



MISSION UPDATE

August 16, 2009

"O Lord my God, many are the great works You have done, and your thoughts toward us. No one can compare with You! If I were to speak and tell of them, there would be too many to number." - Psalm 40:5

At a Glance...

- **IHN: a few more volunteers needed!**
- Check the AGAPE gift schedule for Great Day of Service collections!
- Next Mobile Food Pantry: Aug 22— come out to volunteer!
- Can you assist with the Christmas Mission Tree or Community Meal?

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SAVE THE DATE!

Great Day of Service:

DATE CHANGE!!

October 24

Denney Tower

Bible Study:

Each Sunday in Nov.

Respond to this Email
to sign up!

Christmas
Community Meal:
DATE CHANGE!!

Dec 17

Praises and Good News!

Tephra at IHN: "I have received so many hugs from the kids that have received book bags. I am sending this note to share those hugs with you and folks that donated the book bags."

Mobile Food Pantry: Provided food for 300+ families in July. Thanks to Jon Mills and everyone for pitching in!

International Student Ministry: A former ISM participant was recently baptized in another church after being introduced to Christ here!

ISM influences a student for Christ (names have been changed): Fay and her husband, Zack, are from Mainland China. They began attending the ISM Sunday School class in 2005. At that time, neither of them had ever heard about Jesus. They attended faithfully for several years prior to the birth of their daughter. Fay's friendship partner from our congregation helped her throughout her pregnancy and beyond. This was a tremendous blessing to her, and their friendship was truly inspirational. As a result of the support they received from members of our church and the knowledge of the gospel they acquired while attending Sunday School, Fay gave her heart to Christ in April of this year and was baptized by a local Chinese pastor! She and her family have since returned to China. Fay wrote to thank the church for everything and to rejoice in the fact that "we are part of the same family now" (the family of God).

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY HOST WEEK: AUGUST 16-23

We need a few more volunteers!

Overnight Hosts for:

Sunday, August 16

Monday, August 17

Weekend Hosts for:

Saturday, August 22, 8am-1pm OR 1pm-6pm

Respond to this email to volunteer!

Please try to make it to one of the trainings below if you are volunteering:

Thursday, August 13: 6 – 8 pm in Hull Dining Room. Full training will be from 6 – 8 with refresher from 7 – 8 pm.

Sunday, August 16: 12 – 2 pm in Pathfinders Sunday School room. Full training will be from 12 – 2 pm with refresher from 1 – 2 pm. Refreshments will be provided!

Great Day of Service: OCTOBER 24, 2009

Please note the date change from September 19 to **October 24**. Join us for a day of service in the Athens community. Contact Becky Davis for more information, becdav@charter.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hospice Advantage is looking for patient care and office volunteers. These volunteers are needed to play games, read, write letters, run errands, and provide companionship for our patients. If you are interested in helping patients who are living with a life-limiting illness, please contact Claire Phillips at 706-354-1707.

AGAPE GIFT SCHEDULE:

This is an easy way to reach out to folks in our community who are unable to meet their basic needs. A basket for your donation is located near the front desk for your convenience. The following outlines our monthly focus for August through November:

August: Over-the-counter medications for Mercy Health Center (this is a great service to our community; please help out if you can!)

September: Plastic shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child (~8x13x4 inch size) **AND** travel size hygiene items –toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, bar soap (in plastic baggie)

October: Magazines for Great Day of Service Project **AND** school supplies for Operation Christmas Child –pens, pencils, crayons, small paper pads

November: Canned goods for November 22 Thanksgiving basket deliveries

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY (NEXT PANTRY: AUGUST 22)

PRAISE: 300+ families helped in July!

Ten thousand pounds of food are delivered to our parking lot and volunteers distribute this food to the needy. Volunteers help set up at 8:30 am. Distribution begins at 9:00 am. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help with distribution (children should stay with their parent(s) at all times). Distribution is typically finished around 11 am. Mobile Food Pantry dates for 2009 are: **August 22, September 19, October 24 (Great Day of Service), November 21, December 19.** Questions? Contact Jon Mills: jon@mills.net.

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