

Global Mission Ministry 2010 Annual Report

The Global Mission Ministry works prayerfully to support Saint Mark's stated Mission to "listen and respond to the needs of the world". In 2010, we worked to answer God's call through contributing to disaster relief efforts across five continents as close to home as the Gulf coast and as far away as flood ravaged Pakistan. In addition to our work to be responsive to needs resulting from disasters, we also focus on on-going needs in troubled areas and on creating partnerships and friendships with our brothers and sisters around the world. Through Global Mission, Saint Mark has long-standing relationships with people and organizations in Haiti, Cameroon, and Lithuania and has participated in mission trips to all three countries over the years. An overview of our work together in 2010 is included below.

PARTNERSHIPS AND OTHER GLOBAL MISSION MINISTRIES

An overview of our 2010 work on each of Global Mission's long-standing partnerships and ministries is included below.

1) Haiti Partnership

In January 2010, Haiti was hit with a devastating earthquake, the impacts of which will be felt for years to come. As a result of this tragedy and our long standing partnerships in Haiti, much Global Mission's work in 2010 was focused on responding to the needs in Haiti resulting from the earthquake. Through the generous contributions of Saint Mark members, visitors, and friends, we raised approximately \$18,000 for disaster earthquake relief in Haiti. In addition, in February, Saint Mark hosted a benefit concert for Haiti generating proceeds of \$5,570, half of which was donated to Hearts with Haiti and half of which was donated to Doctor's without Borders. Finally, in September, through the leadership of Pastor Roy Howard and many of our members, Saint Mark organized D.C. area tour of the Resurrection Dance Theater of Haiti which raised approximately \$50,000 for the rebuilding efforts of the Saint Joseph's Family, an organization with which we have had close personal ties for several years.

Because of the extent of our work related to Haiti, Global Mission formed a Haiti subcommittee in 2010. Through most of the year, the subcommittee was led by Pastor Roy Howard. In December, the leadership of the subcommittee transferred from Pastor Howard to Elder Lyn Hill.

2) Cameroon Partnership

Across the world in Cameroon, we continue to work in partnership with the people Tchekos, the home village of Saint Mark member Battokok Bityeki. Our biggest effort in 2010 was our work to facilitate the building of a well in Tchekos. During the year, we identified an organization called L'Eau C'est la Vie with significant well building experience in Cameroon. Battokok was able to meet with L'Eau C'est la Vie during a trip

to Cameroon to vet their qualifications. We funded the well in October. In November, we were devastated to learn that well building efforts in Tchekos were unsuccessful due to unsuitable soil conditions (significant rock). As a result, the well building efforts were transferred to the nearby village of Bokito. Unfortunately, efforts in Bokito were also unsuccessful. While the L'Eau C'est la Vie workers did not encounter rock, they could not find water in Bokito. Discussions with L'Eau C'est la Vie are underway to see if there are any other viable solutions. At minimum, our hope is that a well will be built in some poor village in Cameroon through whatever remains of our contribution. We are blessed that Battokok has been in Cameroon working on our behalf throughout this difficult time. While we are deeply saddened that this project has not gone as planned, we ask for your prayers that some good will come from all the work that has gone into this effort.

3) Lithuania Partnership

In Lithuania, we have a long-term relationship, led by Ellen Kiel, with Co-Missionaries Becky and Eric Hinderliter who serve the PCUSA at the Lithuanian Christian College International University. In 2010, we continued to support Becky and Eric's mission work and the University's scholarship fund through financial contributions. In addition, we were blessed to have Becky and Eric visit Saint Mark in March. During their time with us, Becky and Eric made three presentations on their mission work in Lithuania (one at a Presbyterian Global Mission Network Meeting, one to the Senior High Sunday School class, and one to church members who attended an after church luncheon). In addition to presenting stories of their ministry (prison ministry work as well as work at the University), the Hinderlitters expressed a need for support for University students from poor backgrounds. As a result of the economic downturn, 2010 has been a difficult year for Becky and Eric and for the students and other professors at Lithuanian Christian College International University. We ask for your prayers for Becky and Eric and those at the University during these difficult times.

4) Fair Coffee Exchange

Under the leadership of Heather Banks, we continue to sell Equal Exchange fairly traded products (coffee and chocolate) to Saint Mark members and friends. The sale of these products helps farmers in some of the poorest areas in the world earn a living wage, learn environmentally sustainable techniques, and develop community cooperatives that build local schools and clinics.

5) Bread for the World

Saint Mark continued its giving as a Covenant Church with the Bread for the World (BFW) organization. Saint Mark pledges an annual donation to BFW to be used in the fight to end global hunger.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Through the generosity of Saint Mark members, visitors, and friends, we were able to support organizations and individuals responding to disasters and other needs throughout the world. Detail of our contributions from our 2010 Operating account and our Balance Sheet accounts is included below.

1) Operating Budget

As of year-end 2010, the Global Mission spent the entire \$17,500 operating budget for the year. The funds were spent as shown on the following table. In addition, a) \$145 collected at the International Potluck Dinner was deposited into the operating account; these funds were sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for flood relief efforts in Pakistan and b) \$391 from Peacemaking Sunday was also donated to PDA for the Pakistan floods.

