

Report to White Plains Church Council for Outreach Ministries

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Missions Yard Sale: On Saturday, May 19th, Outreach Ministries sponsored a large yard sale in the CLC. Profits from the yard sale went to ASP, international Bible distribution, the Peru work team, the Dominican Republic Medical Work Team, and the White Plains Children's Center.

ABRO (American Belarus Relief Organization): Arrangements for bringing orphans from Belarus to White Plains are currently in progress. Dates for the visit this summer are currently being established.

ASP: 48 people are scheduled to go to rural Appalachia this year as part of ASP. The dates are July 22nd – 28th and there are currently 29 youth, 2 college-age adults, and 17 adults, comprising 7 work teams. The group will be going to Carter County, Tennessee.

Food Pantry: The pantry currently is in need of additional food items.

MERCI (Katrina Relief): Pam Willard is working on scheduling two MERCI workdays in Goldsboro, one on a weekday in the summer, and one on a Saturday in the fall. Let Pam know if you are interested in attending either one of these work days. White Plains hopes to be scheduling a week long trip to help with post-Katrina clean up in the Gulf. More information will be forthcoming.

International Work Team to Peru: Kristine Barnes will be leading an international work team (6 people) to Peru between June 23rd and July 1st. The team will help construct a parsonage. They also will conduct a day of Bible school as part of their trip. A Cinco de Mayo celebration was recently held as a fund raiser for the work team. Hosted by the White Plains Hispanic Ministries the evening provided great food, wonderful dancing, and marvelous entertainment. We are hoping to make this an annual event and a wonderful White Plains tradition. In addition to these and other fund raisers, the Peru International Work Team received \$3700 from some of the 2005 Fair Booth Funds and \$3000 from the excess 2006 General Fund monies given to Outreach Ministries.

International Work Team to the Dominican Republic: A White Plains medical work team will be traveling to the Dominican Republic between June 16th and 23rd. This effort is in conjunction with the Apex Methodist church and includes medical and dental assistance to people in need in the Dominican Republic. 8 people will be going from White Plains. Support for this project (\$6,250) comes in part from the excess 2006 General Fund monies given to Outreach Ministries at the last Church Council meeting.

WIHN (Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network): White Plains will be hosting WIHN families during September. Plans are being made to add a shower and a washer/dryer to one of the basement storage/janitorial rooms for usage by our WIHN guests. We are looking into hiring a professional plumber to make certain the project meets building code regulations.

- Outreach Ministries will be sending **100 blankets** to rural villages in Peru over the next several months. Cheryl Phillips has headed up the blanket assembly teams here at the church.

- The **Outreach Ministry Chairs** from 8 of the Methodist churches in the Cary and Apex areas are meeting to brainstorm ministries on which they can combine efforts and reach out and meet our community's needs.

- Outreach Ministries will be helping to organize a team of people to handle the responsibilities of running the Fair Booth this October. Anyone interested in serving on such a team should contact Dave DeMaster (demaster@ncsu.edu or 469-0756).