board of Global Ministries is funded from your conference tithe.

Mission Grants Cover Four United Methodist Priorities. An account of the broad range of mission grants made by the General Board of Global Ministries in the last quarter of 2009. [http://gbgm-umc.org/global\\_news/full\\_article.cfm?articleid=5567](http://gbgm-umc.org/global_news/full_article.cfm?articleid=5567)

Two United Methodists Honored for Ecumenical Service. Awards from the National Council of Church and Church World Service to Lois Dauway, interim general secretary of Global Ministries, and the Rev. Katherine Austin Mahle of Minneapolis, a member of the Judicial Council. [http://gbgm-umc.org/global\\_news/full\\_article.cfm?articleid=5570](http://gbgm-umc.org/global_news/full_article.cfm?articleid=5570)

World AIDS Day Resources: A resource packet is available on the website of UMCOR; also, World AIDS Day is featured in the new, November issue of Advancing Hope, the e-letter of The Advance.

UMCOR Resources: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/work/health/hiv aids/wad09/>

Advancing Hope: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/advance/resources/news/advancinghope/?C=6081&i=30864>

## HOW TO OBSERVE THANKSGIVING

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;  
Count your gains instead of your losses;  
Count your joys instead of your woes;  
Count your friends instead of your foes;  
Count your smiles instead of your tears;  
Count your courage instead of your fears.  
Count your full years instead of your lean;  
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.  
Count your health instead of your wealth;  
Count on God instead of yourself!

-- Salem Chapel UMC, La Porte newsletter

## NEWLY LISTED MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### STUDENT DAY SPECIAL SUNDAY COMING NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 29

United Methodist Student Day awards scholarships and loan to people across the United States - maybe even someone you know. Like many things, college costs continue to rise. Thanks to United Methodist Student Day, people in the Indiana Conference - perhaps even members of your family - have a chance to attain higher education. Students attending United Methodist and other accredited colleges and universities receive scholarships and loans. Participating annual conferences receive 10 percent of the offering for merit-scholarship awards to students of their choosing.

For more information please contact the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

For Special Sunday offering materials, visit [www.umcgiving.org](http://www.umcgiving.org) and click on Special Sundays.

## OPERATION CLASSROOM LISTS ALTERNATIVE CHISTMAS GIFTS

Visit [www.gbgm-umc.org/operationclassroom/alternative-09.pdf](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/operationclassroom/alternative-09.pdf)

## LET CONFERENCE KNOW IF YOUR CHURCH HAS DISABILITIES MINISTRY

Does your church have a ministry to persons with disabilities?

Are you passionate about making the church inclusive of persons with special needs?

Join the Disability Concerns Network of the Indiana Annual Conference or more information or to sign up contact. Please contact: Beth DeHoff, Network Coordinator, e-mail: [bdehoff@iquest.net](mailto:bdehoff@iquest.net) or call and leave a message at Speedway UMC Special Needs Information Line at 317-971-2619. The Disability Concerns Network is sponsored by the Conference Social Advocacy, Justice and Ethnic Ministry Team.

## NEW NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES NETWORK BEING ORGANIZED

Are you Native American? Are you interested in Native American Ministries?

Does your church support Native American Ministries?

Join the Native American Ministries Network of the Indiana Annual Conference

For more information, please contact: John Adams, Network Coordinator by e-mail at [jumc@att.net](mailto:jumc@att.net).

The Native American Ministries Network is sponsored by the Conference Social Advocacy, Justice and Ethnic Ministry Team and Congregational Revitalization and New Congregation Team.

## FLOOD RECOVERY INFORMATION

### UNITED METHODISTS CONTINUE IN FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS STATEWIDE

The floods may seem long gone and out of the news, however volunteers are still needed to assist residence in northwest, far northwest and the central parts of Indiana. (updated 6/15/09)

In **far northwest Indiana**, contact the Lakeshore Area Regional Recovery in Indiana (LARRI). Visit [www.larri.info](http://www.larri.info), located at the United Way of Porter County at 951 Eastport Centre Drive, Valparaiso, IN 46384. Phone 219-447-3583 or toll-free 877-LARRI4U, fax 219-477-5845.

