



Athens First United Methodist

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Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission - The ARK United Ministry Outreach Center

Outside Agency: The Ark, 640-A Barber Street (706) 548-8155 Fax: (706) 353-1153
<http://www.athensark.org> arkumoc@msn.com Director: Lucy Hudgens

Summary: The Ark is an outreach center providing emergency financial assistance to the low-income population of Athens-Clarke and surrounding counties. About half of The Ark's funding comes from congregations in Athens-Clarke County; the remainder comes from private grants and donations. The Ark's services are available to all citizens in the area, without reference to religious affiliation, race or any other consideration beyond need. The Ark also provides food bank referrals.

Past Projects:

- AFUMC has provided financial support for the last 6 years
- AFUMC frequently refers people in need

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteer as intake interviewer (Mon-Fri 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
- **Volunteers:** volunteer for general office help
- **Volunteers:** volunteers for various handyman projects
- **Prayer:** pray for their ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Athens First United Methodist Mission Partnerships

Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission – Athens Urban Ministries (Our Daily Bread)

Outside Agency: Athens Urban Ministries a program division of Action Ministries, Inc.

717 Oconee Street <http://www.actionministries.net>

Kitchen Manager: Mary Weisenburg

Program Director: Erin Barger ebarger@actionministries.net

Summary: Our Daily Bread serves lunch to more than 125 people a day Monday-Friday, as well as breakfast on weekdays and a sack meal on Saturdays and Sundays. Our Daily Bread also distributes food, health, and hygiene items to guests, and provides space for guests to receive legal assistance, nursing care, and VA assistance.

Past Projects:

- Service projects such as door repairs, landscaping, etc.
- Volunteer for meal preparation
- Financial assistance

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteers for meal preparation
- **Volunteers:** volunteers for various handyman projects
- **Prayer:** pray for their ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Athens First United Methodist Mission Partnerships

Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission – American Red Cross Blood Drive

Outside Agency: American Red Cross 2524 Atlanta Highway

Summary: Twice a year, we partner with the American Red Cross to collect 20-30 pints of blood. Each fall and spring we host the event in our gym. We meet a critical need for the American Red Cross. In the past, we have had an average turnout of 35 people, but would like to increase that amount. Eventually, we would like to host a blood drive on Sundays before and after church and have an overwhelming turnout. However, we have to be able to guarantee that at least one hundred people will give blood for the Red Cross to allow weekend overtime for its workers.

Past Projects:

- Various Blood Drives
- Individual donations

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteers are needed to help with check in for blood drives
- **Donations:** snacks for the donors
- **Prayer:** pray for this ministry, our volunteers and the transfusion recipients

Church Contact: Geoff Hill glhill_42@yahoo.com (912) 655-1725 (cell)





Athens First United Methodist Mission Partnerships

Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission – The Bigger Vision of Athens, Inc.

Outside Agency: The Bigger Vision of Athens, Inc. Athens, Georgia
<http://www.biggervisionathens.org> (706) 340-6002
Barbara K. Andersen theandersens@windstream.net

Summary: The overall purpose of The Bigger Vision of Athens is to try and provide a cooperative approach to homeless individuals and foster public awareness and support of homelessness in the community. Historically, they have a winter homeless shelter which provides a mean and a warm bed to homeless persons during the winter months. Recently, they purchased a building on North Avenue which is the process of being remodeled to provide a new space for the shelter and other services. From 10/15/09 to 4/15/10 they were able to house 122 individuals, provide 2,773 bed nights and serve over 6,000 meals.

