



Providence UMC  
Loving God, Worshipping Boldly, Changing Lives

Welcome to the Providence UMC Quarterly Mission Newsletter! This edition will provide an overview of our supported missions at Providence UMC with future editions highlighting a couple missions each quarter, personal stories, and opportunities to serve. We hope you'll join us on the mission field!

## A YEAR IN MISSIONS - 2017

The congregation and staff at Providence UMC accomplished so much in missions. Because of your servant's heart and dedication to be a mission-focused church, we have been blessed while blessing others! The time and talents of members from Providence UMC touched many hearts and lives serving our community and beyond. We look forward to continuing our mission momentum into 2018!

## LOCAL MISSIONS



120-day Christian-based residential recovery for men and women struggling with the disease of addiction.

- Meals are served at Dove's Nest (women) and Rebound (Men) sites.
- **Opportunities to serve:**
  - Dove's Nest: Prepare & Serve lunch 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 11:00 am-1:00 pm
  - Contact:** Elaine Foster [elainefoster43@gmail.com](mailto:elainefoster43@gmail.com)
  - Rebound: Prepare & Serve breakfast 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, every other month, 5:30am-7:00am
  - Contact:** Sam Moran [sammoran23@yahoo.com](mailto:sammoran23@yahoo.com)



Summer literacy program to combat learning loss of vulnerable children. Providence UMC supports a site at Oakhurst STEAM Academy.

- 81 children attend Oakhurst Freedom School. 89% of the students improved or maintained their reading ability.
- Volunteers read and assist with activities.
- **Opportunities to serve:** reading, coordinating supplies or activities July 9<sup>th</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup>
- **Contact:** Jo Bishop: [jojo50bishop@gmail.com](mailto:jojo50bishop@gmail.com)  
Lisa Bell: [lbell88@aol.com](mailto:lbell88@aol.com)

Dedicated to bringing the community together to end homelessness one life at a time.



- Room In The Inn (RITI) provides shelter, meals and compassion for men, women and children.
- **Opportunities to Serve:** December – March on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, host, meet & greet, share a meal, overnight host, transportation for RITI.
- Small groups also provide sandwiches throughout the year for the Soup Kitchen.
- **Contact:** RITI - Fred Fisher: [ffisher@mstone401k.com](mailto:ffisher@mstone401k.com)  
Additional opportunities - Brian Mateer: [bmateer@providenceumc.org](mailto:bmateer@providenceumc.org)



Provides safe emergency shelter while working to end homelessness through employment services and permanent housing.

- Meals are served at the Men's Shelter of Charlotte.
- **Opportunities to serve:** Serving dinner October – May. The Tryon Street location is going through a renovation April – July and many additional meals will be needed.
- **Contact:** Tom Foster: [tdfoster43@gmail.com](mailto:tdfoster43@gmail.com)

## WHAT'S NEXT MINISTRIES



Provides holistic care to youth attending our Church who may otherwise fall through the cracks of our city's systems and safety nets.

- Weekday tutoring, mentoring, life coaching, healthy nutrition and spiritual formation anchors this highly relational ministry.
- **Opportunities to Serve:** Tutoring, mentoring, meals, transportation
- **Contact:** Denny Hammack: [dhammack@pattersonpoppe.com](mailto:dhammack@pattersonpoppe.com)  
David Parr: [dparr@pattersonpoppe.com](mailto:dparr@pattersonpoppe.com)



St. John's is a multicultural worshipping campus located at 4305 Monroe Road:

- Engaging in Community Health Fair(s)
- Landscaping and clean-up of St. John's campus
- Oakhurst community block party
- **Opportunities to Serve:** Coordinating community events, campus clean up
- **Contact:** Brian Mateer: [bmateer@providenceumc.org](mailto:bmateer@providenceumc.org)

## REGIONAL MISSIONS



Providing Disaster Relief and Response trips to the southeastern United States and beyond.

- **Opportunities to Serve:** As identified by UMCOR
- **Contact:** Brian Mateer: [bmateer@providenceumc.org](mailto:bmateer@providenceumc.org)

## INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS



Providence UMC supports Zoe's Conquerors Group in Kenya that provides a means for orphans to become socially, economically and spiritually strong.

