

MISSION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY COUNCIL

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There is a recent movie entitled "While You Were Sleeping." The title seems to convey what I have experienced prior to joining MOMC. There is a great deal of work accomplished by the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council. The everyday issue of imagining what is needed at each of our mission sites is only more challenging by knowing we only have so much resource. But there are several "WOW" moments when we receive reports and pictures of what has been accomplished.

The Haiti storm left so much physical destruction, but through our One Great Hour of Sharing funds, help went to Haiti and several other places needing financial and prayer support. Special OGHS projects included: Kentucky, Iowa and Louisiana following the tornados that hit those states. (I saw some of the destruction at Winterset and was pleased we helped there.) International assistance went out to Christ to the Villages and Word Alive, in Nigeria and Ghana. The Congregational Mission in Myanmar, in the midst of a civil war, needed a generator to continue its work. Individuals, churches, and MOMC worked together on this need.

We have all seen and heard the sad reports from the Ukraine and wonder when the war will cease. Our financial assistance continues to go to several agencies doing work on the ground and in neighboring countries helping to support refugees. At the time of this report, we have received over \$40,000 to support the assistance efforts.

Our regular support of missions is both domestic and international. These missions are assisted by MOMC budgeted funds or by "flow through" contributions from individuals or our member churches. Several mission projects have adoption programs to enable mission students to pay for books and living expenses.

We completed a major task of finishing our Enabling Documents with each of our domestic and international missions. In these ten-year agreements between our missions and the NACCC/ MOMC, we set down guidelines for assistance and receive quarterly and annual reports from each of our missions. Naturally, there is a prayer commitment that enables us to be in a Christian partnership. With this agreement is a promise to visit each of our missions periodically. MOMC would like to visit on a five-year cycle.

In this year's MOMC budget, we have included funds for a local church to be financially assisted with a mission trip. Applications will be available through the Missions Coordinator, Julie Robie. This year, funds have been budgeted for MOMC members and the Missions Coordinator to continue visits to domestic and international missions. Our goal is to be available to local churches and Associations whenever invited.

Initial Work has been done on a MOMC-sponsored, ***Impact Mission Trip*** to take place at Cherokee National Park in Cherokee, North Carolina. The Cherokee Methodist Church has a bunk house designed for mission trips and is willing to work with us to accomplish our goals. Our mission agency: A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, will lead the Impact trip. You will receive more information concerning this project as it is available.

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