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ANGOLA

➢ Leonardo Garcia – GBGM Missionary, Quessua Methodist Mission

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Construction: Classrooms
Medical Setting: Clinic, Dental Office, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Other: X-ray, Maternity Ward
Medical Personnel Needed: Physician, Physician Assistant, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Optometrist
Medical Specialist Needed: OBGYN (female), Tropical Diseases, Pediatrician, Radiologist, Other: Lab Tech, Dermatologist
Following May Be Brought with Team: Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment
Other Opportunities: Agricultural

Priority Projects:

1) Quessua Methodist Mission– Malanje, Angola – This mission was destroyed during the 27 year long civil war that ended in 2002. While the mission station has been rebuilt, and it is in full operation, there are several opportunities for teams. One of the priorities is the construction of classrooms around the mission to support the literacy program carried out by Angolan volunteers of the Quessua UMC. There are also medical, educational, and agricultural opportunities, as seen above.

ARGENTINA

➢ Doug Williams – GBGM Missionary, VIM Promoter

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Construction: Church, Houses, Lodging

Priority Projects:

2) Camacua – Buenos Aires, Argentina – This space was previously a Seminary, and it has now been converted into lodging for the Methodist Church. This project needs teams to help with...
minor repairs and painting. The goal is for this facility to be used for the Methodist Church in Argentina to host an evangelistic conference with its partners in the USA.

**BAHAMAS**

➢ **Rev. Stephanie Gottschalk – Executive Director, Bahamas Methodist Habitat**

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

*Construction:* Church, Parsonage, Houses, Libraries, Community Buildings, Camp

*Medical Personnel Needed:* Optometrist

*Following may be brought with teams:* Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment, List of needed medicines and supplies provided

*Education:* Mission Bible School – children, youth, Computer Training, Business Skills and Practice

*Other Opportunities:* Vocational Skills, HVAC, Electrical, Disaster Response and Mitigation

**Priority Projects:**

1. Disaster Preparation and Mitigation/Sub-standard housing relief – construction and home repairs on houses on Eleuthera, Nassau, and Current Islands. This includes roofing, tiling, sheet-rock, hanging drywall, and other home repairs.
2. Vocational and Entrepreneurial Skill building (teachers)/Community Development.
3. Local Church ERT/Response & Recovery development across the Bahamas.

**BELIZE**

➢ **Sandy Raasch – UMVIM Coordinator**

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

*Construction:* Church, Parsonage, School, Clinic/Hospital

*Medical Setting:* Vision Operating Room, Dental Clinic

*Medical Personnel Needed:* Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Optometrist/Ophthalmologist

*Following May Be Brought with Team:* Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment

*Education:* Teaching in Schools – children, youth, young adults, adults, seniors, Mission Bible School – children, youth, young adults, adults, seniors, Church Leadership Training for Laity and Pastors, Other Teaching Opportunities

**Priority Projects:**

1. Wesley Circuit: Building a new parsonage to house clergy and build a perimeter fence around the parsonage land. Build additional classroom/floor at Belmopan High School, complete perimeter fence, build bathrooms for school, complete cafeteria building. Church painting and maintenance needed. Roof replacement and school repair. Complete Wesley Upper School perimeter fence
2) Ebenezer Circuit: Build multipurpose building for Trinity Church and connecting walkway. Belama Church perimeter fence construction. Church/School- painting and maintenance needed to include replacement and roof repair.

3) Stann Creek: Silk Grass Methodist School and Church needs a two story complex for School and Sanctuary. Sittee River Church needs new roof. Church/School- painting and maintenance needed to include replacement and roof repair.

4) Toledo Circuit: Mafredi Methodist needs repairs of school and addition of classrooms. Punta Gorda schools needs roof repairs. Church/School- painting and maintenance needed to include replacement and roof repair.


6) Many other opportunities for medical, evangelical and construction projects at one of the many Methodist School/Church/Manse (Parsonage) compounds throughout Belize.

Within Belize M.C.C.A.: Belize Methodist Church Camp and Retreat Centre
Construction located near Burrell Boom village. This project has been recognized by Global Ministries as an ADVANCE Project.

BRAZIL

> Maria Greathouse – VIM Coordinator

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Construction: Church, Parsonage, School, Other: facilities for the Shade and Fresh Water Project
Medical Setting: Clinic, Dental Office, Pharmacy, Vision, Other: Medical Boat
Medical Personnel Needed: Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Phycial Therapist, Optometrist, Pharmacist
Medical Specialist Needed: OBGYN, Pediatrician
Following may be brought with team: Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment, list of needed meds and supplies provided for items brought

Priority Projects:

1) Shade and Fresh Water Project – Various locations – Shade and Fresh Water is a network of after school programs run within local Brazilian Methodist churches. Each project (now about 55 in total) has a common vision of providing a place for children to experience the kingdom of God and feel loved, respected and welcomed. It is a place where they learn, develop and exercise kingdom values and programming is based fundamentally of Christian Education, Educational Support, and Sports and Recreation. There are other activities provided as well, and they are all aimed at providing children opportunities to grow in their faith, develop personal agency, succeed academically, and experience new opportunities that inspire them. Project preference for VIM teams in in the missionary regions (Northeast and North of Country) and for first times teams, the southeast part of the country (Sao Paula, Minas Gerais). Advance # 11580A
2) John Wesley Boat – Manaus, Amazonas – The boat travels to river villages that only receive sporadic assistance and most major medical and dental needs must be filled in the capital which is a several day boat ride away. Preventative medicine is almost nonexistent and the John Wesley Boat reaches thousands of people each year and the work teams travel to specific areas where help is needed. The local villagers know when the boat is coming and come by the hundreds to receive help. The boat also has training events to work with the villagers in preventative medicine and dental hygiene. The medical boat is source of relief for thousands. Advance #14753A