Past Projects:

- Hosted winter shelters at AFUMC facilities
- Church members have provided meals, stayed overnight, lead small groups
- Church members have provided non-perishable food items & other supplies

Current Needs:

- **Prayer** –pray for homeless individuals they assist, volunteers, needed funding, unity of purpose, wise vision and stewardship by Board of Directors
- **Volunteers** – volunteers needed for the homeless shelter and other services: overnight staff, meal providers, small group leaders, mentors
- **Construction Volunteers** – skilled and non-skilled volunteers for building renovations
- **Prayer:** pray for their ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Athens First United Methodist Mission Partnerships

Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission – Interfaith Hospitality Network

Outside Agency: Julie Knowlton, Director, (706) 425-1881 fax: (706) 425-1878
director@ihnathens.org 393 West Hancock Ave., Athens, GA 30601

Summary: The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide immediate shelter and guidance to homeless families with children, due to the impact of misfortunes upon their lives. Once accepted in the program, IHNA provides food, shelter, daycare, and transportation as needed. Families stay in area churches one week at a time while the families work on their goals to move them out of homelessness.

Past Projects:

- Supported IHN financially for several years
- Served as a host church solely for several years until 2009 when volunteer participation declined
- We switched roles with St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Now they provide the bulk of the volunteers, we fill in the empty spots, and we provide the facility, as St. Joseph's does not have the facility to host a week. It's a great ecumenical partnership.
- We/St. Joseph's host 4 weeks out of the year.

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** person, or two persons, to serve as coordinator for hosting week
- **Volunteers:** people to help with set-up on the opening Sunday afternoon and take-down on the closing Sunday morning of our hosting week
- **Volunteers:** people to serve as van drivers, as needed, on a morning or an early evening during our hosting week.
- **Prayer:** pray for their ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission - International Student Ministry (ISM)

Outside Agency: This is a ministry of our church with no outside partner.

Summary: Our church's International Student Ministry seeks to create a welcoming environment in Athens for international college students and visiting scholars at UGA and other area colleges. We seek to provide opportunities for participants to become better acclimated to American culture, to experience Christian hospitality through regularly scheduled social events and cross-cultural friendships, and to learn more about the Christian faith. We offer monthly fellowship events and trips, an International Friendship Program that matches international students with families from our church or with American college students from the Wesley Foundation, and Bible studies for both seekers who are exploring the Christian faith for the first time and for Christians who desire to continue growing in their faith. All of our events are open to international students, scholars, and their families regardless of race, nationality, or religious preference.

Past Projects: Sunday school, monthly fellowship events, short trips, friendship partners, etc.

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteers are needed for our International Friendship Partner Program
- **Volunteers:** volunteers are needed to welcome students to social events and to assist with food preparation
- **Volunteers:** van drivers are needed for trips
- **Volunteers:** volunteers are also needed to offer rides to students on Sunday mornings
- **Prayer:** pray for this ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

Church Contact: Lynn Bryant, ISM Director, lynn@athensfirstumc.org (706) 202-9017 (cell)





Athens First United Methodist Mission Partnerships

Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission - Mercy Health Center

Outside Agency: Mercy Health Center 767 Oglethorpe Avenue (706) 425-9445
<http://mercyhealthcenter.net>
Tracy Thompson tracy@mercyhealthcenter.net

Summary: Mercy Health Center provides physical, emotional, and spiritual care for our low-income uninsured neighbors in the Athens area. Mercy exists as an extension of the local Christian community to manifest the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

Past Projects:

- Painting/landscaping projects through Great Day of Service
- Financial support
- Volunteer medical staff (doctors, nurses, etc.)

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteer medical volunteers: medical, pharmacy & dental care
- **Volunteers:** non-medical volunteers: fundraising & marketing, Spanish interpreting, administrative assistance, emotional & spiritual care, building maintenance
- **Donations:** donations: medical, dental, pharmaceutical, and office supplies and equipment
- **Prayer:** pray for their ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Athens First United Methodist Mission Partnerships

Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission - Mission Latino

Outside Agency: Haydee Vidot & Efrain Diaz 349 Jefferson River Road (706) 353-3712
hvidotd51@yahoo.com

Summary: A ministry of the North East Georgia Methodist Conference, Mission Latino is a small church primarily focused on reaching out to the Hispanic community. In addition to weekly services, they also provide English tutoring, food distributions and fellowship opportunities.

