

Global Mission

The Global Mission Ministry (GMM) continues to work prayerfully to support Saint Mark's stated mission to "listen and respond to the needs of the world". In 2014, we worked to answer God's call through contributing to humanitarian needs of Syrian refugees, efforts to help Ebola victims, the US border crisis, education and health for people of Congo and more.

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.

In 2014, GMM identified four categories of giving to help be more deliberate and transparent about allocating the ministry's operating budget. These four categories are:

1. Disaster Relief
2. Saint Mark Member Led Projects with Global Reach
3. PCUSA Missionaries
4. Education

GMM donates to well-established financially transparent charities for disaster relief efforts, which meet critical needs and are often religious based organizations. The ministry has also chosen to support new organizations with seed money for limited time periods. These organizations have local leadership and provide GMM with an annual update on progress and experiences.

Global Mission Partnerships

1) Haiti Partnership

Saint Mark has been a prayerful and financial supporter of Hearts with Haiti, a 501c3 nonprofit supporting the vision and ministry of the St. Joseph Family in Haiti. This year we gave \$3000 to the organization to help finish the worship space and assist with administrative costs. The ministry also provided \$1500 to help support the production of an educational video on Hearts With Haiti, led by Saint Mark member Mike Welsh.

2) Cameroon Partnership

Since 2001, the GMM partnership has focused on the villages of Tchekos and Ngoro. Battokok Bityeki continues to be the Saint Mark liaison in the region. This past year, GMM sent \$500 to the Ngoro church with the help of Battokok. This money was intended for maintenance and improvement projects for the Ngoro church. Another \$500 was sent to the Tchekos church and was intended for dispensary equipment.

3) Lithuania Partnership

In Lithuania, we have a long-term relationship, led by Saint Mark member Ellen Kiel, with Co-Missionaries Becky and Eric Hinderliter who serve the PCUSA at the Lithuanian Christian College International University in Klaipeda. In 2014, we continued our financial support for Becky and Eric's mission work and for the University's scholarship fund. Becky and Eric have been teaching at the University for 13 and 14 years respectively. Their men's' prison ministry that they began in 2005 continues with monthly visits. GMM gave \$3000 through PCUSA to their continued mission work and \$1000 to the University's scholarship fund.

Additional Work of Global Mission

Through the generosity of Saint Mark members, visitors, and friends, the ministry was able to support organizations and individuals responding to disasters and other needs throughout the world. This was the second year GMM gave to the Congo Lotus Care Project, a health clinic focused on female health led by Mpalata and Godlieve Mukanya. The health clinic is still growing and thriving in Kinshasa. It is also the second consecutive year we have given to Reve Kandal, an organization focused on building schools in Congo. This year marked the first time the church has given to Sayariy Warmi, Rise Up Women, a non-profit offering scholarships to young Bolivian woman.

A detailed financial record of GMM's use of the 2014 operating budget is listed below. There was \$3000 distributed through GMM outside of the operational budget to Hearts With Haiti and \$1500 given to support of the educational video made to benefit the organization. This money was generously donated by members or raised for Haiti relief. The congregation also generously gave \$256 to the Peace Making Fund, which GMM donated to New Story Leadership for Israel and Palestinian Peace. Such donations are not reflected in the below 2014 operating budget.

2014 GMM Budget Activity			
To	Amount	When	Category
PDA Tornado Relief - US	\$500	4-May-14	Disaster Relief
Reve Kandal - Congo	\$1,000	4-May-14	SM Member project
Congo Lotus Care - Congo	\$1,000	4-May-14	SM Member project
Tchekos Medical Clinic - Cameroon	\$500	4-May-14	SM Member project
Ngoro Presbyterian Church – Cameroon	\$500	4-May-14	SM Member project
PCUSA Mission Workers Hinderliters - Lithuania	\$1,000	1-Jun-14	PCUSA Mission
LCC scholarship fund - Lithuania	\$1,000	1-Jun-14	Education
Bread For the World Letter Campaign	\$24	1-Jun-14	Supplies
PCUSA PDA, Border crisis - US	\$1,000	3-Aug-14	Disaster Relief
PCUSA PDA, Syrian Refugee Crisis – Middle East	\$750	10-Sept_14	Disaster Relief
New Story Leadership – Israel/Palestine	\$244	10-Sept_14	Education
Ebola Free West Point Coalition (More Than Me) - Liberia	\$734.5	8-Oct-14	Disaster Relief
Save the Children – Work in Liberia	\$734.5	8-Oct-14	Disaster Relief
Sayariy Warmi, Rise Up Women -Bolivia	\$1,000	8-Oct-14	Education
PCUSA Mission Workers Hinderliters - Lithuania	\$1,975	8-Oct-14	PCUSA Mission
Friends of IMCK (Christian Medical Institute of the Kasai; Congo) - Congo	\$500	8-Oct-14	Education
Doctors Without Borders – Ebola crisis	\$1,207	7-Dec-14	Disaster Relief
PDA Syrian Refugees – Middle	\$1,207	7-Dec-14	Disaster Relief

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Total	\$14,875		

2015 AND BEYOND

In 2015,

the Global Mission Ministry Team will prayerfully consider our partnerships and our work. Through God’s grace, may we work to improve our ways to help empower those who are weak and support those that are strong so that they may help others. Let us acknowledge the endless need in the world and may our prayers and financial assistance help those in need. We would like to inspire and increase the congregation’s participation in Global Mission possibilities and partnerships.

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. We thank the members of the Global Mission Ministry Team for their incredible and faithful service during 2014.

Blessings,

Alison Dewey, Elder

Ellen Kiel, Convener