CAMEROON

➢ Rev. Dr. Ekoka Molindo Andrew– VIM Coordinator

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Construction: Church
Medical Setting: Vision, Open Air Health Campaigns
Medical Personnel Needed: Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Optometrist
Medical Specialist Needed: Tropical Disease (copy of medical license required)
Education: Teaching in Schools - English Classes, Teaching in Churches - youth, young adults and adults, Church Leadership Training for Laity and Pastors, Computer Training
Other Opportunities: Agricultural

Priority Projects:
1) Church Construction – construction of 100 seat capacity church buildings in the following locations: Lebamzip, Douala, Kumba and Mamfe
2) Health Care and Welfare Ministries in Yaounde – Malaria prevention, HIV/AIDS sensitization campaigns, and Mobile eye clinic
3) Cameroon Mission Teaching Program in Yaounde – English and computer classes
4) Pastoral training and Church Growth in Yaounde – Pastoral training and evangelization, Workshops and seminars for Pastors, and Church Growth Programs and Evangelization

(Advance #00344A)

CHILE

➢ John Elmore- GBGM Missionary

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:
Construction: Latrines, Houses

Priority Projects:
1) Camp in the Woods – This is a Methodist Camp that was originally built by early missionaries in the area, but it has been neglected for many years. The goal of this project is to restore the camp to include cabins and a lodge in order to start a summer camp for Urban Kids.

➢ Rev. Mario Martínez – VIM Coordinator

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:
Construction: Church, Parsonage, Houses
Medical Setting: Clinic, Vision
Medical Personnel Needed: Physician, Dentist
Following May Be Brought with Team: Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment
Other Opportunities: Agriculture

Priority Projects:
1) Parsonage Construction – Santiago – Teams are need to help with the construction of a new parsonage
2) Church Construction – Villa Alemana – Teams are need to help complete the construction of a new church building to replace the old one that has heavy termite damage and is not easily accessible by the older church members.
3) New Church Plant – Peñaflor, outskirts of Santiago – Construction teams are needed to help build a new church in this community
4) Parsonage Construction – Copiapó – Teams are urgently need to help rebuild a parsonage that was heavily damaged by floods.

COLOMBIA

➢ Juan Alberto Cardona Marin, in Colombia- VIM Coordinator

Michael Estep and Paula Wolfe, in USA- International VIM Coordinators

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:
Construction: Church, Other-Community Development Center
Medical Setting: Clinic, Dental Office, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Vision, Other-General and specialized medical consultation
Medical Personnel Needed: Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Optometrist
Medical Specialist Needed: OBGYN, Pediatrician, Other- Internist

Other Opportunities: Agricultural, Other- School of Various Occupations

Priority Projects:

1) Church Building and Community Center – Brisas Del Mar, San Onofre, Sucre, CO – The Methodist Church of Colombia has a distinctive role as not only a church but also as an accessible place for the community to gather. These church building projects are to provide a place of worship for the community and to serve as a community development center. (Advance #3020764)

2) Health Promotion; Medical Teams – Brisas Del Mar and San Onofre, CO – the health committee of the Methodist Church in Colombia is committed to providing measures of good health (supply water, energy, education, provide health related treatment) through the operation, funding, and maintenance of the Clinton Rabb Clinic. Medical and Health Education teams are welcome and needed to serve alongside the clinic staff. (Advance #3021638)

3) Church Building and Community Center – Sincelejo, CO – The El Camino church congregation in Sincelejo was founded 9 years ago and is currently holding their services in a little house. The plan is to have a church worship area, pastoral house, offices, visitor's quarters, sports center, multipurpose room and parking, all for serving the community and providing a suitable place for the congregation to worship. (Advance #3020764)

4) Church Building and Community Center – La Isla, Sincelejo, CO - The Methodist Church of Colombia has a distinctive role as not only a church but also as an accessible place for the community to gather. These church building projects are to provide a place of worship for the community and to serve as a community development center. This project is one of the indigenous congregations of the Zenu ethnic community worshipping in the Sotabento shelter. (Advance #3020764)

Costa Rica

Wil Bailey – President, Director, Costa Rica Mission Projects

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:
Construction: School, Houses, Kitchen/Dining Hall, Cabins for Volunteers
Education: Teaching in Schools – preschool (starting Fall 2015), Mission Bible School - children

Priority Projects:

1) Construction of Costa Rica Mission Projects Missions and Ministry Center – Center will include housing for volunteer teams, a kitchen/dining hall, a day care facility with four classrooms, a home for young women from Costa Rica's rural south who come to San Isidro pursuing higher
education, a guest house for long-term visiting missionaries, interns, and/or full-time
groundskeeper.

