



# NNUMC Missions



A Report on the Missions of North Naples United Methodist Church

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There are many opportunities for you to become involved in the exciting work of our missions. Many require only a few hours of a week, while others offer the opportunity to take short term mission trips. These trips have been found to be spiritually uplifting to all who participate. What a great way for a young person to see beyond the world of Naples, or for a retired person to give to others the benefit of their life experiences. We have been forming interest groups around each mission, as there are many roles to fill and tasks to complete. Please contact the person listed for the mission you are interested in, or return the attached form. We'd love to hear from you! May God continue to bless you!

## Cuba Update

The year 2010 saw the transition from the Cuba Florida Covenant into the **“Methodists United in Prayer”**. Even with the new travel restrictions, we have managed to visit and share in their district conferences. This has enabled us to continue to support our sister churches with funds and fellowship. Both of our sister churches, **El Buen Pastor and La Trocha**, are doing well. They both continue to bring souls to Christ and are centers of hope for their communities.



El Buen Pastor construction

At El Buen Pastor, Pastor Gaspar and his wife Maydel, are continuing to rebuild and expand their church. After a hurricane caused the already stressed and dilapidated roof to collapse, they seized the opportunity to expand their sanctuary to handle their ever increasing attendance. Pastor Gaspar was excited to tell me that this Christmas they hosted the district celebration and had to rent the local cinema to have enough seats for the 1,200 people in attendance. The celebration culminated with a drama of the Christmas story, bringing many people to Christ.



Praise Service

La Trocha is a much smaller, far more rural church. Pastor Jose and his wife Ines are also in the midst of construction, having finally added a bathroom. As a sister church, we pay the pastor's salary of \$30 per month and we also do what we can to supplement food programs, help to purchase bibles, hymnals and study materials.

Please pray that God would place in your heart His plans for how you can become involved in the Cuba mission. Our Cuban brothers and sisters are wonderful stewards of God's resources and your money will go further in Cuba than almost anywhere else. -Scott Duval

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# Island of La Gonave, Haiti

The mission team that traveled to La Gonave over Thanksgiving week concentrated on **training**. Pastor training, leadership training and ladies bible study. When we were there in June doing children's programs (1500 plus kids), when we asked what we could do for them, the thing they asked for was training. Ed Ritter and David Ames focused on CHE training, which stands of Community, Health and Evangelism. It teaches them how to come up with their own solutions for the areas problems. They were also instructed on how to clean their water for drinking and bathing using simple and natural methods. Pastor Floyd from Ohio gave the pastor study to over 20 lay leaders in the area. Sally Ritter and Janice Coffey led a ladies bible study based on the Apples of Gold principles, which stress raising your children, loving your husbands, purity and hospitality. The lesson were taught using bible verses, theirs in creole. They could not believe that the Bible had such instruction for their lives.



Ed teaching the men and ladies combined about safe water

The Church of the New Jerusalem in Ti Palmeste where the classes were held, is almost finished. Windows (decorative iron bars) are in, but there remain some areas in need of stucco, and latrines need to be built. Mission funds supply the materials, but the church members supply the volunteer labor. We have formed a partnership here with Pastor Ambroz and the other church leaders.

The family of Aunel Bellany, our partner who grew up on La Gonave, have given us use of the family land and house to start a farm for peanuts, mangoes, squash and many other fruits and vegetables, and also to raise goats. Profits will go to starting the school and supporting the church for further outreach. Our dream is to build cottages and create a guest house compound that could host visiting missionaries.



Kids at Pastor Agones school showing off their Village School uniforms

We have found a way to be sure exactly where every penny we take or send over goes where it is supposed to. We agreed we would not run a mission any other way. These wonderful people have touched our hearts, and we hope through our experiences to touch yours as well.

**We have found a way to really create effective, long-lasting change through the strengthening of the community, with the church (and God) at the core center. With a little help and guidance, they will be self supporting, which is our goal. Money alone will never solve Haiti's problems, but with God, all things are possible.**

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## Grace Center-Ethiopia



St. Joseph's Family Foundation has its work in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia. Grace Center for Children and Families was founded to aid in serving the poor among us. It is a holistic approach to helping orphaned and under privileged children in the area where we live. In a town where there is such a great need, we are able to offer help and show the love of Christ. These are some of the ways we help families:

•Day Care; offering single women another option than to abandon their children.

- Transitional Care; a home for abandoned and orphaned children.
- Sponsorship; allowing impoverished families to stay together as a family.
- Basket Weaving Co-Op and Business Start Up Programs and After School Tutoring Program

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# Mission Focus-Community

## **New Horizons of SWFL-Super Kids and Teen Clubs-Tutoring and Mentoring- New! Girls Club and Teen Soccer!**



Groundbreaking for the new Teen Program at Rosemary Park

New Horizons of SWFL has been a ministry to the at risk youth of Bonita Springs and Naples for over six years. Each day 170 children and teens attend the three programs for help with homework and basic reading and math skills. Mentoring is a big part of all we do. Our mission is to reach these at risk youth with the life changing news of Jesus Christ. We reach out to them where they live, surrounded by opportunities for failure, gangs and drugs. Our elementary programs instill good study habits and a love of God and Jesus. We teach them that He has a plan for their life, and they can do all things through Christ who strengthens them. As they go on to Middle School, the Teen program takes over and reinforces these ideals during a critical time in their lives. Our Girls Club helps teach young girls what is to be a young woman of God through Bible study and understanding relationships with one another.