Organization	Amount
Ngoro Parrish (Cameroon)	\$1,000
Tchkos Dispensary (Cameroon)	\$1,000
Wycliffe Bible Translators – David & Leah Preston	\$1,000
PCUSA Mission Co-Workers – Eric & Becky Hinderliter	\$2,500
Lithuanian Christian College Scholarship Fund	\$1,500
Oxfam (Chile Earthquake)	\$1,000
Ed Pollock Kenya Orphanage Project	\$1,000
UMCP College Park – Travel Expenses for Gulf Environmental Trip	\$500
PCUSA – Living Waters for the World	\$1,000
Americares (Pakistan Floods)	\$1,000
Central Asia Institute (Pakistan)	\$500
UNICEF (Pakistan Floods)	\$500
Goodweave	\$500
Jeff Boyd (Mission Co-Worker, Cameroon)	\$2,000
Cameroon Well Project (\$500 was transferred to Balance Sheet Account to Cover Battokok's in country expenses in Cameroon related to the well to be paid in 2011 when Battokok returns to the U.S.)	\$500
UNICEF (Pakistan Floods)	\$1,000
Presbyterian Disaster Relief (Pakistan)	\$1,000

Floods)	
Total Committed through 12/31/2010	\$17,500

2) Balance Sheet Accounts

In 2010, from our balance sheet accounts we donated/committed funds to the organizations/individuals shown in the chart below. Please note that this does not include the coffee exchange account since there are constantly small dollar amounts flowing in and out of this account. While year-end statements had not been received at the time of the writing of this report, I estimate that we will start 2011 with \$5.7K in the Haiti Earthquake Relief account, \$800 in the Tchekos Well Project account (includes \$500 transferred from the operating account being held for Battokok's travel expenses in Cameroon associated with his work on the well project and \$300 transferred from the Coffee Exchange account), and \$983 in the Global Mission Other account. There is also a small amount of money remaining in the Coffee Exchange account.

Organization	Balance Sheet Source	Amount
Hearts with Haiti	2242063 – Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$10,700
Hearts with Haiti	2242061 – Haiti Outreach Ministry	\$228.52
Hearts with Haiti	2242062 – Calendar Sales	\$240.00
Living Waters of the World (for Haiti Earthquake Relief)	2242061 – Haiti Outreach Ministry	\$2,000
Hearts with Haiti	2242063 – Haiti Earthquake Relief (Concert Proceeds)	\$2,785
Doctors without Borders (for Haiti Earthquake Relief)	2242063 – Haiti Earthquake Relief (Concert Proceeds)	\$2,765 (1)
Tchkos Well Project (Grant to fund Battokok's in Country Expenses Related to the Well Project)	224208 - Cameroon Well Project	\$500
Wire Fee	2242063 – Haiti Outreach Ministry	\$50 (2)
Wynne Farm Donation (Haiti)	2242063 – Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$300
Hearts with Haiti – Resurrection Dance Theater of Haiti Sponsorships (3)	2242063 – Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$1,500
Tchkos Well Project (Reimbursement of Battokok's additional in Country Expenses Related to the Well Project)	224208 - Cameroon Well Project	\$110
IMA World Health (Medicine Box(es) for Haiti)	2242063 – Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$500
Roundhouse Theatre (Rental of Theatre for Resurrection Dance Theater of Haiti Performance)	2242063 – Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$400
Hearts with Haiti (Payment to Boys of \$15 per Performance at Gaithersburg	2242063 – Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$600

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Billy Mayfield (Sound at Haiti Dance Theater Performance at Saint Mark)	2242063 – Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$400
Habitat for Humanity International (Earthquake Relief in Haiti)	2242063 – Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$2,000
IMA World Health (Medicine Box(es) for Haiti)	2242063 – Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$2,000
House of Musical Traditions (Lights & Sound for Dance Theater Performance)	2242063 – Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$250
Hearts with Haiti (Dance Theater Performance Proceeds at Roundhouse and Saint Mark)	2242063 – Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$9,200
L'Eau C'est la Vie and Wire Transfer Fee (4)	224208 – Tchekos Cameroon Well Project (\$11,083.90) 2242 – Global Mission Other (\$2,976.10)	\$14,060

Notes: (1) Total collections for the Haiti Earthquake Relief Benefit Concert were \$5,570. As advertised the collections were distributed 50/50 between Hearts with Haiti and Doctors without Borders. Collections included a \$20 check made payable to Doctors without Borders which is why \$20 less was distributed from our balance sheet account to this organization compared to Hearts with Haiti..

(2) While check requests were made for our donations to Hearts with Haiti, it appears that the money was instead wired with an associated \$50 fee which was deducted from our balance sheet account.

(3) Represents three sponsorships for Resurrection Dance Theater of Haiti performances. \$500 is for Saint Mark's sponsorship; the other \$1,000 was reimbursed by the other sponsors.

(4) Includes \$60 wire fee.

2011 AND BEYOND

In 2011, the Global Mission Ministry Team looks to continue and strengthen our existing partnerships and expand into some new ones. Plans for a 2011 Holy Week Mission trip are already in process under the leadership of Pastor Roy Howard and Elder Lyn Hill. In Cameroon we will continue our partnership with the people of Tchekos. In addition, we hope to make some good happen in Cameroon as a result of our well building efforts. In Lithuania, we will continue to support Becky and Eric Hinderliter's ministries at the Lithuanian Christian College International University both financially and prayerfully. In addition, in 2011, we hope to continue our work to contribute to flood relief efforts in Pakistan with a goal of creating a more formal partnership with this country and its people.

Before closing, I also want to thank the members of the Global Mission Ministry Team for their incredible and faithful service during 2010. Working with this team has been a great blessing for me personally. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity I had to be the Elder for Global Mission in 2010 and will have again in 2011.

The Global Mission Ministry is blessed by the generosity of the people of Saint Mark. We take our responsibility seriously as we strive to hear God's call throughout the world.

Blessings,

Betsy Weingarten
Elder for Global Mission