Celebrating Mission

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I give thanks for our United Methodist connectional system. It is a joy and a privilege to serve the Church through the General Board of Global Ministries.

Global Ministries is the global mission agency of The United Methodist Church, its annual conferences, missionary conferences, and local congregations. Our purpose is "Connecting the Church in mission."

Global Ministries equips and transforms people and places for God's mission around the world. The four mission goals are:

- Make disciples of Jesus Christ;
- Strengthen, develop and renew Christian congregations and communities;
- + Alleviate human suffering;
- + Seek justice, freedom and peace

The work of Global Ministries is the work that you do all around the globe. In the following pages, learn about the vision behind the soon-to-be-built United Methodist Church Guest House and Reception in Tanzania, which was made possible through UMC #GivingTuesday donations; the compassionate work and ministry of Tendai Paul Manyeza, missionary and chief medical officer of Old Mutare Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe; the restored hope that volunteers bring to survivors in New Jersey following Hurricane Sandy; and a reflection about the power of listening to others' brokenness by Young Adult Missionary Elaine M. LaVan, who serves a women's shelter in New Mexico.

I ask that you pray for the work, support a missionary, become an In Mission Together partner, volunteer for a mission trip or find some other way to become involved in mission.

May God bless all that you do in God's mission.

In mission and ministry together,

Thomas Kemper General Secretary General Board of Global Ministries The United Methodist Church



Women learn how to make different types of clothing at the Women's Sewing Center in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. A new women's business training facility is part of the building construction plans. Photo courtesy of Mutwale Ntambo Wa Mushidi

Tanzania conference purchases land, offers new opportunities

hanks to generous donations, 15 acres of property located in the southwest region of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania will be home to a new United Methodist Church Guest House and Reception (Advance #12635N). This new mission compound for the Tanzania Provisional Conference will support ministry projects and serve as a home base for the missionaries that work in Tanzania. In addition, plans for church, school and hospital construction, as well as the installation of wells throughout the property, are in the works.

Dar es Salaam is one of the fastest-growing cities in Sub-Saharan Africa. The city has experienced a continued population growth of 3 percent each year.

A fusion of African, Arabian, Asian and some European cultures make up the diverse ethnic groups settling into this melding, cultural metropolis. As the population surges, so will the demand by the most vulnerable for access to basic services.

Earlier this year, the Tanzania Provisional Conference of the North Katanga and Tanzania Episcopal Area sealed the purchase of property in anticipation of this growing need. The new mission center will expand the opportunity for the church to reach multicultural and diverse populations.

"We are excited about the opportunities that lay ahead for the people of Tanzania," said Ellen Knudsen, director of Advance projects for The Advance, the designated mission-giving arm of The United Methodist Church. "We are thankful for the commitment of donors who want to see this project move forward. It can sometimes take years for a project to raise the funds needed to purchase land for a mission site," continued Knudsen.

GIFTS MAKE LAND PURCHASE AND FUTURE MISSION POSSIBLE

An anonymous contribution of more than \$50,000, plus support from several United Methodist churches in response to last December's UMC #GivingTuesday campaign made the purchase of the Tanzanian property possible.

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"Tanzania is a multi-religious city with many traditions," said Mande Muyombo, Global Ministries' regional executive for Tanzania. "So, having a worship space is critical. Church construction is also a priority. Churches have been bringing in volunteers, yet they are without the means to host them. So the decision to build our own guesthouse means we can host and welcome volunteers from outside Tanzania," continued Muyombo.

THE RIGHT LOCATION TO SERVE FUTURE NEEDS

Demographically, the mission site will be relevant to adjunct communities. The facilities will offer access to muchneeded health services, education, vocational training, and they will provide a place of worship for people living in the surrounding areas. The Tanzania UMC will also work with the local community to provide cash-for-work opportunities and on-the-job construction training once construction begins.

The Rev. Mutwale Ntambo Wa Mushidi, a United Methodist missionary, is the district superintendent for The United Methodist Church in Tanzania. He says, "This mission house will impact and change the community, as it will be a source of evangelism. It will also enable The United Methodist Church to be recognized as a viable denomination in the country, while giving visitors and volunteers a home in Tanzania."

The guesthouse will be the first facility constructed to accommodate mission volunteers arriving to help with other building projects. However, additional funding is needed before construction can begin.