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## **Immokalee**



The Immokalee Friendship House merged with St. Matthews House to help solidify the needs of ALL of Collier County. The goals of Friendship House are to empower the clients to get back on their feet. During their stay, clients are provided with clothing, food, shelter, showers, linens and personal hygiene products. They are assisted with referrals to jobs, housing school, daycare, clinics and hospitals, and other services. The shelter provides emergency meals, groceries, blankets, etc. to the community when the need arises.

In November a group of over 20 youth, led by Chris Thompson, spent a weekend painting Friendship House. They experienced an over night stay in the dorm rooms,

and held a worship service for all persons staying at the shelter. John Bianco the shelter manager, wrote "Thank you for supporting our ministry and our mission to change lives in a spiritual environment that is both compassionate and disciplined, as well as providing housing for the homeless and food for the needy." This outreach had a great effect on both the volunteers and the employees and residents of Friendship House.

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## **Family Crisis**

Family Crisis was started to meet a need for families who come up against a catastrophe in their lives, such as an illness or loss of a job. These people may not be able to wait for social services. Family Crisis helps with immediate need. In April 2009 we had 18 families come for help with rent, water, electric, gas for cars, groceries and baby supplies. We spent \$5007.40 helping these families. One of the people we have helped has given back some of the money we gave her when she was in need. Family Crisis needs: food, household items, clothing, a car, baby supplies and donations of cash.

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Carol Stolle 239-352-5547

# Mission Focus-Children and Youth

## Heifer International

June was Vacation Bible School month at NNUMC. For the past two years, the children have raised enough money to purchase an entire Ark of animals (\$5000). This year they raised \$3100 by bringing in their own money, supplemented by our Beans and Rice Luncheon and the sale of t-shirts. Starting in February the children in Power Hour donated money through a special offering. Women's circles donated \$300. We are very pleased with the response of the children and adults. Their hearts were touched by the stories of how a milk giving animal could make the difference in a families life, the difference of whether they had food to eat or not, or could send their children to school. Children reaching out to children in extreme poverty is an awesome thing!



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## A Time to Give



The Time to Give Christmas giving program is doing some early planning of meals through the SHARE program. Last years meals included a large frozen turkey, sweet potatoes, white potatoes fresh vegetables, fresh bread and canned goods. These meals were such a blessing to the families, and at a cost to us of \$25, a real bargain.. Through the generosity of NNUMC many needy families had a wonderful Christmas dinner! Of course, we will have the Angel Tree again this year supplying gifts for families in need.

This mission is looking for someone to head it up  
for next year!

## Grace Place



Grace Place for Children and Families is a hands-on ministry to our neighbors in need right here in Collier County. Grace Place is located just 15 minutes from our church, in Golden Gate city-the highest pocket of need outside of Immokalee. We are a faith based, non-profit neighborhood center teaching literacy, language and life skills to at-risk children and impoverished families. Volunteers-youth, adults and whole families-are invited to make friends, and bridge the racial, cultural, economic, and social differences as we join together in making our community a better place for all. Come make a difference in the life of a child-call us to find out how YOU can help!

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## Naples Harvest

If you have neighbors who have citrus fruit and trees ready for picking, please ask them to donate a portion of their harvest to Naples Harvest. To donate, contact us at [naplesharvest@comcast.net](mailto:naplesharvest@comcast.net) or sign up online at [www.naplesharvest.com](http://www.naplesharvest.com).



## Cat Island Orphanage- Bahamas

Teams have begun running trips to the orphanage again providing fellowship, VBS fun and much needed repair work. Capt. Bob Nichols carried 3 pallets of food over on his schooner in November. When he saw the empty pantries, he realized prayers had been answered. Capt. John rebuilt the chlorine injection pump for their water, and friends donated a round trip flight. Bill Rowe caught a ride home with them after spending 5 days doing repair work at the orphanage and the house. A fund raiser provided all new pillows for the kids, and a load of Christmas presents.



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**Youth for Orphans-** A new mission of the youth of North Naples UMC, under the direction of Terry Hand, this group aims their support at orphanages in need. A July trip to the Old Bight Cat Island Orphanage will include bringing needed supplies and food, and hosting a Vacation Bible School for the kids. We will share their story and pictures when they return home. We are praying for a successful youth mission trip!

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*To donate to any of our missions, simply mark your check for the appropriate mission and place in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail to:*

*NUMC  
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## LIST OF MISSIONS AT NORTH NAPLES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The following is a list of missions and contact information know by the Missions Committee. There may be other missions supported but are not registered with the committee.

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