Past Projects:

- Helped host a food distribution
- Building Maintenance and landscaping
- Financial Assistance
- Hosted VBS

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteers for building maintenance
- **Volunteers:** volunteers to assist with special projects as needed
- **Prayer:** pray for their ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Athens First United Methodist Mission Partnerships

Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission - Mobile Food Pantry

Outside Agency: Food Bank Northeast Georgia (Tanya Pass)
(706) 354-8191 programs@foodbanknega.org

Summary: The AFUMC Mobile Food Pantry is a monthly food distribution held at the church typically on the last Saturday of each month. We serve approximately 250 families and distribute 10,000 pounds of food on a typical day. Our volunteers consist of church volunteers and community volunteers who also receive food.

Past Projects:

- Health Screens – while our guests were waiting for the food, we provided complementary health screens
- Message, communion, worship, & prayer – during some of the food distributions, church members have lead a short message, served communion, sang worship music, and offered prayer to our guests

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteers are always welcome. Volunteers arrive at 8:30 a.m. and we finish around 11:00 a.m. Children are welcome with adult supervision. No prior experience or advance sign-up necessary.
- **Volunteers:** volunteer(s) to lead short worship music / homily / communion before food distribution
- **Donations:** grocery bags are always needed. Please deliver bags to front desk.
- **Donations:** donation of hand trucks (new or used)
- **Prayer:** pray for this ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve
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Church Contact: Jon Mills jon@mills.net (706) 372-5025 (cell)





Athens First United Methodist Mission Partnerships

Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission - Project Safe

Outside Agency: Shalene Bedell, (706) 549-0922 www.project-safe.org
pjctsafe@bellsouth.net

Summary: Project Safe is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to end domestic violence through prevention and educational programs, crisis intervention and on-going supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their children. They also provide advocacy related services. They have a network of safe houses and a confidential emergency shelter. Short-term crisis counseling and support is available through a hotline. They also provide long term support through follow-up and transitional housing programs.

Past Projects:

- Annual hosting of Project Safe Christmas Party
- UMW financially supports, as does the church, on an annual basis
- Christmas Angel Tree, in which congregation members sponsor PS clients and their children by purchasing gifts for their Christmas. Annually helps 10-20 families, representing 30-40 people.

Current Needs:

- **Volunteer:** congregational liaison to oversee the Christmas Angel Tree project
- **Volunteers:** volunteers mentors, thrift store volunteers, meal providers, advocates, support group facilitators, building maintenance providers
- **Donations:** donations of clothing & household goods to thrift store at 995 Hawthorne Avenue

Prayer: pray for this ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve / assist

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Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission - Sparrow's Nest

Outside Agency: Sparrow's Nest Mission Church - 745 Prince Ave. Athens, GA
Attn: Tommy York (706)549-6693 thomashyork@yahoo.com

Summary: The Sparrow's Nest Mission Church is a local ministry provides a variety of services to homeless individuals throughout the Athens area. They host a daily Holy Suds ministry which provides the homeless with an opportunity to use shower and laundry facilities on Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. They also have a Clothes Closet during the same hours. On Thursdays at Noon, they host a Food for Friends event which also serves lunch. Additionally, they have several ministries aimed at helping inner-city youth.

Past Projects:

- Christmas Toy Giveaway – Provided volunteers and facilities to host a massive toy give away
- Landscape Projects, Tutoring, Etc.

Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteers are always welcome. Volunteers are needed for the weekly homeless ministries, to assist with transportation of the youth, to serve food on Thursdays, to assist with mentoring and/or tutoring youth, as well as other special projects.
- **Donations:** Holy Suds: laundry soap powder, small (trial size) bottles of shampoo and lotion, disposable razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, baby wipes, baby lotion, diapers.
- **Donations:** Clothes Closet: All sizes clean, gently used clothing, new socks and underclothes for all ages and sizes; always need XL & XXL sizes for men and women
- **Prayer:** pray for their ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission - Christmas Meal

Outside Agency: This is a ministry of our church with no outside partner.