> —Judith Santiago, Content and Editorial Coordinator, Global Ministries



Dr. Tendai Manyeza examines a patient at the Old Mutare Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe.

Photo courtesy Old Mutare Mission Hospital

Legacy of a missionary doctor

Below is a summary of an interview published in the March-April 2014 edition of New World Outlook magazine, in which Editor Christie R. House interviews Global Ministries Missionary Tendai Paul Manyeza and his wife Natallia. In this interview, they discuss their work, roles, and challenges in serving some of the most vulnerable communities that come to Old Mutare Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe for medical assistance.

Missionary Tendai Paul Manyeza resolved to become a doctor after witnessing the special care his sister received from former Global Ministries missionary Dr. Marvin Piburn at Nyadire Hospital in Zimbabwe. His sister sustained burns over 40 percent of her body. At the time, Manyeza was in his last year of high school. The following year he enrolled in the local university to begin medical training. Today, Manyeza is the administrator and chief medical officer of Old Mutare Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe.

While many patients come to see Manyeza for mostly upper-respiratory conditions, diarrhea and several chronic conditions such as asthma, hypertension and HIV and AIDS, it's the hospital maternity ward that is often the busiest unit. Mutare Hospital delivers 50 to 60 babies a month, and treats approximately 70 outpatients daily. "I can't see every patient," said Manyeza. "The nurses do a lot of screening and appropriate treatment. Usually, I see the patients with more serious conditions. Common conditions that we see day-to-day in the outpatient ward are hypertension, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and asthma. We also counsel many patients with psychological problems because of stressful life situations," he continued.

Manyeza does not yet perform any surgical operations. Caesarian sections or complicated child births are referred to the provincial hospital.

"We can't really accommodate C-sections or breech births," said Manyeza, "but, recently I was called in the middle of the night to help a mother presenting with a breech issue. She was fully dilated and could not be moved. I thanked God that the cord was not tangled around the baby and that we managed to deliver and save both baby and mother. I just said, 'God you are good.' We would usually refer such a case if there were time," he continued.

Manyeza is currently working to get a well-equipped and functioning room to perform future operations, and he received some assistance from the West Virginia Annual Conference, which provided Old Mutare with a much-needed anesthesiology machine.

You can read the full interview on www.umcmission.org.



A 'band of angels'

family in New Jersey was barely hanging onto a faint glimmer of hope when a "band of angels" came to their door. Before Hurricane Sandy hit their community, the father, an ironworker, became disabled when he hurt his back at work. Then, the family was devastated when they lost one of the children, 6 years old, to cancer.

"In taking care of the medical and funeral bills, they had no money left to help themselves," said Norm Hardin, disaster response coordinator for the California-Nevada Annual (regional) Conference of The United Methodist Church. "Then Sandy hit."

According to Hardin, while the family continued to live there, the home was in need of repair after the storm. "With all of this happening all at once, the husband went into a depression," he said. "There was this patio chair, and he told us that he used to just sit there staring at the house, smoking cigarettes, and drinking beer."

That was before the angels came and turned this into a story of resurrection.

28 VOLUNTEERS, ONE HOME

The "angels" are 28 volunteers from California and Nevada who flew across the country to New Jersey. Most of them have worked together for several years, and they are trained and experienced in traveling to disaster sites.

But when they got to New Jersey, their task list was a lot shorter than usual: it was one house. For a group used to splitting into smaller teams and tackling multiple repair jobs, this was surprising—and, to be honest, worrisome at first. Would there be enough work? Even if there was, would there be enough room to tackle the job?

It was challenging and it required the volunteers to be flexible, admitted Diane Jackson, a volunteer from First United Methodist Church of Santa Rosa in California. In the end, the group became closer than ever. "A lot of the people liked the feeling of being all together in one place," she said. "We're from seven churches. This gave people a chance to get to know each other much better."

EXTENDED FAMILY

The volunteers were also able to sit down and have meals with the family, who often worked alongside them, said Bill Walker, a volunteer from the Presbyterian Church of Novato, California. "We learned their family story. They were down. They had almost given up."

The volunteers saw the family as not just hurricane survivors but as "real people," said Kay Walker, Bill's wife. "It was just great to be able to sit on the ground and have a bag lunch with them and talk about so-called normal things."

What started out as a questionable experience for the volunteers turned into, by the time the work was completed, an unprecedented time of closeness with each other and with the family, she said.

