



# Church of the Redeemer African Children's Mission

General Meeting

March 3, 2007

# Adult Education

- March 18 - film for forum and discussion (**Action Barbara Abbott / Stephen Billings to establish objectives and agenda for this event**) (**Action Grant Norris to appeal to former travelers to attend**)
- April 15 - Richard Yohane visit (**Action Barbara Abbott to confirm Richard's willingness to address the congregation and his needs while in the USA**)
- May 13 - (Mother's Day) - A segment on our initiative with youth in the parish under general rubric "Ministries You Didn't Know About" (**Action Christina Corcoran to finalize agenda**)

# May 13 Agenda

- Proposed forum agenda for 5/13/07 10:15-11:00
- 10:15-10:25
  - Running slide show as people arrive
  - Opening prayer by Peter
  - Overview of topics to be discussed in forum
  - Thank you for general support
  - General history: ACM at Redeemer three years, how to become involved/stay informed
  - Children's Education at Redeemer
  - Lesson themes since
  - Millennium Goals lesson
- 10:25-10:35
  - Two youth talk about why they reach out to Malawi youth
  - Display crafts/projects they've worked on this year and in year's past
  - (display banners from Malawi youth)
  - Slide show of pictures: Redeemer youth working together on crafts and participating in lessons.
- 10:35-10:50
  - Valentine fund raiser, Joyful giving, Goats
  - These topics can be presented by three youth (high school age) or ACM point people
  - Slides: "Thanks", youth selling goat ornaments, Stephen wearing his chain of goats, goats in Malawi
  - Brief overview of how far \$1 goes
  - Mention any specific contributions if possible from last year's money raised
- 10:50-11:00
  - Latest project updates
  - Success stories
  - Your prayers and financial support in our mission.
  - Introduce this years travel team (or show slide) and announce commissioning date
  - Take any questions

# MAP

- Susan Munabe completed the physicians form
- Met a field worker who identified a physician at Central hospital in Lilongwe
- Dr Douglas Lungu a possible choice to list as a recipient of the MAP medicines
- Sent in the application forms to MAP

# Great Concerts Great Causes

- Tickets to be distributed to ACM members and sold by them

# Communications

- Need more “Malawi Moments” (**Action All – send reflections to Dave Schroeder at [davidkurtschroeder@yahoo.com](mailto:davidkurtschroeder@yahoo.com)**)

# Web Site

- Historical ACM material being populated

# Have A Heart Campaign

- As of 02/27/2007 the Have a Heart Valentine mailing has generated \$6480

# Finance

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- Allocation of \$20k to \$25k – suggestions from GAIA
  - Mpala School
  - Mico-loan programs for women - "empowering" women is to ensure the security of their children or the orphaned children of others for whom they provide care
  - More young women to become nurses through our scholarship program. This has been an enormous success so far. Many of the nursing students are themselves orphans caring for younger orphaned siblings. We would like to add more scholarship young women to the nursing college rolls in Lilongwe and Blantyre, but now also in Mzuzu, in the north near the Tanzanian border
  - School tuitions, uniforms, fees, and supplies that we regularly provide to orphans throughout the country's southern and central regions
  - Re-supply the Grandmother's Fund, which is used to enable the grandmothers caring for orphans to purchase food, clothing, and OTC medications for orphaned kids
  - **Action Grant Norris to set up a call between ACM and GAIA to discuss this topic within the next two weeks**

# Campus Ministry

- Will begin working on another campus fund raiser towards the end of Lent

# Open Arms

- **Madonna visited**
  - She came to look at 2 babies who might have been suitable for adoption
  - Both more suitable than David Banda (the 1 she adopted) as neither had any living relatives.
- **Approximately 50 children living on site**
- **A further 150 children are now being fed and educated daily at the outreach stations in Ndirande, Kumanda and Namalo.**
- **Constructing 2 more outreach stations, one in Ndirande and another in Liwonde**
- **Just about to put in a bore-hole and pump in Nomalo where the last 2 pumps have been stolen**
  - New pump, base and rods cost about \$4000
  - Site them close to the nursery school/feeding centres for security
- **The summer program will revolve around British students helping us finish off the station at Liwonde and perhaps in Ndirande.**
  - They are going to re-furbish 2 classrooms at a nearby primary school and repaint a traditional birthing clinic
- **May be opening Open Arms 2 in Mangochi at the Malawi Children's Village.**
  - If funds allow this project will become a reality this summer and will initially build our capacity to another 20 infants needing our inputs
- **Sorry not to be having a visit from The Church of the Redeemer this summer,**
  - Looking forward to subsequent contacts

# Courageous Leadership Award

- Response team formed
- Material being compile
- First draft of response available next week
- On track to complete response by end April

# Malawi 2007

- Tom Ramsey and Stephen Billings are planning to leave the US Wednesday, July 4th arriving Johannesburg on Thursday July 5
- Peter Sipple arriving Johannesburg July 6<sup>th</sup>
- Plan to fly from Johannesburg to Lilongwe, Malawi on Friday, the 6th.
- Coordinating with Don Thomas for time in Malawi
- Contacting Archdeacon about some specific opportunities for service in the Nkhotakota area
- Returning to USA Thursday, July 20th
- Leslie Hale Warner from Wellesley, MA is hoping to fly to Malawi after her daughter's wedding on July 14
- Susan Adeniyi-Jones Munabi has an interest in joining our team but has not gotten finalize
- No commitment on a college student yet

# General

- Richard Yolanda – KASA visiting Bryn Mawr April 12 – 16
- Letter to Bailey Sperry from Malawi



Next Meeting  
Saturday March 31  
9:00 am

# Key 2007 ACM Initiatives

- Adult Ed – Barbara Abbott
  - Provide Adult Ed around Mission of ACM
- Malawi 2007 – Stephen Billings
  - Initiate a group to travel to Malawi 2007
- Finance – Tom Williams
  - Collect and distribute ACM funds
- Got Goat Program – Christina Corcoran
  - Create an opportunity for the congregation to get goats to Malawi
- Great Concerts – Julie Williams
  - Interlock with and support of the GCFG
- Have A Heart Campaign – Margaret Welsh
  - Fund raising around Valentines Day
- Promotional Posters – Stephen Billings
  - Provide posters to promote ACM
- Web Mistress – Margaret Sipple
  - Manage content of ACM web site
- Malawi Direct Program – Lynne Marsden-Atlass
  - Send non-medical supplies with travel team directly to Malawi including books
- MAP – John Wallingford
  - Certify CoR as with the MAP Program
- Children's Program – Christina Corcoran
  - Education of our children and youth on our issues
- Episcopal Campus Ministry – Sara D'Angio
  - Engagement of local area colleges with ACM concerns
- Communications – Dave Schroeder
  - On-going communication to our congregation about of all things ACM
- Open Arms – Elizabeth Norris
  - Manage our relationship with Open Arms and coordinate with ECM to send students to Open Arms

# ACM Mission Statement

- To empower the congregation of the Church of the Redeemer to support initiatives that improve the lives and hopes of children affected by AIDS in Africa.
- To develop an interactive, educational, and spiritual relationship between children affected by AIDS in Africa and the children, youth and adults at The Church of the Redeemer
- To coordinate activities with other organizations when our mission coincides with theirs.
- To ensure that funds are applied effectively and efficiently to help the most vulnerable children affected by AIDS and their caregivers.