

Your Response

Earthquake in Haiti

Wallets were opened and local hands were put to work to help the Haitian people.

As of February 28, 2010:

- **\$2,431.12 for UMCOR Haiti Relief received**

100% of your cash donation will help UMCOR respond to the needs of the people in Haiti in the most effective, efficient way. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is working with its partners – the United Nations, NGOs and the Methodist Church in Haiti – to prepare for a long-term recovery effort.

- **153 health kits made**

Howe United Methodist Church will transport the kits to the UMCOR Sager-Brown Depot in Louisiana. Howe, located in Grayson County, is the North Texas Conference's collection site for relief kits.



Missions and More (M&M) children put together half the health kits, which were purchased using Serve funds. “This is fun!” exclaimed one busy assembler... doing for others as Jesus taught us to do.

Going forward:

- Continue to be in prayer with the people in Haiti.
- Continue to make cash donations.
- Consider putting together other types of UMCOR relief kits that will go to Haiti – school kits, layette kits, and birth kits are needed. Please contact Angela Roberts for more information.
- Learn about how your gifts are helping rebuild lives at www.umcor.org.

Wondering what M&M is all about?

In children's ministry the distinctions between programs that offer ways to connect with God, grow in love and relationship with Him, and serve Him and the people of His kingdom are not as clear as they are in adult ministry. M&M: Missions and More, our Wednesday after-school program for children in kindergarten through 6th grade, is a perfect example. This program is free and offered to ANY child who wish to attend. We offer pick-up at Commerce schools, but we have children attending who are home-schooled and who attend school in neighboring towns. In this program, children are immersed in the mission of service to God - all year long. By participating in M&M, these children are learning that God has blessed EVERYONE with wonderful, meaningful ways to give, serve, and share with others.

M&M is also a "Connect" program. Many of our kids do not have a "Church Home", a regular place of worship. Through M&M children are connecting with God as they set about the business of hearing and answering His call to help those in need. They feel His presence in their lives as they experience the joy their gifts bring to others. They learn to connect with each other through their collaborative efforts and through fellowship. M&M provides the paths that we pray will lead them back to church - and to God - over and over for the rest of their lives.

So, what else do the M&Mers have in store for the rest of the year? A few of the projects we have on the docket for the spring include: Relay For Life; partnering with Manna Movers in a food drive; and Easter Gift Baskets for seniors - and a visit to Country Homes Estates Assisted Living Facility, just to name a few.

This year and this program have been such a blessing to all of us who have participated, and it is our prayer that we have, in turn, been a blessing to our friends, neighbors, church, community and world!!

Pea-Picking in the Community Garden



Mitten Mission



Christmas Cards for Troops in Afghanistan



Helping Hands Mission Projects

Care Packages for Children's Medical Pediatric Oncology Patients



UMCOR Health Kits for Haiti



Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF



Valentines for Meals on Wheels Recipients



Angel Tree Christmas Shopping



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Grandparent's Day Cards for Oak Manor Nursing Home



Church-wide paper recycling

Relay For Life in honor of Commerce area children battling cancer