"They called us their band of angels. When they answered the door the first day we came, they believed the angels had come."

> —Susan Kim, journalist and regular contributor to www.umcor.org



When volunteers arrived at this New Jersey home, the homeowners called them a "band of angels." Photo: Norm Hardin

'Broken hallelujah'

hen I set out to New Mexico about a year-and-a-half ago to serve as advocate at the Women's Shelter at Navajo United Methodist Center, I had a ministry of presence laid on my heart. Through all of the tasks I undertake on a daily basis, my days don't quite feel complete unless I find the time to sit down with our residents, or other clients and just talk. I listen while they ask for advice or vent about their day. Sometimes it's about mediating heated disagreements. One of my favorite moments is when we laugh and goof around as we sort out donations together.

One particular resident imprinted in my mind was accepted into our program not long after I first arrived here in New Mexico. She easily became angry and set-off by little things that triggered her past traumas. She came to talk to me in one of her angry moments. I listened. As she relived a horrifying sexual abuse situation, she ended her recount with, "It was disgusting, Elaine, it's disgusting what people do to each other."

Those words echoed in the silent space that lingered between us. I had no advice for her. The typical, "It will all be okay" sounded hollow and meaningless in my head. So we just sat. Her stories got less angry every day. Soon, we were laughing again.

I love tea time and telling jokes. But, I also treasure those times of vulnerability that show a whole new beauty of a person. I appreciate when someone feels they can show emotions that are not typically seen as socially acceptable. There's beauty in a broken heart finding rest, hope and resilience by one's own decision, and breaking free from oppression.

It took me a long time to realize that I can't do anything for our clients. I can't change their past, alter their current situation, or shape a future for them. But, I can be there to listen. Sometimes my response will have no depth or great impact whatsoever, but I can still be *there* and *present*. And through all the heartbreak, sometimes all I can do is offer up a "Broken Hallelujah" for those I serve with, as well as for me.

> —Elaine M. LaVan, young adult missionary



Members of the United Methodist Church of Honduras participate in a worship service. Photo: Greg Gelzinnis

Small group development in Latin America

hanks to funding from Global Ministries, churches throughout Central and South America will be equipped with Methodist study materials that expound on the foundation of Methodist doctrine, sermon teachings of John Wesley and basic Christian living.

The curriculum, designed intentionally for small-group development and the training of indigenous leaders, will offer new churches and churches in transition a formal Christian education and experience. The goal is to develop resources that not only bear a Methodist emphasis but also culturally permeate the language and spirit of Methodist churches in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Resources include student handbooks and facilitator instruction aides. They will offer lessons for new Methodists that cover foundational teachings of salvation, basic Methodist doctrine on sacrament and grace and a more-comprehensive resource for small groups that focuses on 48 John Wesley sermons. In addition, a spiritualdevelopment resource will be designed to engage Upper Room lessons.

A Global Ministries missionary, leaders in Christian education and scholars on Wesleyan matters will supervise the development of the materials. The small groups are expected to launch by late 2015.

Honduras is a Mission Initiative of Global Ministries in Central America, which has identified the need to train its leaders and pastors, particularly among the native Hondurans. Theology, spiritual formation and pastoral and Methodist studies have been identified as critical needs. Only one indigenous mission pastor has a university degree.

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Directors of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church

The Audit Committee of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church

The Committee on Audit and Review of the General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church (Parent Only) (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church (Parent Only) as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Nashville, Tennessee May 29, 2014

GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2013 and 2012

	2013	2012
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,891,906	\$ 11,781,589
Receivables:	φ 11,051,500	φ 11,701,505
Accrued World Service Fund allocation	8,142,995	9,069,363
Due from General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA)	9,092,459	8,344,268
Due from GBGM-related entities	1,000,162	240,746
Bequests receivable	903,500	818,685
Mortgage loans to churches and staff, net of allowance	722,342	889,193
Other	990,058	587,515
Prepaid expenses and other assets	256,526	681,357
Investments	166,426,976	140,025,708
Buildings and equipment, net	810,283	712,350
Collins Health Plan for Missionaries	6,243,013	1,922,379
Beneficial interest in Collins Forests	38,992,000	37,789,000
Perpetual trusts held by others, including revolving loan funds	43,046,008	40,423,437
Total assets	\$ 288,518,228	\$ 253,285,590
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$ 17,806,811	\$ 16,733,292
Grants and projects payable	4,349,072	4,547,165
Due to GBGM-related entities	604,605	258,799
Annuities payable	371,838	658,581
Due to Collins Pension Plan	70,042,610	26,856,934
Assets held for others	23,798,146	21,832,642
Total liabilities	116,973,082	70,887,413
Net assets:		
Unrestricted:		
General operating fund	(8,836,915)	
Other undesignated	4,362,012	2,667,953
Designated for programs	15,769,972	13,476,464
Designated for missionaries retirement including pension & health		
benefit costs	10,608,338	6,831,200
Total unrestricted	21,903,407	43,379,812
Temporarily restricted	34,845,298	29,722,977
Permanently restricted	114,796,441	109,295,388
Total net assets	171,545,146	182,398,177
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 288,518,228	\$ 253,285,590

GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Operating revenue:		Restricted	nestreteu	I otur
World Service Fund:				
Allocation	\$ 24,577,299	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,577,299
National Plan for Hispanic Ministries	-	534,136	-	534,136
Substance Abuse and Related Violence	-	498,329	-	498,329
Asian American Language Ministry	-	315,728	-	315,728
Korean American Task Force	-	691,103	-	691,103
Pacific Islanders	-	121,985	-	121,985
Deaf Ministries	-	57,822	-	57,822
Native American Awareness Sunday	31,756	138,062	-	169,818
World Communion Offering	79,060	346,433	-	425,493
Human Relations Day	118,340	391,649	-	509,989
Advance Special Gifts:				
Support for persons in mission	-	4,979,858	-	4,979,858
Other	710,092	4,881,778	-	5,591,870
United Methodist Women appropriation	331,556	-	-	331,556
United Methodist Committee on Relief appropriation	4,209,556	-	-	4,209,556
United Methodist Development Fund appropriation	942,185	-	-	942,185
Benefit Trust distribution	1,613,247	-	-	1,613,247
Agency Group Insurance funded distribution	-	-	-	-
Bequests	167,708	73,607	-	241,315
Grants and other contributions	502,029	701,018	-	1,203,047
Interest income on cash equivalents, mortgage loans				
and perpetual trusts	252,164	194,774	-	446,938
Collins Forests income distribution	5,679,411	-	-	5,679,411
Service fees	183,105	-	-	183,105
Missionary salary reimbursements	1,278,332	-	-	1,278,332
Other	1,021,365			1,021,365
Total	41,697,205	13,926,282	-	55,623,487
Net assets released from restrictions	14,841,411	(14,841,411)		
Total operating revenue (loss)	\$ 56,538,616	\$ (915,129)	\$ -	\$ 55,623,487

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Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Operating expenses:				
Program Services:				
Mission and Evangelism:				
Mission and evangelism	\$ 407,440	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 407,440
Mission theology and new initiatives	4,176,187	-		4,176,187
Justice and relationships	5,495,107	-	-	5,495,107
Missionary services	16,018,801	-	-	16,018,801
Board-wide mission program expenses	5,647,475	-	-	5,647,475
Advance special projects	4,640,093	-	-	4,640,093
Distribution of designated funds	4,637,140	-	-	4,637,140
Total program services	41,022,243		-	41,022,243
Supporting services:				
Management and general	8,298,209	-	-	8,298,209
Fund-raising	3,348,732	-	-	3,348,732
Total supporting services	11,646,941	-	-	11,646,941
Total operating expenses	52,669,184			52,669,184
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	3,869,432	(915,129)		2,954,303
Nonoperating activities:				
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	14,626,293	6,037,450	-	20,663,743
Net appreciation in fair value of perpetual trusts	-	-	2,688,597	2,688,597
Collins Forests	-	-	1,203,000	1,203,000
Collins Pension and Health Benefits Plan	(40,765,043)	-	-	(40,765,043)
Endowment contributions, including perpetual trusts	-	-	1,609,456	1,609,456
Other income	792,913			792,913
Total nonoperating activities	(25,345,837)	6,037,450	5,501,053	(13,807,334)
Decrease in net assets	(21,476,405)	5,122,321	5,501,053	(10,853,031)
Net assets at beginning of year	43,379,812	29,722,977	109,295,388	182,398,177
Net assets at end of year	\$ 21,903,407	\$ 34,845,298	\$ 114,796,441	\$ 171,545,146