

## Missions Work Area

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The Missions Work Area extends an invitation to anyone interested in being part of this committee, would like to be involved in the ministries we support or would like to provide financial support to any of the missions below to contact Terrie Horkulic or the Church office.

### Mission Trips

UMCOR Sager Brown - Baldwin, LA offers the opportunity for members of our congregation to serve the local community in Baldwin as well as those in need around the world by participating in construction projects and putting together layette, cleaning and school kits to be distributed by UMCOR when disaster strikes anywhere in the world. For more information contact Ron Wood 210.657.7013.

*Below is information about our Monthly Mission Focus Areas*

### January - Prison Ministry

The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen. For more information visit <http://thebamfordgroup.com/kairos>.

### February - Africa University

The development of Africa University is a consequence of the growth of United Methodism in Africa. The growth in membership and the emerging socio-economic and political needs in their countries led the African bishops of the United Methodist Church (UMC) to call on their church to invest in higher education provision in Africa. The mission of Africa University is to provide quality education within a Pan-African context through which persons can acquire general and professional knowledge and skills, grow in spiritual maturity, develop sound moral values, ethics and leadership qualities. For more information visit [www.africau.edu](http://www.africau.edu)

### March - Blueprint Ministries

Blueprint Ministries is a non-profit organization in urban San Antonio that provides servant leadership training for youth and adults while restoring homes for elderly, disabled and low-income residents. Home repairs can range from roofing and dry wall repair to subflooring installation and painting. They partner with volunteers from across Texas and across the nation committed to making San Antonio warmer, safer, and drier for our inner city friends by sharing Christ's extravagant love, hope, and grace. For more information visit <http://www.blueprintministry.com>

For further information, please contact the church office @ 210-654-0404.

### April - Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio, Inc. (HFHSA) is an ecumenical Christian non-profit housing organization working in partnership with God's people in need to build simple, decent and affordable houses without interest or profit, thereby witnessing God's love in action. For more information visit [www.habitatsa.org](http://www.habitatsa.org)

### May - UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a non-profit organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. UMCOR's work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more. UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated donations on the projects donors specify. When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ. To learn more visit: <http://www.umcor.org/>

### June - Fisher House

The Fisher House is a comfortable temporary home within walking distance of the hospital. It's filled with warm, caring people who help family members endure the stresses associated with a loved one's serious medical condition. The Fisher House enables families to stay together, cook meals, do laundry, and relax in a "home away from home" atmosphere. There are no other facilities on military installations which provide this caring, compassionate environment. Families do not pay to stay at a Fisher House. Fees at Army, Navy, and Air Force Fisher Houses are underwritten by Fisher House Foundation. While we all wish there were no need for Fisher Houses, the reality of life is that thousands of active duty and retired military and veterans' families are served each year by this wonderful network of beautiful homes! Fisher Houses, a gift of love! Visit [fisherhouseinc.org](http://fisherhouseinc.org).

### July – Border Ministries

Border Ministry at Universal City United Methodist Church serves with other Methodist Churches in the San Antonio area to provide outreach focuses on the spiritual and physical needs of 3 orphanages and 2 Methodist churches in Piedras Negras, Mexico. There are frequent mission trip opportunities that include Orphanage Birthday Parties, Mini-Vacation Bible School and work projects. Border Ministries provides food, clothing, supplies for cottage industries, hygiene products and much more to brothers and sisters in Christ across the border. For more information visit: <http://www.ucumctx.org/BorderMinistry>

### August - Texas Diaper Bank

The Texas Diaper Bank is a ministry of health, education and nutrition. Their mission is to provide services and resources to respond to families in crisis in Bexar County and to improve the daily conditions of their lives. Established in 1997 by ten United Methodist churches, the Texas Diaper Bank strengthens the lives of over 30,000 individuals annually through 3 essential programs – Healthy Babies, Hunger Relief Program, and Incontinence Gap Program which provides special needs youth and adults with incontinence products until Medicaid can assist. For more information visit <http://texasdiaperbank.org/>

### September - Bethany UMC Cold Weather Shelter

Bethany UMC on Eisenhower Rd opens its doors to provide a warm place to sleep for those without shelter when the overnight low is predicted to reach 32 degrees or lower. In addition to a soft mattress and clean bedding, guests are provided with a hot dinner, shower facilities, toiletries, and an opportunity to do laundry. They receive a hot breakfast and leave with a sack lunch. The ministry is staffed by volunteers from various churches. Opportunities include – volunteering for 4 hour shifts, providing food, new underwear, gloves, hats, etc. For more information please call Terrie Horkulic 210.646.2312 / 210.274.7490.

### October – Mercy Ships

Mercy Ships is a global charity that has operated hospital ships in developing nations since 1978. Mercy Ships brings hope and healing to the forgotten poor by mobilizing people and resources worldwide, and serving all people without regard for race, gender, or religion. To learn more visit [www.mercyships.org](http://www.mercyships.org).

### November - Agape

The Agape Ministry provides short term, emergency assistance to individuals and their families in our community in the form of food, clothing, and some utility assistance. This ministry allows participating volunteers to put their Christian faith into action through helping people in need. Please visit <http://volunteer.united-e-way.org/unitedwaysatx/org/10234367398.html> to learn more.

### December - Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a ministry started at Windcrest UMC for the people who came to our church almost every day looking for help. We provide emergency assistance to individuals and their families in our community in the form of prayer, food, a Wesley nurse, some utility assistance and the listening ear who is part of the Body of Christ. For more information contact the church office.

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*Here are additional ministries that our church has supported:*

#### Methodist Children's Home (Waco)

Methodist Children's Home is a non-profit child care ministry affiliated with the seven United Methodist Annual Conferences of Texas and New Mexico. Founded in 1890, the Home began as an orphanage and has developed into a comprehensive program of care. The Home serves more than 1,000 children daily through residential care, a Boys Ranch, foster care and a college program. To learn more go to [www.methodistchildrenshome.org](http://www.methodistchildrenshome.org).

#### Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)

CAM assists low-income and homeless families with food, clothes, and financial assistance. CAM is supported by 56 churches that provide us with donations of food, clothes, financial contributions, and volunteers. It takes 120 volunteers a week to run CAM. Want to know more, visit [www.christianassistanceministry.org](http://www.christianassistanceministry.org).

#### San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries (SAMM)

SAMMinistries is an interfaith ministry whose mission is to help the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless attain self-sufficiency by offering, with dignity and compassion, shelter, housing, and services. SAMMinistries also provides volunteers opportunities to be renewed and fulfilled as they serve. To learn more visit [www.samm.org](http://www.samm.org).

#### Methodist Healthcare Ministries

Methodist Healthcare Ministries (MHM) is a faith-based, non-profit organization that was created to provide care through health-related programs and services that it owns and operates. These include primary care medical and dental clinics, support services like counseling, case management and social services, parenting programs, community centers, and church-based community nursing programs. MHM also provides financial support to established organizations that are already effectively fulfilling the needs of the underserved in local communities through programs and services that they already operate. It is guided by the principles set forth by John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. Want to know more, visit [www.mhm.org](http://www.mhm.org).

#### Methodist Mission Home

Methodist Mission Home offers hope to individuals facing spiritually, emotionally and physically challenging circumstances, so they may lead enriched, rewarding and satisfying lives. Through professional guidance and compassionate support, teens and young women facing unplanned pregnancy and families considering adoption make mutually beneficial decisions. Through transitional education, including life skills and vocational training, young adults with disabilities and those who are deaf develop confidence and competence to reach their personal level of independent living. To learn more go to [www.mmhome.org](http://www.mmhome.org).

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