2) Construction of Sunday School Classrooms – Iglesia Evangelica Metodista in Cocori, San Isidro
P.Z.
3) Sanctuary Roof Replacement - Iglesia Evangelica Metodista in Volcan de Buenos Aires

➢ Jon Tschanz – Executive Assistant, Agua Viva Serves

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Construction: Church, Latrines, Boreholes, Houses
Education: Mission Bible School – Youth

Priority Projects:
1) Medio Queso Water Project – Los Chiles, CR – Drilling wells, digging ditches and installing
   systems for wells to service 100 acres of land and 400 people.
2) La Trocha Water Project – Los Chiles, CR – Pump and water main installation for a community
   of 270 people.
3) Various Small Water Systems – Los Chiles, CR – Construction of small water systems to support
   15 to 100 people. Will be worked on when time permits
4) Vacation Bible School – Los Chiles, CR – Volunteers needed to provide small VBS or children’s
   programs in the community.
5) Concrete Floors- Concrete floor installation in various areas in the San Gerardo area.
6) San Gerardo Church Reconstruction– Los Chiles, CR – restoration of the church building that
   services 100 people
7) Casa Rosa – Los Chiles Centro – Small emergency housing project
   (Advance# 3021984)

➢ Will and Ella Faircloth – Missionaries and Project Coordinators

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Construction: Church, Parsonage, School, Children’s Home/Orphanage
Education: Mission Bible School - children and youth

Priority Projects:
1) Methodist Children’s Home of Costa Rica in Coronado, Costa Rica – Construction of a
   multipurpose building and more houses for children’s village. Work includes preparing
   foundations, pouring concrete footers, laying cement blocks and miscellaneous minor tasks.
   Teams also can put on VBS activities at local churches.
2) Construction of Church building at Puerta de Jehová church in Llano Grande, Cartago, Costa
   Rica – Help is needed to build a small sanctuary and a kitchen/classroom building to begin in
   2015. Teams can also put on VBS activities for children of the church and neighborhood
Elisabeth Cook – Rector, Universidad Biblica Latinoamericana (UBL)

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

*Education*: Computer Training, Business Skills and Practices  
*Other Opportunities*: English Social Networks and Communication, Library Skills, Online Education Technologies, Gardening, Study and Immersion Experiences

**Priority Projects:**

1) Universidad Biblica Latinoamericana – San Jose, Costa Rica – University ecumenical education in Bible Sciences and Theological Sciences for all Latin America and the Caribbean.  
   (Advance #3022263)

Rev. Ray Zirkel – Elder, Costa Rican Methodist Conference

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

*Construction*: Church, Parsonage, Children’s Home/Orphanage  
*Medical Personnel Needed*: Physician, Dentist, Optometrist  
*Education*: Mission Bible School – children and youth  
*Other Opportunities*: Agricultural

**Priority Projects:**

1) Methodist Children’s Home – Coronado, Costa Rica – Two of the five houses are completed. Current projects include the construction of the multi-purpose facility and perimeter fence on the property as the ministry to abandoned and homeless children continues.

2) Agape Methodist Church and Medical Clinic – Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica – The clinic welcomes small teams of doctors, dentists, and optometrists to help with the clinic with their weekend “Health Fairs”.

3) Construction of Sanctuary/Sunday School Rooms – El Tigre, Costa Rica – Teams needed to help complete a parsonage; there is not currently one there. The sanctuary often floods in the rainy seasons, so teams are needed to help in resolving that issue in the 4 year plan that has been put together for both the parsonage and the sanctuary.

4) Guapiles Methodist Church – Guapiles, Costa Rica - Teams need to begin construction of a permanent sanctuary on a beautiful piece of land just outside of town.

5) Limon Methodist Church – Caribbean Coast – This church has begun its initial construction of their first building, but there is need for teams to assist in order to continue their ministry in this sector of the country.

Cote d’Ivoire

Rev. Masuka Maleka – Global Ministries Missionary

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**
Construction: Church, School, Latrines, Boreholes, Houses
Medical Personnel Needed: Physician, Dentist
Medical Specialist Needed: Surgeon, Pediatrician (copy of medical license required)
Following May Be Brought with Team: Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment
Other opportunities: Agricultural

Priority Projects:

CUBA

➢ Aldo Gonzalez – National Coordinator UMVIM – Cuba

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:
Construction: Church, Parsonage, Houses
May Be Brought with Team: Medicines, Medical Supplies
Education: Teaching in Churches – children, youth, young adults, Mission Bible School – children, youth

CZECH REPUBLIC

➢ Rev. Jana Krizova – VIM Coordinator, Czech Republic

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities
Construction: Children Home/Orphanage, Other- Shelter
Education: Teaching in Churches- children

Priority Projects
1) Horni Pocernice, Diakonie –Prague, Czech Republic- Christian Help Center- Renovate and reconstruct a large facility on 4 acres of land to be used as a shelter, which part of the facility is already in use for this purpose. The work may include reconstruction, gardening, and preparing programs for children and families.
(Advance #00399a)

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

➢ Gordon Graner and Ardell Graner – GBGM Missionaries

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:
Construction: Church, Parsonage, Water Houses
Medical Personnel Needed: Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Pharmacist
**Medical Specialist Needed:** OBGYN, Tropical Diseases, Pediatrician (copy of medical license required)

**May Be Brought with Team:** Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment

**Education:** Teaching in Churches – children, youth, young adults, adults, and seniors, Mission Bible School – children, youth, young adults, adults, and seniors, Church Leadership Training for Laity and Pastors

**Other Opportunities:** Disaster Response

**Priority Projects:**

**ECUADOR**

> Sara Flores – UVMIM Coordinator

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

**Construction:** Church, Parsonage, School, Children's facilities

**Medical Personnel Needed:** Physician, Nurse, Dentist, Optometrist

**Education:** Teaching in Schools – preschool, primary, Church Leadership Training for Laity and Pastors

**Priority Projects:**

1) El Sembrador, Pastocalle Methodist Primary School – Pastocalle, Cotopaxi Province – This school is in a rural community, and it is lacking in classroom space. This project is to expand the school on the land that was purchased by the Iglesia Methodista in 2012. There are also plans to have facilities there for Methodist Youth Cam and a Methodist Retreat Center for the region (it is located about 50 south of Quito). Teams are needed to help in the construction of the classrooms and Methodist facilities.

