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AFRICAN CHILDREN'S MISSION SHARES IN THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS PROGRESS

BY DAVID SCHROEDER

At the Millennium Summit in September 2000, the largest gathering of world leaders in history adopted the United Nations Millennium Declaration. This agreement committed the represented nations to a new global partnership to reduce extreme poverty in its many dimensions (including income poverty, hunger, disease, lack of adequate shelter, and exclusion), while promoting gender equality, education, and environmental sustainability. The Millennium Summit identified fundamental elements of human rights: the rights of

each person on the planet to health, education, shelter, and security. Eight specific targets, known as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), have been established for defining and quantifying progress:

- Goal 1:** Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Goal 2:** Achieve universal primary education
- Goal 3:** Promote gender equality and the empowerment of women
- Goal 4:** Reduce child mortality
- Goal 5:** Improve maternal health

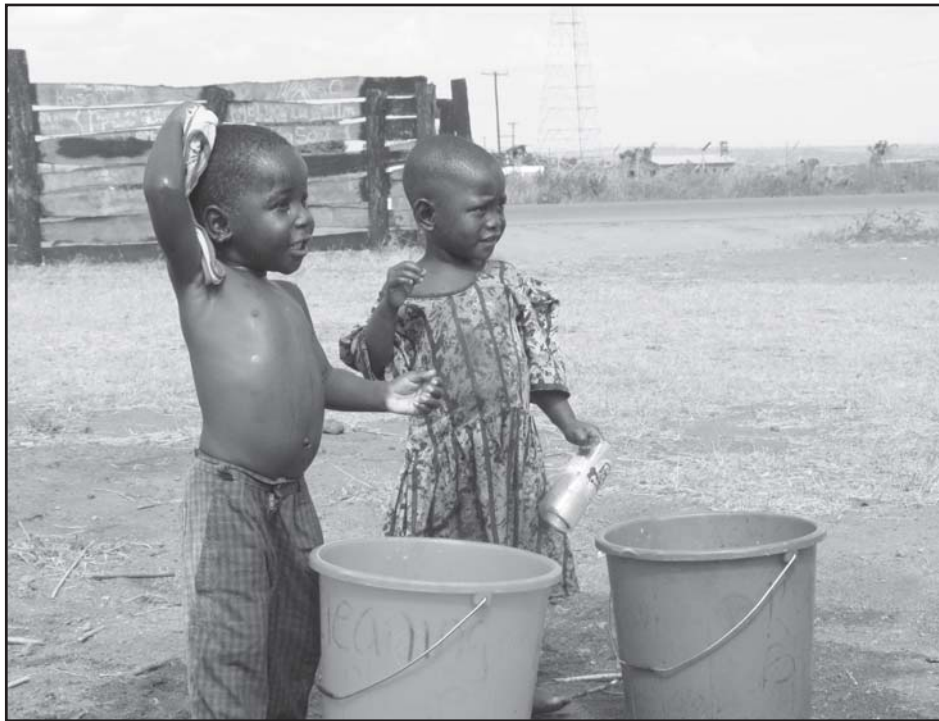
Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

A recent report from the UN Secretary General notes that, halfway to the 2015 deadline, clear progress towards implementing the MDG has been observed. In his forward to the MDG Report 2007 (released July 2), Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon declared that, "The results presented in this report suggest that there have been some gains and that success is still possible in most parts of the world." For example, the proportion of people worldwide living on the equivalent of a dollar a day has dropped from 32% (1.25 billion in 1990) to 19% (980 million in 2004). The report estimates that, if that trend continues, "the MDG poverty reduction target will be met for the world as a whole and for most regions."

The report cites additional reasons for hope, including the fact that some progress is being made "even in those regions where the challenges are greatest." In sub-Saharan Africa, for example, the number of desperately poor people has "leveled off" and the region's poverty rate has fallen by nearly six percentage points since 2000. At the same time, the report says, a number of African countries are demonstrating that rapid, wide-scale progress towards the MDGs is possible when strong government leadership, sound policies and practical



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strategies for promoting public investments are combined with adequate financial and technical support from the international community. But, Ban Ki-moon cautions that much remains to be done and that the overall success of the program is still far from assured.

Through our African Children's Mission, the Church of the Redeemer has been contributing toward the global achievement of the MDGs. From its founding in 2004, the Mission was intended to help fulfill **Goal 8** by entering into global partnership with like-minded organizations, including the

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THANK YOU MARK

BY PETER SIPPLE

For the past eight years, Mark Sullivan has dedicated himself to the welfare of The Church of the Redeemer. Recently he left his position as Parish Administrator to take on a similar assignment at St. David's Church in Radnor. On Sunday, July 22nd, following the 10:00 am service, those present recognized and gave thanks for Mark's extraordinary dedication to his job here—a commitment that carried over into all aspects of leadership.