Across **central Indiana**. For work team schedules in the Columbus area, contact Angie Huebel at the United Way of Bartholomew County, 1531 13th Street, Columbus, IN 47201. E-mail [ahuebel@uwbarthco.org](mailto:ahuebel@uwbarthco.org) or phone 812-314-2344. For other communities, contact Jenni Walker, South Indiana Resource Administrator. E-mail [jenniwalker@mac.com](mailto:jenniwalker@mac.com). Phone 812-893-1760.

In **Northwest Indiana** contact Alan H. Welch, director, DANI-Disaster Assistance for NW Indiana, 1021 N 10th Street, Lafayette, IN 47904-1947 of Phone 765-742-4718. Call toll-free 877-773-0249 or send e-mail to [welchah@gmail.com](mailto:welchah@gmail.com). DANI information is available by visiting <http://daniflood.org>.

**Morgan County** (Lannie Stecher, [pastorlannie@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorlannie@yahoo.com), 765-318-8344) is in need of both skilled and unskilled volunteers to assist with rebuilding and repairing homes damaged by the June 2008 floods. The 500 year flood impacted over 2,700 households, 48 percent of which fall below the Federal poverty guidelines. Housing in churches can be provided. Go to [www.mcltrc.com](http://www.mcltrc.com) to register and for more project information. (Updated 10/24/09)

**Southern Indiana** - Contact Disaster Response Coordinator/s: The Rev. David Powell, 820 W Mill Street, Danville, IN 46122. 317-745-4330, [info@danvilleumc.org](mailto:info@danvilleumc.org) or Bob Babcock, 661 Peachtree Lane, Danville, IN 46122, [bobbabvim@aol.com](mailto:bobbabvim@aol.com), 317-745-7513. Terra Haute and Bartholomew County Areas in need of volunteers.

## PREVIOUSLY LISTED MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### ELGINS TO LEAD TEACH UM TEAM TO MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, JUNE 14-23

Bob and Regina Elgin have taken numerous teachUM teams to Managua, Nicaragua over the last few years out of Mason UMC, Mason, OH. The next trip is June 14-23, 2010. The Ohio River Valley UMC District continues as a sponsor even though the Elgins have recently relocated to Tennessee! Their new contact information is: 410 Morning Dove Drive, Vonore, TN 37885 or by e-mail at [rrelgin@comcast.net](mailto:rrelgin@comcast.net).

The team in June will work with the children programs and preschools for the Nicaraguan Methodist Church, IGLEMEN. We will help build or do maintenance on a church building designated by the IGLEMEN Board. The team brochure and information page will be posted on the teachUM Web page ([www.umvimncj.org](http://www.umvimncj.org) and click on the teachUM menu) later this week. *NCJ-VIM*

### OLD TESTAMENT, CHURCH HISTORY TEACHER NEEDED IN TAIWAN

Taipei City. Methodist Graduate School of Theology in Taiwan. Request for volunteers to teach Old Testament and/or Church History for semester starting September 2010. Credential requirements include Th. D or Ph. D. Language: English, some understanding of Chinese helpful. Request volunteers stay 3-6 years. Housing available. For more information, contact Landon Taylor at [ltaylor@gbqm-umc.org](mailto:ltaylor@gbqm-umc.org).

### CONSTRUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEED TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOUSES

SOWER (Sharing Our Witness Enriching Relationships) is a U-VIM outreach project of the West Ohio Conference UMC which constructs new housing as part of the Henderson Settlement work camp program. Henderson Settlement, Frakes, Ky., is a component of the Red Bird Missionary Conference providing a multitude of services to the southern Bell and Whitley counties in Kentucky and parts of two counties in Tennessee. The Work Camp Program is one of the services provided which repairs existing housing and builds new houses (26 to date) to raise the quality of life for the owner families in the local area.