2) Construction of Church Facilities for Children’s Ministries in Ecuador. This project includes several locations in different regions on Ecuador.

(Advance #3021546)

**EL SALVADOR**

> Brian Dubberly – VIM Coordinator, Salvadoran Mission Projects

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

**Construction:** Church, School, Clinic/Hospital, Houses

**Medical Setting:** Clinic, Vision, Community Clinics

**Medical Personnel Needed:** Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist

**Medical Specialist Needed:** OBGYN, Pediatrician

**Following May Be Brought With Team:** Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment

**Education:** Mission Bible Study – Children, Youth, Adults

**Other Opportunities:** Food Distribution and Evangelism

**Priority Projects:**
1) Expansion of Methodist School – Ahuachapan, El Salvador – Building a multi-story building to be used as the Methodist School through the completion of high school. Additionally, construction of permanent office space for the Conference will also be part of this project.

2) Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Vida Nueva – San Salvador, El Salvador – Completion of classroom/clinic addition and renovation of current church facility.

**ESTONIA**

➢ Marjana Luist – Director, Lighthouse Center, Estonia

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

- **Construction:** Children’s Day Care Center
- **Education:** Mission Bible School – children and youth, Business Skills and Practices

**Priority Projects:**

**GUATEMALA**

➢ Ben Blevins – Director, Highland Support Project

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

- **Construction:** School, Latrines, Houses, Cisterns, Sanitation, Drainage Systems
- **Education:** Teaching in Schools –primary, Computer Training, Business Skills and Practices
- **Other Opportunities:** Agricultural, Sanitation and Water System Design

**Priority Projects:**

1) Stove Building – Quiche, Solola, Quetzaltenango, San Marcos – Creation of women’s circles initiated with the construction of a stove to provide women with the free time and energy to participate in holistic programming that includes nutrition, health, and literacy. No skills needed and the work will be supervised by skilled local masons.

2) Cisterns – Quiche, Solola- Lowering water tables have left many highland communities suffering from significant shortage of water. HSP is organizing community work teams to install rainwater cisterns. No skills needed and the work will be supervised by skilled local masons.

3) Sanitation and Drainage – Highland Mayan communities are becoming more densely populated because of the mountainous topography that constrains safe housing sites. This project is to help with the waste water treatment and community drainage system that was developed by VMI Engineering. No skills needed and the work will be supervised by skilled local masons.

➢ Lourdes Ramirez – VIM Guatemala Coordinator/GM Missionary

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**
**Construction**: Church, Parsonage, School, Clinic/Hospital
**Medical Setting**: Clinic, Dental Office, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Vision
**Medical Personnel Needed**: Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Optometrist, Pharmacist

**May Be Brought with Team**: Medicine, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment


**Priority Projects:**

1) Stove Builders of Guatemala – Promoting health and self-sufficiency by teaching Mayans how to build fuel-efficient, vented stoves that provide improved health, environmental, and economic conditions (Advance #3022040)

2) Children’s Sunday & Vacation Bible Schools – Training teachers and providing materials for Vacation Bible School and Sunday School

> Amy Holly – Executive Director, Organization for the Development of the Indigenous Maya (ODIM) (Advance #3022039)

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

**Construction**: Houses

**Medical Setting**: Clinic, Dental Office, In-House Lab and Pharmacy

**Medical Personnel Needed**: Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Physical Therapist, Optometrist, Pharmacist, Nurse Practitioner

**Medical Specialist Needed**: OBGYN, Tropical Diseases, Ultrasound Technician (copy of medical license required)

**May Be Brought with Team**: Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment

**Education**: Teaching in Schools

**Other Opportunities**: Disaster Response, Organic Medicinal Herb Gardening and Organic Vegetable Gardening

**Priority Projects:**

1) 1st 1000 Days – San Juan, Guatemala - The “1st 1000 Days” is a global initiative to care for the health and nutrition of mother and child from conception thru age two. It is a program endorsed by UMCOR and a host of other international organizations and ODIM is aligning its existing nutrition and maternal health programs with this powerful program.

2) Health thru Housing – San Pablo, Guatemala - ODIM’s Health Thru Housing Program is one in which volunteers work under the direction of local builders to build new cinder block homes for the poorest of the poor who live in our service area. Referrals come from our clinic staff who first work with patients and become aware of home situations that are literally so rough as to be unhealthy for the family. Other than Medical and Dental teams, our “Health Thru Housing” home construction program is a primary way in which UMVIM teams can connect and serve the people of San Pablo.

> Dave Burns – Executive Director, Mission Guatemala (Advance #3019214)
Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

**Construction:** School, Latrines, Community Development

**Medical Setting:** Clinic, Dental Office, Pharmacy, Vision

**Medical Personnel Needed:** Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Optometrist

**May Be Brought with Team:** Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment

Priority Projects:

➢ Rev. Luke M. Rhyee M.D. – President, Healing Guatemala

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

**Construction:** Church, Parsonage, School, Clinic/Hospital, Houses

**Medical Setting:** Clinic, Operating Room, Dental Office, Pharmacy, Vision

**Medical Personnel Needed:** Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Optometrist, Pharmacist

**Medical Specialist Needed:** Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, OBGYN, Pediatrician, Ophthalmologist

**May Be Brought with Team:** Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment

**Education:** Mission Bible School, Leadership Training for Pastors, Business Skills and Practices

Priority Projects:

1) Bethesda Clinic Extension Project – Quetzaltenango, Guatemala – The extension of this clinic is to provide a space for the prevention of disease where cervical cancer screenings, hypertension class, DM class, etc. can be carried out. Currently this facility has an outpatient unit, dental clinic, ophthalmology clinic, a pharmacy, an X-ray room, an endoscopy, and an operation room.