- Our contribution of \$3,750 impacts 36 households representing 114 orphaned children. Our dollars are used for basic needs like food, clothing and education.
- The children have established income-generating businesses and have made significant progress towards economic sustainability, food security, and optimum health.
- **Opportunities to Serve:** Communication liaison, Prayer coordinator
- **Contact:** Brian Mateer: [bmateer@providenceumc.org](mailto:bmateer@providenceumc.org)

Formerly Stop Hunger Now, Rise Against Hunger distributes food to the world's most vulnerable.

- **Opportunities to Serve:** Packaging Meals in the Fall
- **Contact:** Tom Foster: [tdfoster43@gmail.com](mailto:tdfoster43@gmail.com)

# HAITI



## Clean Water Initiatives

- 32 new wells have been completed and 4 more wells are planned as a result of the 2016 Christmas Miracle Offering!
- Cholera Prevention

## Economic Development/Microcredit

- A total of 340 loans are currently active with rural Haitian women in seven different communities in northern Haiti.
- Our loan program also provides employment to two loan collectors.

## Health Care

- Providence UMC contributes annually to The Haiti Mission Foundation in Charlottesville, VA. This nonprofit grew out of the original Haiti Mission at Providence which started 35+ years ago. Our contribution helps send medical supplies to the Tovar Clinic in Grisson Garde, Haiti, four times a year. During these four weeks, the medical teams see and treat more than 3,000 patients per week.

## Education

- We completed projects for the college of John Wesley, Annex School. We built a well for the school to provide clean water, installed a proper flushing latrine system, and completed a roof on the third floor making it possible to add a secondary school to the already existing primary school.
- With proceeds from the 2016 Attic Sale, the Haiti Committee nominated a young woman, Tatialine, from the community of Don Don to attend nursing school. She has begun the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of her 4-year education.

## Cap Haitian Ministry Center

- A two-year pilot program for the Cap Haitian Ministry Center (CHMC) was funded by Providence UMC. The onsite office provides structure and support to our ministry partner Dr. Eugene.
- In 2017, the CHMC successfully launched and is now supported by an independent non-profit and funded by many contributing members including churches, universities, other non-profits and individuals. Providence UMC is now one of the contributing partners. This model of ministry is being reviewed by the WNCCUMC as a prototype model for future missions by the church.

**Opportunities to Serve:** Assistance with the Microcredit planning team, Clean Water Initiative, monitoring the wells, identifying future education opportunities. A College trip is planned for May 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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# MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Providence UMC provides missionary support through prayers, gifts, financial support and sharing their story:



## Sam Om – Cambodia

Sam was born in Cambodia and fled in 1979, coming to the U.S. in 1980. Sam served St. John's UMC from 2008 to 2014. He has returned to Cambodia with the prayer of bringing hope and healing. Sam is serving as the director of educational resource development for the Methodist Mission in Cambodia, based in Phnom Penh.

## Wollin Family – Albania

Jamie and Holle, along with their 3 children Thomas, Eli, and Luke are serving in Tirana, Albania. Holle is a middle grades and ESL teacher with a passion for focusing on the blend of education and discipleship. Jamie is studying the Albanian language and involved in a discipleship movement among Albanian and Roma men to build the community through Bible Study, prayer, community meals and soccer matches.



## Michelle Schrader – South Africa

Michelle has been stationed at the Central Methodist Mission in Cape Town, South Africa. She serves on a team with the Bishop of Cape Town helping to strengthen the connection between the Central Methodist Mission and the nearby township of Kaletchie community.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR / SAVE THE DATE

- What's Next Fundraiser at the Pizza Peel Cotswold, Monday, March 19
- St. John's community block party at Briar Cliff Apartments, date TBD
- Conference Haiti Trip, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>
- Potato Drop, Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>
- College Haiti Mission Trip, May 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Freedom School Partners Oakhurst site, July 9<sup>th</sup> - July 27<sup>th</sup>
- Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging, Fall

Are you in a Life Group or Sunday School that is not plugged in to a mission and service area? Contact Missions Director Brian Mateer [bmateer@providenceumc.org](mailto:bmateer@providenceumc.org) to coordinate.