

Report to White Plains Church Council From Outreach Ministries: September 16th, 2007 By Dave DeMaster

-On August 21st White Plains contributed 55 filled **school bags** to the Wake County effort supporting families in need. Those bags were filled with all of the school supplies that our congregation so generously donated during July and early August. We provided bags for elementary, middle school, and senior high students. This local ministry was part of a program involving Western Wake United Methodist Churches, who contributed more than 400 bags to students in need from our local community.

-Starting with Rally Sunday and the 3 other Sundays in September, the Outreach Ministries combined with our White Plains Youth has been raising funds to fight Malaria in Africa. The program is entitled “**Nothing But Nets**”, which is an initiative sponsored by the United Methodist Church, Sports Illustrated and the National Basketball Association. Every 3 seconds a child dies from malaria. Using bed netting can reduce malaria transmission by 50%. Direct donations can be made (\$10 per net) or a T-shirt purchased (\$20 – half of which goes to purchase a net). Contact Dave DeMaster (469-0756) for further information. .

-The **ASP luncheon** is scheduled for Sunday, September 23rd. They will have two sittings—one after the 9:45 service and the other after the 11:00 service. Sign up on the sign up sheets or by calling the church office.

- It is **Fair Booth** Time again! We need your help in staffing the Fair Booth during the State Fair (October 12th - 21st). The shifts are from 8 AM - 2 PM (1st shift), 2 PM - 7 PM (2nd shift), and 7-11 (3rd shift), with no shift on Sunday mornings. Announcements for group sign ups have been sent to the adult Sunday School classes. We typically need 25-30 volunteers to handle a shift. Sign ups for individuals will start on September 23rd. George Smit and Dave DeMaster are contacting individuals to help with Booth set up as well as helping as shift managers or assistant shift managers. If you would like to be part of the Fair Booth Team or have questions concerning any of these activities, contact Dave DeMaster (469-0756).

-The Church World Service **Crop Walk** for Cary will be held on Sunday, October 7th. Registration starts at 1 pm at Cary High School and the walk begins at 2 PM. If you would like to walk and support this worthy cause, contact Vicki DeMaster (469-056).

- The **Zigbuos** are coming! Mary and Herbert Zigbuo will be are guests for a Wednesday night dinner and presentation on October 24th. The Zigbuos are both **Methodist missionaries** in Liberia, who White Plains has supported for nearly a decade. They will describe the challenges they face in bringing God’s Word to the Liberian people and in reaching out to those in need in that troubled African country.

Habitat for Humanity in Cary for 2008. Starting in March of 2008, Habitat for Humanity work crews will be need to begin the construction of a 4-5 townhouse complex. The initial part of the project will involve the “de-construction” of an existing duplex. Hopefully White Plains can provide a crew every 4 or 5 weeks as well as partial funding for 1 or 2 of the houses.