2) Cataract Camp Project – Quetzaltenango, Guatemala – Due to very strong UV light, cataract is very common in Guatemala, and yet, the surgery is not affordable. The project for to invite ophthalmology teams to perform cataract surgeries. The team must stay for a week or two.

➢ Laura Shearer – Executive Director, Salud y Paz

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

**Construction:** Church, Latrines, Houses

**Medical Setting:** Hospital, Clinic, Operating Room, Dental Office, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Vision, Other: Rural Clinic

**Medical Personnel Needed:** Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant

**Medical Specialist Needed:** Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, OBGYN

**May Be Brought with Team:** Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment

**Education:** Teaching in Schools – preschool, Mission Bible School – children, Church Leadership Training for Laity, Leadership Training for Pastors

HONDURAS
**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities**

**Construction:** Church, Parsonage, Other – repairs, electrical, plumbing

**Medical Setting:** Clinic, Pharmacy, Vision, Other – Dental Clinic

**Medical Personnel Needed:** Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Physical Therapist, Optometrist, Pharmacist

**Medical Specialist Needed:** OBGYN, Pediatrician, Psychologist

**Education:** Teaching in Schools – ESL, Teaching in Churches, Mission Bible School – children, youth, young adults, adults, seniors, Church Leadership Training for Laity, Leadership Training for Pastors, Business Skills and Practices

**Other Opportunities:** Sports Clinic, Clean Water Projects, Evangelism Baskets, Sewing Clinics

**Priority Projects:**

1. Mission's National Headquarters Facility – Tegucigalpa – Currently working on the 3rd floor of the 5 story building. This floor has the most electrical and plumbing required as it will have a kitchen, dining room, 6 bedrooms with private bathrooms, extra bathrooms, small apartment and laundry area.

**Ken Hook – President, Carolina Honduras Health Foundation**

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

**Medical Setting:** Clinic, Dental Office, Pharmacy, Laboratory

**Medical Personnel Needed:** Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Pharmacist, Optometrist, Laboratory Technician

**Medical Specialist Needed:** OBGYN, Pediatrician

**May Be Brought with Team:** Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment

**Priority Projects:**

1. Limon Clinic, Limon, Colon, Honduras – The main clinic in Limon includes living quarters for up to 32 people. From there volunteer medical/dental teams needed to care for people in Limon clinic.

**Kenya**

**Flory Loise Atieno – Program Coordinator, Operation Hope**

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

**Education:** Computer Training, Business Skills and Practices

**Other Opportunities:** Training Women, HIV/AIDS Education and Awareness

**Priority Projects:**
Kathie Mann – Volunteer Coordinator, Maua Hospital

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

*Construction:* Church, Clinic/Hospital, Children's Home/Orphanage, Latrines, Houses  
*Medical Setting:* Hospital, Clinic, Operating Room, Dental Office, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Vision, Palliative Care, Maternity, Pediatrics  
*Medical Personnel Needed:* Physician, Dentist, Physical Therapist, Optometrist, Pharmacist  
*Medical Specialist Needed:* Surgeon, OBGYN, Tropical Diseases, Pediatrician, Orthopedic Surgeon, Internist, Dermatologist  
*Other Opportunities:* Kitchen Gardens Program, Bio-Intensive Training Farm

**Priority Projects:**

Joe Kamau – Project Coordinator, Trinity Mission School and Dispensary

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

*Construction:* Church, Clinic/Hospital, Children Home/Orphanage, Boreholes  
*Medical Setting:* Clinic, Operating Room, Dental Office, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Vision, Immunization  
*Medical Personnel Needed:* Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygentist/Assistant, Physical Therapist, Optometrist, Midwife, Pharmacist  
*Medical Specialist Needed:* OBGYN, Tropical Diseases, Pediatrician, Radiologist, Dentists  
*May be brought with teams:* Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment  
*Other Opportunities:* Agricultural, Disaster Response, Sports

**Priority Projects:**

LATVIA

Rihards Germans – Office Manager, UMC Latvia

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

*Construction:* Camp Wesley  

**Priority Projects:**

LIBERIA
Dehkontee Precious Tarr – UMVIM Coordinator

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

- **Construction:** Church
- **Medical Setting:** Hospital
- **Medical Personnel Needed:** Physician, Dental Hygienist/Assistant
- **Medical Specialist Needed:** Surgeon
- **Education:** Teaching – Schools, Teaching – Churches, Mission Bible School, Church Leadership Training for Laity, Computer Training
- **Other Opportunities:** Agricultural

**Priority Projects:**

1) Geffie United Methodist Church- Barrabo Circuit- With the civil war in Liberia, the church was deserted and as a result the building collapsed. The congregation, 115 people, is currently worshipping in a rented building, but they are building a concrete structure.

2) Parsonage for Cape Palmas District- Haper, Maryland County- There is a desire to build a structure to house the District Superintendent and have offices in the structure as well.

