

Outreach Committee
Annual Report to Session
Lexington Presbyterian Church
May 3, 2011

Committee Members:

Mac Baker (chair), David Dax (vice-chair), Ann Massie (Session member), Margie Page (Session member), Malcolm Brownlee, Phyllis Parker, Mary Raine Paxton, Beth Thompson

Committee Charge, from Manual of Operation:

Goal: To develop outreach witness of this church on local, national, and international levels.

Duties:

INFORM the congregation of activities of our missionaries, and be in charge of visits by missionaries and of the yearly mission season of our church

COORDINATE the mission work of this church with the mission work of other denominations

PROMOTE active participation among members through direct involvement in local ministry and mission

RESPOND to natural disasters in, with, and for the church; **INVOLVE** the congregation in means to assist

MANAGE the KAT Service Fund according to the guidelines to assist individuals and/or families in the church or community who have specific needs; and/or to assist local agencies which have programs serving persons or groups in need; **SOLICIT** information from members of the congregation and/or community who may bring a special need to the attention of the committee; **APPOINT** with Session approval, a KAT Fund Administrator

Local Mission

Provide ongoing financial support for six local organizations

Yellow Brick Road Pre-school

Rockbridge Area Free Clinic

Meals for Shut-Ins

Rockbridge Area Hospice

Rockbridge Area Relief Association, including the Food Pantry

Rockbridge Area Habitat for Humanity

Provide assistance in paying basic bills to community residents in dire need through the Barritt Fund. In partnership with St. Patrick's and RE Lee churches, we work with RARA to assist community residents who are in dire financial need.

Habitat Disciples Build

Team helped build house in Buena Vista during the fall and winter. The new homeowner, Melissa Carter, has worked with one of our mentoring teams.

Contributions from special offerings – 25% of two offerings are donated locally

4 Cents a Meal contributed monies to RARA, Meals for Shut-ins, and Blue Ridge Area Food Bank

Peace Offering contributed money to Project Horizon

Mentoring teams helped to support several local families. Mentoring Strategy Committee is looking into ways to get more referrals, and setting policy guidelines for mentoring teams.

Congregational Dinners – helped sponsor dinner featuring Hilary and Emily Bergmann (Ministry of Hope), Rafiki, and Elizabeth Klein on 10/21.

Participated in Maury River Mission Community Mission Fair

International Mission

Missionary Activities

David Hunter, ITN, Turkey

Kirk Ogden, South America Mission

Rebecca Young, PCUSA, Indonesia

Ministry of Hope, Malawi, Africa

Rafiki Foundation, Africa

Rockbridge Haiti Medical Alliance

Other organizations and activities

Living Waters for the World – bringing clean water to villages in Central and South America.

David Dax is involved with this group, and they are also beginning to investigate the need for clean water systems in Appalachia.

Mission trips supported by our church

Hilary and Emily Bergmann traveled to Malawi this summer to help with Ministry of Hope

Jane Horton and Beth Jewell traveled to Honduras in August with Friends of Barnabas

Elizabeth Klein worked with youth in Nashville

Walter Kerschl traveled to Haiti with RHMA in November

Malcolm and Sarah Brownlee spent several months in Indonesia