
Missionaries

• **Dr. Judy Matheny** is a deaconess and Church and Community Worker assigned to the United Methodist Ministries in southern West Virginia. As a missionary, she works with low income families struggling for the basic necessities of life — food, water, shelter, electricity, heat, etc. “My experience is that by helping people in their time of need, they experience God’s love in a way that enables them to keep hope alive.” Dr. Matheny continues, “I am thankful for this opportunity to be in ministry in this part of rural Appalachia and to have the privilege of sharing God’s love.”



• **Robert May** — Is currently teaching at Queen Salote College, an all-girls’ secondary school in Tonga. There are about 800 students and about half of them stay in dorms on the grounds. QSC is affiliated with the Wesleyan/Methodist Church so devotions, sermons and scripture class are a part of everyday life. The girls follow a strict daily regime of school, Bible study --- and chores. Bob teaches four computer classes that have anywhere from 20 to 35 girls. He teaches basic computer classes like Windows, Word, Excel, etc.

Bob was previously assigned to Palestine where he worked as an information technology engineer and instructor.

(A)n expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied... He answered “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart...’ and ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”... “And who is my neighbor?”

In reply, Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him..., beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest ... (and) a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, ... came where the man was; and when he saw him, took pity on him. He...bandaged his wounds... Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.”

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man...?” The expert in the Law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Luke 10: 25-37



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Mission/Outreach Committee



Great Falls United Methodist Church

GOALS

- To INVOLVE more members of the congregation in active participation;
- To INFORM more members of the congregation about issues and organizations we support;
- To COMMUNICATE more with our international missionaries;
- To TRAIN back ups for various mission/outreach activities.

PRIORITIES

- Housing and Homelessness
 - Hunger—World and Domestic
 - Families and Children
 - Missionaries — Home and Abroad
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There are any number of causes and organizations we can support as a church. To maximize our resources, some projects are supported financially while others are supported with volunteers and in-kind donations. The projects we currently work with fall under each of our main priorities.

Housing and Homelessness



- **Mission Trip** — In the Spring of 2008, a team from GFUMC will participate in the efforts to rebuild homes and lives on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi.
- **Wesley Housing** — Like Habitat, Wesley Housing provides affordable housing, but many of their clients are seniors or disabled, a population on which HFH does not primarily focus.
- **Embry Rucker Shelter** — Much needed items including food, linens and children's books are collected for the shelter on an ongoing basis. See the basket in the Narthex. Two or three times a year our congregation joins



together to make bagged lunches for the shelter.

Families and Children



- **Birthday Blessing, Inc.** was created to make certain the neediest of children receive a birthday present, acknowledging their special day and making them feel important. These special children are found through social services, shelters, and prison ministries and range in age from 3 to 16. For more information go to: www.birthdayblessing.org.
- **Cedars** — An interdenominational fellowship community for seniors 55 and older, meets on the third Tuesday of the month for a program at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at Noon. The cost is \$5.
- **Diaper Drive** — Each Spring, we collect donations of diapers, formula and baby wipes, which are distributed to needy families in the area by Reston Interfaith.
- **Gleaning for the World** — A Methodist-supported ministry, Gleaning for the World was created to redirect products



that would normally be destroyed and put these products into the hand of people in need. This group is “harvesting” food, clothing, medical supplies, medical equipment, personal care items, toys and miscellaneous items and to redistribute them to mission organizations worldwide. We support their efforts by collecting stuffed animals every autumn



- **Parents Against Drugs and Alcohol**
- **Samaritan Fund** — Supports residents who are in need of assistance at Wesley Housing.
- **Sole Fest** — Gently-used and new footwear is collected in the Fall, then distributed to needy families in Honduras by Art for Humanity.



Hunger

- **Our Daily Bread** — Families buy and deliver two weeks worth of groceries for a family in need.
- **One Great Hour of Sharing**, UMCOR.
- **Thanksgiving Food Baskets** are collected and then distributed by Reston Interfaith.