Allen Zomonway- Health Projects Manager

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

- **Construction:** Clinic/Hospital
- **Medical Setting:** Hospital
- **Medical Specialist Needed:** OBGYN

**Priority Projects:**

1) Ganta United Methodist Hospital – Nimba County, Liberia
   - a. The hospital is in need of an entire plumbing system overhaul, it is outfitted with plumbing from 1946 that needs to be replaced.
   - b. The labor and delivery unity is very busy and cramped, they need to extend the unit and replace the floors, windows, and bathrooms.

Robert Coolman – President/CEO, Operation Classroom

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

- **Construction:** Church, School Clinic/Hospital
- **Education:** Teaching in Schools – Secondary, Teaching in Churches – Adults, Computer Training, Business Skills and Practices
- **Other Opportunities:** Agricultural, Engine Mechanics
  (Advance #3020494)

**Mexico**

Willie Berman – Manos Juntas México (Hands Together Ministry)
**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

**Construction:** Church, Parsonage, School, Clinic/Hospital, Children Home/Orphanage, Houses, Other – Community Buildings

**Medical Setting:** Clinic, Operating Room, Dental Office, Pharmacy, Laboratory, Vision

**Medical Personnel Needed:** Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Physical Therapist, Optometrist, Pharmacist

**Medical Specialist Needed:** Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, OBGYN, Pediatrician

**Education:** Teaching in Schools – Preschool, Primary, Secondary; Teaching in Churches – Children, Youth; Mission Bible School – Children, Youth; Computer Training, Business Skills and Practices

**Priority Projects:**

1) The Nuevo Progreso Community Center and Auditorium – Village of Nuevo Progreso, México – This building is in the process of being built, it is a 300 person capacity auditorium for the community. There is a need for flooring, landscaping, and other finishing touches.

2) Elementary School – Rio Bravo, México – The elementary school is in need of completion. There is a need for windows, doors, plumbing, sidewalks, landscaping, fencing, etc.

3) Gymnasium and Rehab Clinic – Manos Juntas Ministry, México – Construction teams are needing to help construct the gymnasium and rehab clinic for the east side of the city.

4) New Dorms and Meeting Hall – Manos Juntas Ministry, México – With the increasing number of mission teams, there is a need for more sleeping and meeting space. Construction teams are needing to help construct dorms and a meeting hall at the ministry.

5) El Sendero Parsonage – Reynosa, México – There is a need for a new parsonage in Reynosa at the El Sendero Methodist Church.

(Advance #3020527)

**MOZAMBIQUE**

> Eurico Gustavo – UMVIM Coordinator, North Mozambique Annual Conference

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

**Construction:** Parsonage

**Other Opportunities:** Disaster response, Agricultural/farming

**Priority Projects:**

1) Rehabilitation, restoration and refurbishment of district superintendent houses, pastoral residences and chapels in Nampula, Sofala, Nhatsanga, Distrito, Tete, Manica, Niassa, and South Zambezi.

2) Ranzanane Project “Love Each Other” in Sofala Province-Gorongosa District – Assisting displaced families from political turmoil with agricultural/farming techniques and education.

**NICARAGUA**
Jo Buescher – Delegations Coordinator, El Porvenir

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Construction: Stove building
Other Opportunities: Agricultural

Priority Projects:
1) El Porvenir Watershed Protection – Volunteers needed to work alongside Nicaraguan villagers on a sustainable watershed protection and reforestation project. Team members will work with beneficiary families to protect their micro-watershed. Tree nurseries will be started and trees planted to protect the local water supply. Teams will also build ecofogones (enclosed fireboxes with chimneys that reduce the amount of wood needed for cooking, thereby reducing future deforestation).

(Advance #525000 – El Porvenir, Clean Water and Sanitation)

Johnny and Gail Dyke – US Contact, IGLEMEN

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Construction: Church, Parsonage
Education: Teaching in Churches- children, Church Leadership Training for Laity

Priority Projects:
1) Acahulinca Church, Managua- The construction on the church needs to be completed including interior walls, stucco and painting, ceramic tile floor, and the electrical work.
2) Mateare Parsonage, Mateare- The completion of construction on the parsonage is needed including electrical work, Gypsom top interior walls, painting and drop ceiling.
3) Guest Rooms, Loma Linda Church, Managua- Volunteers needed to construct 2nd level of three guest rooms.

(Advance #14853N)

El Ayudante – Ministry in Leon, Nicaragua

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Construction: Latrines, Houses
Medical Setting: Hospital, Clinic, Operating Room
Medical Personnel Needed: Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Physical Therapist, Optometrist, Pharmacist
Medical Specialist Needed: Surgeon, OB/GYN, Pediatrician
May Be Brought with Team: Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment
**Priority Projects:**

1) Housing Project – Leon, Nicaragua – El Ayudante is partnering with the 28th of May Community and the Marononal Community to help with the construction of concrete houses for community members. These houses will replace their current houses, which are mostly made of plastic and metal. In total, the goal is to build approximately 200 houses.