Summary: We host our neighborhood guests and share a Christmas meal. In 2010, we served over 185 hot meals.

Past Projects:

- Christmas meals for community for 5+ years
- Gifts for guests such as mittens, socks, and hats

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteers to prepare food items
- **Volunteers:** volunteers to socialize with guests
- **Donations:** donations of specified food items, socks, mittens, etc.
- **Prayer:** pray for this ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

Church Contact: Matt Dixon mdixon3@bellsouth.net





Athens First United Methodist Mission Partnerships

Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission - Great Day of Service

Outside Agency: This is a ministry of our church with no outside partner.

Summary: Once a year, the entire church joins together in helping serve our church and our neighbors.

Past Projects:

- Food distributions, Stop Hunger Now
- Painting, yard work, repair railings
- Prepare blankets for NICU babies, cards to soldiers, etc.

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** project leaders (coordinate with mission partner and supervise volunteers)
- **Volunteers:** volunteers to help with specific projects
- **Donations:** supplies for projects
- **Prayer:** pray for this ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission - Sunday Sack Lunches

Outside Agency: This is a ministry of our church with no outside partner.

Summary: This ministry focuses on feeding the homeless in the community each Sunday. We have a volunteer sign up list quarterly. Each Sunday 30 sack lunches are prepared for distribution by various volunteer groups within the church and families. We ask that the volunteers stay and hand out the lunches to our guests near the Hancock entrance to the church. If any lunches are left over, we hand them out the remainder of each week.

Past Projects:

- Sack lunches have been distributed since September 2009
- In 2010, we started to have the volunteers personally distribute the lunches instead of the self-serve concept previously utilized

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteers are always needed
- **Donations:** donation of supplies for use by volunteers: snacks, bread, peanut butter, drinks, etc. (stored in Outreach Pantry)
- **Prayer:** pray for this ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

Church Contact: Kelly Channell (kellychannell@gmail.com) 706-296-0600





Athens First United Methodist Mission Partnerships

Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission - Souper Supper

Outside Agency: This is a ministry of our church with no outside partner.

Summary: This ministry provides food for bodies and souls. Every Thursday in January through March a hot meal is served by members of the congregation to all who come. Volunteers prepare, serve, and clean-up after the meal. The ministry also provides music, scripture reading/devotion, prayer, fellowship (eating and visiting with diners), and serving Holy Communion. Menu is decided by those volunteering for the evening.

Past Projects:

- Weekly Souper Suppers every year for 3 + years during winter months
- While initially started with simple soup/sandwich meals, we have progressed to full meals for our diners (entrée, sides, and desert)

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteer groups to provide & serve meals
- **Volunteers:** individual musicians to lead worship music and small group leaders
- **Donations:** volunteer to provide baked goods and birthday cake 1x per month
- **Donations:** donation of special gift items (bibles, jackets, sleeping bags, socks, toiletries, etc.)
- **Prayer:** pray for this ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

Church Contact: Glenda Greenhaw ggreenha@yahoo.com (706) 769-2547





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Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission - Stop Hunger Now

Outside Agency: Stop Hunger Now, 1000 Williams Dr., Ste 1022, Marietta, GA 30066
(404) 461-9581 fax: (866) 298-7603 atlanta@stophungernow.org
Kyle Galenski

Summary: Every quarter feeds a hungry person. Stop Hunger Now is an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. The organization is driven by a vision of a world without hunger and a mission to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

Stop Hunger Now's meal packaging program provides volunteers the opportunity to package dehydrated, high protein, and highly nutritious meals that are used in crisis situations and in school feeding programs for schools and orphanages in developing countries around the world.

