

**Description of Missions Work Areas of Support
February 2015**

Section 1 - AFRICA

Africa University

We have supported this oasis of learning in the eastern highlands of Zimbabwe since its founding in 1992 as the only United Methodist degree granting institution on the continent of Africa. Students at AU come from all over Africa, currently representing 23 countries. Graduates go out to excel in careers in medicine, business, national politics, education, agriculture, and the church, to fulfill the university's motto of "educating global leaders, hope for the world".

Wings of the Morning (Advance #08597A)

The United Methodist church supports Wings of the Morning, an aviation ministry in an area of Africa (Democratic Republic of the Congo) where 6 million people live with no roads for transportation. Hope comes in the form of small airplanes and pilots who evacuate critically ill and injured villagers to health care facilities, and fly in medical supplies, bibles, payrolls, pastors and mission teams.

Gablers Salary Support (Advance #12939Z or #12940Z)

Daniel and Rachel Gabler are United Methodist missionaries with the General Board of Global Ministries assigned to aviation ministries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Daniel is a pilot and mechanic who is the head of maintenance for Wings of the Morning. They are based in Lubumbashi near the border with Zambia. Rachel works in education. We give them salary support. They recently spoke in our church.

Paul Webster Salary Support (Advance # 11865Z)

Paul Webster has been a Missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church since 1995. Paul is a graduate of University of Wisconsin and was a United States Peace Corps volunteer from 1980 to 1984 as an agricultural extension worker in Guatemala. In Paul's words "As a rural development specialist I am attacking the root causes of poverty, disease and hopelessness through education and training in small animal husbandry, cattle culture, goat milking, animal traction, tree nurseries, fruit and fish culture, and research." Paul adds, "The goals are families who can provide balanced nutrition for themselves and an income from small scale, family-based production."

Paul is the leader of the Mujila Falls Agricultural Project in Northwest Zambia, near the border with the Republic of Congo. FUMC provides salary support to Paul. He visits Midland and FUMC about every three years to speak with our congregation and update us on his/our work in Africa. His last visit was this last fall (Sept 2014).

Mujila Falls Ag Project (Advance #15016A)

The Mujila Falls Agricultural Project is a rural economic development project that serves the needs of the poor, rural peoples in Zambia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mujila Falls Ag Project promotes major programs in education, health, sustainable agriculture, community development, evangelism, and church construction. The projects strive to empower participants and address community social, economic and health problems holistically.

Samuteb Hospital (Advance #00596A)

Samuteb is a hospital in rural Congo (Africa) that serves an underserved area of the world, that without Samuteb, would have no medical care at all. This is a hospital that does not look like a hospital you and I would be accustomed to seeing. It looks like a primitive clinic; however, it serves thousands in an enormous area of Congo. Samuteb has been supported by our church

for at least 30 years and our support is critical to their survival. Our retired Senior Pastor Carl Price visited the hospital multiple times.

Mulungwishi Seminary (Advance #05773A)

The Mulungwishi Theological Seminary and its affiliate Doris Bartlett Women's School train men and women for ministry in the Congo and trains and sends missionaries to other African countries. The Seminary is a 3-year program that requires students to learn to use technology (email and computers).

Kenaga T4Global

Dave & Marilyn Kenaga serve with T4Global Ministries. T4Global stands for Translating the Truth through Trusted conversations that can be distributed by appropriate Technology. This organization travels into areas of the world (like Africa) where people are considered "oral learners" and in need of clean water. T4Global selects nationals who speak English and the people's mother tongue to record Bible stories in their mother tongue in their native language. T4Global takes in clean water, sanitation, and hygiene and trains nationals to train the people. As they come to filter their water, there are repeated opportunities for spiritual conversations to occur. This organization is committed to taking clean water solutions, sanitation, hygiene training and the Gospel of Jesus Christ into these areas of the world.

Imagine No Malaria

Imagine No Malaria is a world-wide United Methodist comprehensive model to put an end to preventable deaths by malaria in Africa. Four areas of emphasis are: preventions, treatment, communication, and education. International partners are working together. The United Methodist Church in Africa has provided community health care workers, which has provided a foundation for combating Ebola.

Judith Craig Orphanage - Liberia (Advance #11820A)

This Children's Village is to provide counseling, healthcare, education, and shelter to destitute youth in war-torn areas.

Section 2 - HAITI

Haiti Hot Lunch Program (Advance #418790)

This program provides daily, hot, nutritious meals for children at Methodist schools.