➢ Chris Smith – Executive Servant, Twelve Churches

**Types of Mission Opportunities:**

- **Construction:** Church, School, Latrines
- **Medical Setting:** Vision, Church
- **Medical Personnel Needed:** Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Optometrist, Pharmacist
- **Medical Specialist Needed:** Surgeon, Pediatrician

➢ Richard Rinker – Mobile Clinic Health Operations

**Types of Mission Opportunities:**

- **Construction:** School, Latrines, Water Systems
- **Medical Setting:** Mobile Clinic
- **Medical Personnel Needed:** Nurse
- **Medical Specialist Needed:** Tropical Diseases
- **Other Opportunities:** Agricultural, Reforestation

**Priority Projects:**

1) San Fransico Libre Region- Building and restoring clean water resources

**Nigeria**

➢ Updated Information coming soon

**Panama**

➢ Rhett Thompson – GBGM Missionary, UMVIM Coordinator

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

- **Construction:** Church, Latrines
- **Medical Setting:** Community Center, Dental Clinic
- **Medical Personnel Needed:** Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Physical Therapist, Optometrist, Pharmacist
- **Medical Specialist Needed:** Pediatrician (copy of medical license required)
**May Be Brought with Team:** Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment

**Education:** Teaching in Schools - preschool, primary, and secondary, Mission Bible School – children and youth, Church Leadership Training for Laity and Pastors, Computer Training

**Other Opportunities:** Agricultural

**Priority Projects:**

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**PARAGUAY**

➢ Joy Varga – Missionary, Pastor, Medical Coordinator

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

*Medical Setting:* Mobile Operation (set up in churches, schools, and other available spaces)

*Medical Personnel Needed:* Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Physical Therapist, Optometrist, Pharmacist

*Medical Specialist Needed:* OBGYN, Pediatrician (copy of medical license required)

**Priority Projects:**
Mobile Medical Clinic – Serving throughout Paraguay – provide medical services while sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, especially in remote and poor areas of Paraguay

1) Provide minimum of 4 or 5 medical campaigns in different parts of Paraguay: Yrybucua, Chaco, Lambaré, Luque, and Matachi.

2) Coordinate with pastor and members in the community to help provide medical personnel with registrations, basic screening, and sharing the gospel.

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**PHILIPPINES**

➢ Irika May A. Rosello – Director of Basic Education

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities**

*Construction:* School, Dormitory

*Medical Setting:* Clinic

*Education:* Teaching in Schools – preschool, primary, secondary, Computer Training, Business Skills and Practices

*Other Opportunities:* Agricultural, Health Care

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**POLAND**

➢ Monika Zuber – In Mission Together Coordinator UMC Poland

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities**

*Construction:* Church, Parsonage, School

**Priority Projects:**

1) Elk UMC – two large church buildings in need of repair and children and youth and children ministries.
2) Stare Juchy UMC – in need of volunteers to lead children and youth camps
3) Gliwice UMC – Native English speakers needed to help with English training. There is also need for work with youth ministry development. The church building is in need of roof repair and interior painting.
4) Tarnow UMC – the church is in need of some repairs and renovation, walls and windows need painting. This church is also in need of worship groups to help lead worship and workshops for the congregation.
5) Kielce UMC – this church is looking for volunteers who want to help with the children’s and youth ministry.

**SAINT KITTS & NEVIS**

➢ Rev. Telford D. Matthew – In Country Contact
Mrs. Barbara Glad – USA Contact

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**
*Construction:* Church Hall

**SENEGAL**

➢ William H. Gibson – Mission Administrator

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**
*Construction:* Church
*Medical Setting:* Clinic
*Medical Personnel Needed:* Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Dentist, Dental Hygienist/Assistant, Optometrist, Pharmacist
*May Be Brought with Team:* Medicines, Medical Supplies,
*Other Opportunities:* Agricultural
Priority Projects:

SIERRA LEONE

➢ Smart Senesie – UMVIM Coordination, Mission and Development Office, Sierra Leone Conf.

Types of Ongoing Projects:

Construction: Church, Parsonage, School, Clinic/Hospital, Latrines, Boreholes
Medical Setting: Hospital, Clinic, Operating Room, Dental office, Vision
Medical Personnel Needed: Physician, Dentist
Medical Specialist Needed: Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, Pediatrician, Radiologist (copy of medical license required)
May be Brought with Team: Medicines, Medical Supplies, Medical Equipment
Education: Church Leadership Training for Laity and Pastors, Computer Training
Other Opportunities: Agricultural

Priority Projects:

1) Sembehun Church Construction Project - Moyamba West District – Finish construction of the church which includes roofing, windows, doors, tiling, painting, furniture, toilet, water well, plumbing and electrical installation.
2) Rehabilitation of Church Building – Gbangbatoke, Moyamba East District, Southern Province - Work includes a new roof, ceiling, doors, windows, furniture, water well with overhead water reservoir, and plumbing and electrical installation.
3) Church Construction Project – Bawaila, Kailahun District – Construction of a new church
4) Church Construction Project – Pujejun Town – Construction of a new church
5) Parsonage Construction Project – Masorie, SL – Construction of a new parsonage
6) Church Building Construction Project – Moyiba, Kissy Brook Freetwon, Western District of Sierra Leone – Construction of a new church building

Robert Coolman – President/CEO, Operation Classroom

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Construction: Church, SchoolClinic/Hospital
Other Opportunities: Agricultural, Engine Mechanics
(Advance #12922A)

Priority Projects:
1) Taiama Enterprise Academy – This project is to develop a vocational school. The work includes the renovation of an entire school campus, including dormitories, kitchen and dining hall, classrooms, agriculture and engine mechanics facilities. There is also the development of appropriate curriculum in business management and entrepreneurial studies, teacher training in project based learning.

**SLOVAKIA**

➢ Lenka Prochazkova – Mission Coordinator

No current projects available

**SPAIN**

➢ Guillermo Correa – Bishop

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:***

*Education:* Teaching in Churches, Church Leadership Training for Laity, Leadership Training for Pastors

**Priority Projects:**

1) Leadership Training for Pastors – Barcelona – Training pastors for the work of the church is a top priority, and there is a need for qualified theology and Bible teachers and professors to help or do the training. Groups will meet for a week of intensive training for training.

