

**UMVIM, SC
Leesville, SC
April 7, 2006**



United Methodist Volunteers in Mission

- Treasure, Lee Mc Millan, opened the meeting and welcomed the 41 folks in attendance. She reported that Chairman Rev. Tony Rowell was recovering from prostate cancer surgery, and that Vice-Chair Bobby Oliver was on vacation. Tony sent his thanks for the many cards and prayers that he had received and hopes to be back with us next month. Rev. Ken Phelps then led the group in prayer.
- Lee then read a devotional which spoke to the purpose of life. Life is a preparation for eternity – this is the dress rehearsal. We are to grow in character and Christ-likeness. Lee reported that Bob Sargent will be in charge of assembling folks to have a devotional for each meeting. Please let Bob know if you are interested in participating in this monthly effort. He can be reached at gunnersargent@aol.com.
- Lee reported that the Russian ballet troupe was very successful in their performances and in the monies they raised while in SC. They collected \$10,300 which is approximately equivalent to \$300,000 in rubels. Thanks to everyone who helped in this effort.
- The annual UMVI M luncheon will be held at Claflin College on Monday, June 5, at 12:00 noon in the Orange and Maroon Room. A buffet lunch will be served at a cost of \$11 per person, payable at the door. This year's speaker will be Paul Derrick. You may respond to this email to let Patty know if you will be attending the luncheon.
- Lee shared a prayer concern for an UMVI M member who lost his life while working in the hurricane area of MS. You may read the attached article on Rev. Tom Dahl.
- The group wished Joe Watson well on his 83rd birthday!
- Lee reported on the following items that had been previously discussed at the Core Meeting:
 - As of 6/1/06, all team fees are being reinstated.
 - A SLED background check will be performed on all UMVIM team members; this has not yet been finalized.
 - Team leader training is being expanded to 2 days
 - Early Response training is being coordinated by Billy Robinson.
- Lee reported that there are opportunities in AL to restore/rebuild burned churches, and plenty of disaster relief work on the island of Eleuthera. Please contact Tony on either of these missions.

- The SEJ UMVIM rally will be held June 28-30 at Lake Junaluska. If you have never been, this is a wonderful retreat in a beautiful setting.
- Bob and Joan Suda reported on their efforts in Costa Rica. They were successful in building a school room.
- Dr. Robert Smoak will be leading a team from Pine Hill UMC to Heritage UMC in D'Iberville, MS. Trip dates are 7/16-22. He does have openings on the team. You may reach him at robertsmoak@msn.com.
- Carl Quickmire met with a group of 12 folks in Simpsonville who are interested in going on a mission trip but do not have a leader. Carl will be leading them to either a site within SC or NC.
- Bill Dunn inquired about a return trip to Haiti to finish up some electrical work in the overnight stay facility in Jeremie. The team had been previously approved, however, the UMVIM hold on teams to this country is still in effect.
- Ed Goodsen shared with the group the team roster from the Anderson District. The team will be led by David Garrison and will be going to Pascagoula, MS, from April 9-14. There are 5 openings on this trip that have been paid for with only a cost of \$10 per day for meals. If you would like to go, please contact David at garcon6346@aol.com.
- Joe Watson has been in communication with folks in Haiti and plans to ship another container on 6/1. We are in need of a donation of tractor tires for the tractor in Jeremie. Please let Joe know if you can help with this. Also, please send all kits: mid-wifery, TB, and Christmas stockings to the warehouse so that they may be packed for the upcoming container.
- Roland Hill reported that St. Mark UMC in Greenwood is sending their 5th team to the gulf area.
- Mary Carolyn Watson thanked everyone for the pictures and articles that she has received thus far but is in need of more. Please send your stories to her at mikewsr@pol.net. The deadline for the newsletter is 5/2.
- Dr. Hal Crosswell reported that the scholarship fund for Haiti scholars is in need of money. Dr. Eric Fabian is currently studying under this program and we will try to have him speak at an upcoming UMVIM meeting.
- Wade McGuinn reported that he had a good trip to Haiti without incident. They are looking into purchasing land for an orphanage that would house 29 children. He expressed an appeal to the Core Group to reconsider opening up teams to Haiti. Wade would like to begin taking teams to work on the orphanage in August, and you may contact Wade at wade@customhomeinformation.com if you are interested.
- Billy Robinson reported that he is leading a team to Mexico this year. Billy is also in the process of coordinating the UNVIM trailers across the state. Two courses that are coming up are:
 - the chain saw safety course on 5/6, from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm; cost is \$10 per person