In 2009 the SOWER VIM project completed an 18 by 30 house addition for a single mother with 5 boys. The addition expanded the house to 5 bedrooms and two baths. This represented the tenth home completed by SOWER teams. The SOWER VIM Team is in the planning stages for constructing the eleventh home for a family in 2010.

Work Camp Schedule for S.O.W.E.R. 2010

- Week 1 - May 16 22 - Frame shell
- Week 2 - May 23 29 - Roofing, interior walls, exterior doors, windows, siding
- Week 3 - July 11 17 - Install insulation and drywall, finish siding and soffit
- Week 4 - July 18 24 - Finish drywall & paint, install porch railing
- Week 5 - August 8 14 - Finish interior trim, install underlayment, and flooring
- Week 6 - August 15 21 - Install interior doors, trim, and kitchen cabinets

To learn more or to join one of these camps contact Ralph & Carolyn Brandon, SOWER VIM Team Leaders. 231 McMillen Dr., Newark, Oh 43055, 740-344-5581, [SOWER@wocumc.org](mailto:SOWER@wocumc.org)

## ONGOING MISSION PROJECT REMINDERS

More information about these opportunities as well as a listing of ongoing projects and contact information can be seen at <http://inumc.org/pages/detail/171>, which has all the details for these opportunities.

### IOWA VIMS TRYING TO GET 11 FAMILIES BACK HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

- Oakville, IA trying to get 11 families back in homes by Christmas. Teams needed!
- For more information or to volunteer call 1-877-393-1607 or, go to [www.iaumc.org/volunteer](http://www.iaumc.org/volunteer).

### RELIEF AGENCY DEPOTS NEED SUPPLIES

- UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, La., and UMCOR West in Salt Lake City need replenishing.
- More information about needed supplies can be found online at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/>.

### VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR LAKE COUNTY FLOOD RECOVERY

For more information please contact Rhonda Carlson at 219 836-1325 x 102 or e-mail her at [rcarlson@larri.info](mailto:rcarlson@larri.info) Bonnie Albert UMVIM Coordinator Indiana Conference, phone 219 464-1447 or 219 241-7250.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN NORTH DAKOTA FOR FLOOD RECOVERY

If you can help, please contact Joan Buchhop, Volunteer Hotline 800-366-9841, [LDRvolunteer@lssnd.org](mailto:LDRvolunteer@lssnd.org).

### STUDENTS IN SIERRA LEONE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE

- For only \$75 you can provide a work/study grant for a youth in the Ganta school.
- Visit [www.operationclassroom.org](http://www.operationclassroom.org) and click on donate
- Or you can send a check to Operation Classroom.
- For more information, contact Operation Classroom, Inc. PO Box 246, Colfax, IN 46035, 765-436-2805, [www.operationclassroom.org](http://www.operationclassroom.org), [ocmission@frontiernet.net](mailto:ocmission@frontiernet.net)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RELIEF MINISTRY IN DULAC, LOUISIANA

- Contact Wayne Wooley, at 404-354-1501 or e-mail [wayne.wooley@att.net](mailto:wayne.wooley@att.net).

### HURRICANE RECOVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN LOUISIANA

You can register your team by going to [www.la-umc.org](http://www.la-umc.org) and clicking on Louisiana Disaster Response or Contact Michelle at LA UM Disaster Response-Grand River Station at Grand River United Methodist Church, 30825 Hwy 75, Plaquemine, LA 70764, phone 225-659-7450 or [grandriverstation@brcoxmail.com](mailto:grandriverstation@brcoxmail.com)

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### KAREN UJEREH, MISSIONARY IN RESIDENCE AVAILABLE TO SPEAK

- Available from Sept.-Dec.
- Karen may be contacted by e-mail: [kujereh@yahoo.com](mailto:kujereh@yahoo.com) or by phone 504-782-7773.

### APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR UM-VIM TRIP TO CHINA

- Apply by December 15, 2009.
- Limited to 14 selected participants
- To request an application, e-mail [umvim-ncj@brookings.net](mailto:umvim-ncj@brookings.net) or call 605-692-3390.

### OPERATION CLASSROOM LIST VIM TEAMS FOR 2009-2010

- **Sierra Leone**
  - Jan. 9-23, 23-Feb 6 Don and Marilyn Griffith, team leaders
  - February 6-20 Team leader to be selected.
  - April 10-14 Don and Marilyn Griffith, team leaders
- **Liberia**
  - Jan. 2010 St. Matthews Elementary School construction
  - April New Georgia school construction
  - July 11 to 27 Team leader to be selected
  - July 25 to Aug. 10 Teaching seminar
- **Other VIM teams being planned**
  - To Sierra Leone
    - April to Women's Training Center at Kissy
    - May University of Indianapolis
    - Summer: Kay Hess, team leader
  - To Liberia
    - Fall Team Leader and project to be selected

### SAINT LUCIA UNITED METHODISTS SEEK VIM TEAM FOR 2010

- Leaders there are currently writing up the project
- If interested, contact C. Stilson Cato at [juditha\\_c@hotmail.com](mailto:juditha_c@hotmail.com).

### CAMEROON INITIATIVE CONSULTATION - EARLY 2010

- Hosted in Florida. Dates have not been set yet. You can have more info on this from Rev. Patrick Friday in the GBGM office: [pfriday@gbgm-umc.org](mailto:pfriday@gbgm-umc.org).

## **VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR TANZANIA MISSION PROJECT 2010**

- Jan. 7-25 or Jan.7-31
- The cost, which does not include passport and immunizations, is \$3,000 or \$3,200 for the extra week.
- The maximum number that can be accommodated is 30.
- Registration deadline is Sept. 1. \$100 is needed at that time for flight reservations.
- The remainder of the money is due Nov. 16.
- Please make checks payable to First UMC and note or memo Tanzania 2010 and send to: First UMC, PO Box 116, Fort Branch, IN 47648.
- For additional information, please contact John Windell [john.windell@insightbb.com](mailto:john.windell@insightbb.com) at 812-753-4424 or 812-499-3849. Learn more about IOP at [www.ilulaorphanprogram.org](http://www.ilulaorphanprogram.org).

## **IOWA TEAM MEDICAL TEAM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR HAITI TRIP**

- Feb 25-Mar 8
- For information or to sign up for the team, contact Terry Dewald, 3812 Eisenhower Avenue, Ames, IA 50010, phone 515-231-1914 or e-mail [tdewald.rr@gmail.com](mailto:tdewald.rr@gmail.com).

## **MISSION TRIP TO EL SALVADOR**

- March 6-13, 2010.
- Please contact Perry Shull, 260-482-5212, [bpshull1@verizon.net](mailto:bpshull1@verizon.net) for details.

## **RUSSIA INITIATIVE CONSULTATION XV**

- April 7-9, 2010 in Oklahoma City, OK.
- For more information, click [here](#) or e-mail [jimathearn@gmail.com](mailto:jimathearn@gmail.com).

## **VOLUNTEER IN MISSION TRIPS PLANNED TO AFRICA UNIVERSITY**

- May 28 to June 12, 2010
- Led by Tim Grace and the Rev. Jim Irwin.
- Cost is estimated to be \$3,750 with the first payment due in October.
- For more information, contact: [timgrace57@yahoo.com](mailto:timgrace57@yahoo.com).

## **OHIO TEAM OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS TO MANAGUA, NICARAGUA**

- June 14-23, 2010
- To receive more information on this trip and how to register, please contact Bob or Regina at [relgin@cinci.rr.com](mailto:relgin@cinci.rr.com) or call 513-777-5660.