2) Leadership training for Laity – Barcelona – This leadership training will be an emphasis on evangelism and discipleship. This project’s goal is to host teams of people that can provide guidance and hands-on evangelism experiences. With the spiritual awakening in Spain right now, the Evangelical UMC in Spain wants to learn from other Methodist Churches globally and use this season to emphasize the need to reach the lost, the least, and the last for transformed lives that reveal Christ.

**TANZANIA**

➢ Umba Kalangwa - Missionary of Morogoro and Mwanza Districts, Director of Morogoro Pastors’ Training Center, Coordinator of the Reaching Out Ministry in Rural Areas, Manager of the Wesley Primary School

**Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:**

*Construction:* Church, School, Clinic/Hospital

*Medical Setting:* Clinic, Laboratory

*Education:* Teaching in Schools – primary, Leadership training for pastors

**Priority Projects:**
1) United Methodist Church Construction in Morogoro – construction of a church and evangelistic center (Advance #15059N)
2) Susannah Wesley Training Center in Morogoro – Training women in skills and enabling them to be self-sufficient and educating children (Advance #3020705)
3) Wesley Primary School in Morogoro – Building classrooms and providing vulnerable children with an education (Advance #3020704)
4) Morogoro United Methodist Preschools in Morogoro, Mangae, Mbabala, Dodoma – Building classrooms and developing educational materials to improve educational instruction (Advance #15048N)
5) Morogoro Pastors’ Training Center in Morogoro – Teaching skills to local pastors, enabling them to serve new congregations and communities (Advance #3020710)
6) Reaching Out Ministry in Morogoro – Supporting and growing small churches in rural areas to spread Christian teachings (Advance #150530)

> Eric Soard – Global Ministries Missionary

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

**Construction:** Church, School, Boreholes

**Medical Setting:** Clinic

**Medical Personnel Needed:** Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse, Pharmacist

**Medical Specialist Needed:** Pediatrician (copy of medical license required)

**May Be Brought with Team:** Medicines, Medical Supplies

**Education:** Teaching in Schools – preschool and primary, Teaching in Churches – children, youth, young adults and adults, Mission Bible School – children and youth, Church Leadership Training for Laity and Pastors

Priority Projects:

Magu, Tanzania:

1) Secondary School Construction - The church is working towards finishing a secondary school to serve vulnerable families who are struggling to fund secondary education for their children, something that is not free in Tanzania. Walls are already completed with work left to be done on roofing, plaster, and finishing.

2) Church Construction - The Methodist Church in Tanzania is in need of assistance in creating homes for their churches to meet in and church construction on several churches in Magu.

3) Medical Clinic/Community Health Seminars - The church at Magu has a fully functional, new medical clinic. The clinic is fully licensed and the doctor operating the clinic is retired from government service with many years of experience. The clinic would welcome medical teams to help with the never ending case load as well as helping lead public health seminars.

4) Church Seminars - Magu is the headquarters of the Methodist Church in Tanzania. It is a strong church that can benefit from any number of trainings and conference for youth, adults, women and men’s’ groups, and pastors.

> Elizabeth Soard – Global Ministries Missionary
Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Construction: Church, Parsonage, Latrines

Education: Teaching in Schools – preschool, secondary (sports camps), other: English instruction, Church Leadership Training for Laity, Leadership Training for Pastors

Other Opportunities: Bee Keeping

➢ Mutwale Ntambo Wa Mushidi- Global Ministries Missionary

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Construction: Church, School, Other: Guest House

Education: Leadership Training for Pastors

Other Opportunities: Agricultural

Priority Projects:

1) Tanzania Women Development, Orphans and Vulnerable Children School – Dar es Salaam – This project is to build a pre-school for orphans and vulnerable children. It will help to train girls and all children to take care of themselves by providing mental, spiritual, physical and material assistances.

UGANDA

➢ Kumwiza Rose Martha Musooko – Project Coordinator

Types of Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

Construction: School, Latrines

Education: Teaching in Schools – preschool and primary, Church Leadership Training for Laity

Other Opportunities: Agriculture

Priority Projects:

URUGUAY

➢ Stella F. Bolioli and Marcela Robaina – VIM Coordinators

Types of Ongoing Mission opportunities:

Construction: Church

Priority Projects:

1) Aguada Methodist Church Parsonage Restoration – This parsonage turned Student House needs repairs and painting to meet the needs of students living there and for community usage. Volunteers can also help build an evangelistic and mission program for students connected to house as well as for the surrounding church schools.
2) Goodwill Institute in Malvin – Building to be used for Goodwill Institute, a program designed to assist young people with special needs, needs roof, wall and floor work, general repairs and painting, as well as, the construction of ramps, handrails, etc. for proper wheelchair access.

3) Mercedes Methodist Church – Volunteers needed to help paint sanctuary once humidity problem has been resolved and build furniture to complete the kitchen construction.

4) Renacer Summer Camp and Retreat Center – Volunteers are needed to build a new double cabin as well as to continue the revitalization effort of this area, including construction, farming and landscaping.

5) Church of the Cross and Eugene Stockwell Student Center in Salto – Dorms, sitting rooms, bathrooms, hallway, kitchen and stairs of the Student Center are in need of painting as well as the sanctuary, Pastor’s Office, sitting room, and bathroom of the Church. The basement of this facility also needs repairs and painting before it can be used further.