- o the first aid & CPR class on 5/13, from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm; cost is \$20 per person which will provide each person with a training manual and certification card through the American Heart Association.
 - o Both classes will be held at Virginia-Wingard UMC on 1500 Broad River Road in Columbia, SC. Payment for each class will be due on the date of the class. Please contact Billy at brpraisejesus@aol.com for further information.
- Lee asked everyone to support the Bishop's appeal for a special fund for ministers in the gulf coast.
 - Rev. Ken Phelps of Bethel Park IMC in Denmark gave this evening's presentation. He and his wife led a team to Johnson Bayou, LA, on 3/17/06. They worked on housing repair for several folks in the area. The presentation continued to show the need for teams in this area. The individual that had monogrammed the shirts for this trip is D. Claire Thompson. She can be reached at 803.699.9759 or claire@grandideas.net .
 - There being no further business, the group joined hands and the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Carson

Note to self: send as .doc and .rtf

Trip Date	Leader	Church	Destination	Other
2/26 - 3/4	K. C. Carter	Buncombe Street	Pass Christian, MS	
3/6 - 3/12	Bobby Oliver	Grace UMC	Jackson, AL	has openings
3/17 - 3/24	Kenneth Phelps	Bethel Park/Main Street	Louisiana	has openings
3/18 - 3/24	Alan Parker	Shiloh UMC	Van Cleave, MS	
4/1 - 4/8	James Peavey	Aldersgate UMC	Pass Christian, MS	
4/9 - 4/15	Danny Thompson & David Garrison		Pascagoula, MS	
4/8 - 4/12	Rev. Jerry Hill	Buncombe Street (youth)	Pass Christian, MS Ocean Springs, MS / St. Paul's UMC	
4/23 - 4/29	Jake Clark	Rock Hill UMC	Pass Christian, MS	
4/25 - 4/30	K. C. Carter	Buncombe Street	Pass Christian, MS	
5/13 - 5/19	Alan Parker	Shiloh UMC	Van Cleave, MS	
5/22 - 7/4	Lee McDonald	Shandon UMC North UMC & Pond	Tlaxcala, Mexico	
6/5 - 6/14	Billy Robinson	Branch UMC	Tlaxcala, Mexico	
6/14 - ?	Lee McDonald	Andrews Chapel UMC	Tlaxcala, Mexico	
5/27 - 6/3	Arlene Andrews	Virginia Wingard UMC	Leon, Nicaragua	Salkehatchie team
6/9 - 6/24	Rev. Tony Rowell		Panama	
6/13 - ?	Jerry Washabau	Union UMC	Zimbabwe	
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6/19 - 6/26	Caroline Dennis & Rev. Noble Miller		Amazon - Evangemed	has openings (\$2500)
6/23 - 7/1	David Essex	Herbert Memorial UMC	Tlaxcala, Mexico	has openings
6/25 - 7/1	Dr. Bob Smoak	Pine Hill UMC	gulf coast	Has openings has medical openings
6/16 - 6/25	Janis Collins	Grace UMC	Bolivia	
7/1 - 7/8	David Essex	Herbert Memorial UMC	Tlaxcala, Mexico	
7/29 - 8/5	Rev. Jerry Hill	Buncombe Street	Mexico	
spring/summer	Carl Quickmire	Simpsonville UMC	UMC Relief Ctr (SC) or Merci Center (NC)	
ongoing	Ed Goodsen		Asbury Hills Camp	