Haiti Foundation Against Poverty (Mallory Neptune)

Haiti Foundation Against Poverty is a nonprofit organization founded by Mallory Thurlow Neptune in 2007. It's mission is to serve the poor, widowed and orphaned (James 1:27) in Haiti through: Education, Childcare, Medical Care, Job Creation and by spreading the Message and Love of the Gospel. To accomplish this, HFAP will Educate, Equip and Empower.

This organization Educates the poor at Les Bours Primary School through child sponsorships, Equips Haitians with the strength they need to overcome through Bible studies, discipleship, prayer and worship. HFAP Empowers Haitians through the Women's Business Program, Infant Malnutrition Center and Employing Haitians.

Grace Hospital & TB Clinic - Port au Prince, Haiti (Advance #418520)

This hospital gives care to children and in-hospital treatment is reserved for the most critical cases. There are fewer in-patients now than in the past decade due to the change in treatment of TB from hospital to home care for the entire family. Now more family members can receive care at home, lessening the trauma of separating families during treatments.

Haiti Solar Ovens Project (Advance #418812)

Solar ovens provide clean fuel for making the contaminated water safe for drinking without harvesting precious mahogany trees used to make charcoal for cooking. The trees stabilize the soil, keeping it from washing into the shallow sea and smothering small fish. Now the small fish can become big fish to feed the people. The pollution from charcoal fires is also diminished so that the air is healthier.

Section 3 - EASTERN EUROPE

Baltic Theological Seminary (Advance #15021B)

Baltic Methodist Theological Center is in Tallin, Estonia. It trains students for pastoral ministry and other ministry leadership. JD Landis is a trustee on the Board under the supervision of Bishop Christian Alstead. He is responsible as a trustee with all major decisions of the seminary. They are also charged with the responsibility of raising funds. The seminary graduates 10-20 students a year that come from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Scandinavia and other former Soviet Countries. JD is also a contact with the Haapsalu United Methodist church and their pastor Urmas Rahuvarm. Haapsalu has a lay leader presently training for ministry, Rauno. Other contacts include the Lighthouse Center for Children in Tallin, and Camp Gideon directed by Artur Pold.

Section 4 - ASIA

Justice Ventures International -India and China

JVI secures freedom, justice and restoration for the poor and oppressed by strengthening ventures that promote justice. JVI partners with local organizations to rescue men, women and children suffering from extreme injustice. They help with legal case work, human rights training, rights-based advocacy and have freedom businesses to market and sell products made by human trafficking survivors. Human trafficking and bonded slavery are just two of the areas they work in to rescue people.

Section 6 - USA

Baldwin Center (Advance #161125)

Baldwin Avenue is a comprehensive human service agency located in Pontiac, MI. It's mission is to feed, clothe, educate, and empower the men, women, children of the Baldwin community. The center is a safe, clean, place where the people can eat, play, and learn with out fear of violence, and recover their dignity and self respect.

Saginaw Rescue Mission

The Saginaw Rescue missions takes in those that have had trouble or are homeless, and allows them to be safe and protected from the elements. They also provide food and other guidance. Their mission statement is: "To glorify God by serving people in need, proclaiming the Gospel, and establishing disciples among disadvantaged people"

Cass Avenue Community Services - Detroit (Advance #MM1151 Cass Food Program)

Cass Avenue Community Services helps the local community provide food, shelter and income to the homeless community. It also provides religious prayer and worship to those in need. They rehabilitate the indigent and employ them by making door mats, coaster and flip-flops. Faith Fowler is the minister at Cass Ave Methodist Church.

Oscoda Indian Mission (Advance #MM1170)

Oscoda Indian Mission is a program/church with Native American focused events for children, youth and adults. They are involved with UM camps, and many other programs like Christmas meals, providing school supplies and retreats as well as training their youth for leadership roles.

Joy Southfield (Advance #MM1129)

Joy- Southfield Clinic is located in Wayne County. It has been providing fee high-quality healthcare to the uninsured since 2005. It also addresses community and economic development, while bringing health choices into the community.

His House Christian Fellowship - Kate & Joe Hogoboom - Ferris State University

His House is a campus ministry at FSU headed by Kate & Joe Hogoboom. Kate is Carl & Pat Price's granddaughter. We support their salaries as Administrative Assistants. They mentor students, prepare teachings, plan and lead retreats, camps, social events and worship times, while attempting to bring security and the love of Jesus Christ to students at FSU, as well as encouraging the students to grow spiritually.