Past Projects:

- Jan-April, 2011 – Raised \$15,000 over 3 months and packaged 60,000 meals in one morning

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteers to assist with next SHN event
- **Goals:** increased awareness and financial support for the next SHN event, where our goal will be \$20,000 and 100,000 meals
- **Prayer:** pray for this ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Athens First United Methodist Mission Partnerships

Mission Partnership/Project: Local Mission - UGA Wesley Foundation

Outside Agency: UGA Wesley Foundation – 1196 S Lumpkin Street (706) 353-1408
www.ugawesley.org William Draper william@ugawesley.org

Summary: They are a campus ministry committed to worshiping God and seeking His Kingdom here in Athens. They desire to see Christian students fulfill their primary calling and become Christ-like. Small groups and discipleship are the two fundamental avenues that they believe lead students toward that goal. We offer students the opportunity they participate and give leadership in one of our fifteen different ministry areas. They offer: Wednesday night worship services, Monday night freshman services, small groups, mission trips, CrossTrainer Ministry to at-risk Athens children, discipleship ministry to 450 Wesley Staff and UGA Students, 30 ISM conversation partners, youth leadership in 3 area United Methodist churches (including AFUMC).

Past Projects:

- Financial Support
- Host interns assisting with AFUMC youth & ISM

Current Needs:

- **Prayer:** prayers for various ministries and activities at Wesley
- **Donations:** financial support for individual interns, staff & programs
- **Volunteers:** volunteers for special projects





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Mission Partnership/Project: Appalachia Regional Mission – Henderson Settlement, KY

Outside Agency: Henderson Settlement P.O. Box 205, 16773 Hwy 190, Frakes, KY 40940
<http://www.hendersonsettlement.com> Dejuana (606) 337-3613

Summary: Through the Henderson Settlement and their Workcamp program, we are able to help them serve the low income families in the Laurel Fork Valley of Southeastern Kentucky. Their mission has two purposes: (1) to help educate the church in the area of missions and how to learn to love and understand their peoples and (2) to provide much needed services to many mountain families. Typical projects include fixing leaky roofs, floors with holes, lack of running and/or hot water, repairing steps, decks, and porches. Many of the families receiving assistance are without financial means to make the repairs themselves. This trip is short term trip, usually less than five days, so it is very accessible to most of our congregation.

Past Projects:

- Adult trip Summer 2010 – Sheetrocked and painted laundry room to create space for a bedroom
- Mother-Son Summer 2011 – Focused mission, doing various service projects

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** trip leaders – to organize and take team
- **Volunteers:** volunteer participants for trip
- **Donations:** donations of construction tools, supplies
- **Prayer:** pray for their ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Mission Partnership/Project: Regional Mission - Gulf Coast

Outside Agency: Varies depending on area visited. Typically contact through the local United Methodist conference in Gulf Coast area, Mission area, or Disaster Relief area on website.

Summary: AFUMC has traveled to the Gulf Coast area in response to natural disasters there, providing needed clean-up, renovation, and repair. This has taken place in the last several years. It is not a regular mission trip, but more as needed. Completely lay-driven response mission.

Past Projects:

- Numerous short term mission trips since 2006
- Summer 2010 – New Orleans, repair and clean up post-Katrina
- Participation in additional efforts through UMCOR

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** trip leaders – to organize and take team
- **Volunteers:** volunteer participants for trip
- **Prayer:** pray for this ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Mission Partnership/Project: Youth Regional Mission - Brunswick/Epworth

Outside Agency: Epworth By The Sea 100 Arthur J. Moore Drive
St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522 (912) 638-8688

Summary: Four to five-day mission trip for mid-high youth where they do clean up, light construction, yard work, and various other hands-on projects.

