

MISSION MINISTRY

Tal Edman (Duncan Cook)

Short Term Missions

Lakes Area FISH Food Bank – Molly Edman

Mission Ministry 2011 Annual Report

The Mission Ministry expenditure for 2011 was \$24,581.25 (budget for 2011 was \$24,681.25). The budget for Mission Ministry for 2012 is \$24,625.

During 2011, the Little Church on the Prairie supplied a theological grant, supported the Lakes Area FISH Food Bank, LASA (Lakewood Area Shelter Association), Associated Ministries of Pierce County, Tacoma Rescue Mission, Tacoma/Pierce County Police Chaplaincy, Family Renewal Shelter, Habitat for Humanity and Baraka Ministries (supporting a school in Kenya). Our principal commitment was \$12,300 to the Olympia Presbytery for basic support, which includes Presbytery Mission, General Assembly Mission, and Synod Alaska Northwest.

In addition we have a contingency fund that among other things has provided for visiting speakers and given some support to Pastor James' trip to Russia. We, again, partnered with L'Arche in a plant sale and a trip to their horticultural operation in Parkland by our Youth Group, supervised by Sandy Shellabarger and Mike Burch. We took part once more in "The Samaritan's Purse" program supervised by Gretchen Alden, sending more than forty shoeboxes with children's Christmas items to Asia. We also joined in the Relay for Life, another community effort.

Duncan Cook oversaw the two denominational offerings:

- . One Great Hour of Sharing (Hunger Relief, Disaster Assistance and Self Development of People)
- . Christmas Joy Offering (in support of Presbyterian Board of Pensions and Presbyterian Ethnic Schools and Colleges)

To repeat, our committee involvement is only a small portion of the Mission effort that also occurs through our Deacons, Presbyterian Women and the church as a whole.

Our work would benefit from additional committee members. If interested, please contact one of the committee members here listed : Gretchen Alden, Duncan Cook, Tal Edman, Julie Phillips and Harold (Shelly) Shellabarger.

Respectfully submitted,

Tal Edman