Past Projects:

- Each year for the past 8, youth have blessed the community in Brunswick, St. Simons through various “helping hands” ministries

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** adults are needed as sponsors and chaperones
- **Prayer:** pray for this ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

Church Contact: Emily Kirby, Youth Ministry Assistant, emily@athensfirstumc.org
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Athens First United Methodist Mission Partnerships

Mission Partnership/Project: International Mission - Costa Rica

Outside Agency: El Centro Rural Metodista Rev. Marion & Mary Woods 011-506-460-2162
Ciudad Quesada <http://costaricamethodist.org>
mymwoods@sol.racsa.co.cr

Summary: The mission provides many ministries throughout all of Costa Rica such as medial missions, eye glass missions, outreach support, retreat center, seed church development and construction. With frequent short term missionaries, our primary job is to live the love of Jesus Christ through our conduct with all we meet along the way and through either teaching VBS, helping around the camp, constructing churches, or the building houses for the people of El Mirador, a village of Nicaraguan refugees. Typically one or two trips per year.

Past Projects:

- Building houses & Sunday school building in El Mirador
- Teaching VBS in El Mirador, Santa Rosa, and other nearby towns
- Building water cistern at camp, painting roofs, landscaping

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** trip leaders – to organize and take team
- **Volunteers:** volunteer participants for trip
- **Donations:** donation of VBS materials
- **Prayer:** pray for their ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Mission Partnership/Project: International Mission - Cuba

Outside Agency: Bishop's Office, Methodist Church of Cuba, metodistaencuba@enet.cu

Summary: AFUMC sponsored the first training conference by International Leadership Institute in 2010 in Cuba for 30 pastors and church leaders, who covenanted to multiply their leadership by 100 people each in 2 years. Additional training has occurred for younger leaders who are planting house churches by the dozens across communist Cuba. Due to restrictions, we are not allowed to do construction or humanitarian projects in Cuba.

Past Projects:

- March, 2010 – First ILI Training conference
- August, 2010 – Training conference for young leaders, relationship started with Gibara UMC

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteer participants for trip - adaptable teachers and trainers
- **Prayer:** pray for their ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Mission Partnership/Project: International Mission - Bulgaria

Outside Agency: Athens Elberton District of the United Methodist Church

Contact: Rev. Billy Pittman, 770-307-2744, billy.pittman@ngumc.net

Summary: This mission was chosen by the district in 2008 as an international mission. As it is a district partnership, it is thus a church partnership. Despite two attempts at a mission trip there, AFUMC has not sent a team there. We have provided financial support.

Past Projects:

- Financial support only.

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** a viable number of people to make a good mission team to go there and provide training and teaching and food pantry assistance
- **Donations:** financial support through conference
- **Prayer:** pray for their ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Mission Partnership/Project: International Mission - Philippines

Outside Agency: None

Summary: AFUMC youth, primarily, along with a few medical personnel went in the summer of 2010 and worked in three areas doing VBS, college-age training, and hosting a medical clinic. It is an 8-10 day mission trip. Typically will be an every other year trip.

Past Projects:

- Summer, 2010 – VBS, Training, Medical Clinic

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** trip leaders – to organize and take team
- **Volunteers:** volunteer participants for trips – medical personnel (Summer 2012)
- **Prayer:** pray for their ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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Athens First United Methodist Mission Partnerships

Mission Partnership/Project: International Mission – Tijuana, Mexico

Outside Agency: Spectrum Ministries 2610 Galveston St. San Diego, CA. 92110
Aaron Passmore (619) 276-1385 (619) 276-4975 (fax)
<http://www.spectrumministries.com> spectrummx@aol.com

Summary: Through Spectrum Ministries, we are able to participate in a variety of different mission projects in Tijuana, Mexico. With mission staff in San Diego and Tijuana, Spectrum focuses its efforts on helping poor families and children with health, food, and schooling needs. Through a week-long mission trip, we are able to participate in construction projects, VBS, weekly “bath days”, bible studies, outreach to children and teens, outreach at the local children’s jail, food distribution and helping with local orphanages.

Past Projects:

- This is a new mission partner for AFUMC and we plan to have our inaugural trip in Spring 2012

Current Needs:

- **Volunteers:** volunteer participants for trips
- **Donations:** donation of VBS materials, socks, shoes, etc.
- **Prayer:** pray for their ministry, our volunteers and the people they will serve

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