When the Rev. Gary Jones, then Rector, asked Mark to undertake this large assignment, he chose especially well. Hardly new to the parish, Mark was sitting on the Vestry at the time. He had served the parish well as a member of the Stewardship Committee, as Confirmation class teacher, second grade

Church School teacher, and as leader of the Redeemer Youth Group for eight years. His greatest enjoyment came from overseeing RYG work trips, and the young people—many of them now young parents—who took part recall with pleasure Mark's vitality, good spirits and sense of fun.

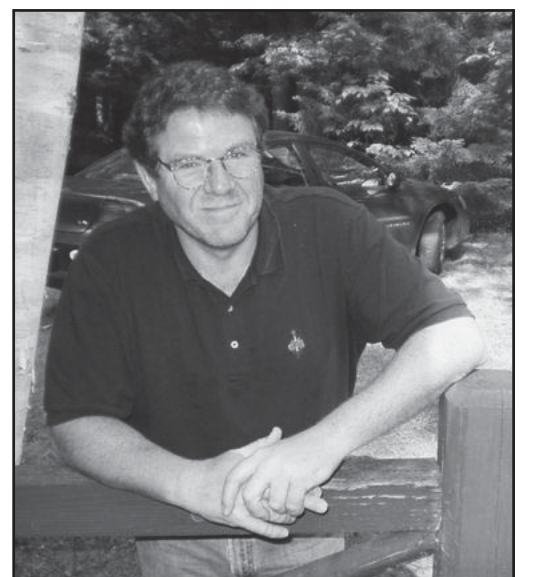
The 12th and 13th rectors, the Revs. Gary Jones and Gary Hall, were asked to acknowledge Mark Sullivan's contribution to this parish. First, Gary Jones:

"Mark might well be the most upbeat, energetic, compassionate and 'can do' person I have ever met. When you combine qualities like that with a deep love of God and the church, and you put him in charge of coordinating a parish, ... well, as Mark would say, "It's a God thing." Mark could do just about any-

thing he chose to do professionally; and the fact that he chose parish work, where so much that happens is behind the scenes, is a mark of his great character and a blessing to all of us."

And Gary Hall contributed this tribute:

"Mark is a fabulous guy. He loves the church deeply, and his own experience of cancer and recovery has made him deeply empathetic toward all people in any kind of painful place in their lives. I particularly remember the myriad ways in which he supported Jim Hegarty through his illness and how he continually reached out to the family after Jim's death. Mark is a wonderful colleague, and his administrative work freed me when I was rector to attend to many of the long-term systemic planning issues which the parish so urgently



needed to address. I cannot imagine the Redeemer without him, but I know he

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worship

SUNDAYS SUMMER SCHEDULE

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

AUGUST 5 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Barbara Abbott preaches

Ecclesiastes 1:12-14;2:(1-7,11)18-23, Colossians 3:(5-11)12-17, Luke 12:13-21, Psalm 49:1-11

AUGUST 12 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mary McCullough preaches

Genesis 15:1-6, Hebrews 11:1-3(4-7)8-16, Luke 12:32-40, Psalm 33:12-15, 18-22

AUGUST 19 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Bishop Edward Lee preaches

Jeremiah 23:23-29, Hebrews 12:1-7(8-10)11-14, Luke 12:49-56, Psalm 82

AUGUST 26 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Peter Sipple preaches

Isaiah 28:14-22, Hebrews 12:18-19,22-29, Luke 13:22-30, Psalm 46

MISSION AND MINISTRY IN DAILY LIFE

By PEYTON CRAIGHILL

May I ask for two minutes of your time to take a simple quiz? You won't win an expense-paid trip to the Beijing Olympics, but you might get something far better—a new outlook on life! Here's the quiz:

When you hear each word below, in your mind's eye, which of the two following images do you see?

Church

- A stone building where we go on Sunday morning.
- A community of people serving God seven days a week.

Mission

- Specially trained people bringing the Gospel to distant lands.
- All church members sharing Christ's mission throughout their community and beyond.

Minister

- A person wearing a clerical collar.
- All people called by Christ through baptism to share with him in his ministry.

Ministry

- Clergy running church programs.
- Church members living out their baptismal ministries in daily life in their families, churches, work places, leisure activities, communities, and wider world.

Church Organizations

- A circle with clergy at the center and lay helpers on the periphery.
- A network of baptized members, each sharing gifts with others in common ministry.

What was your response? For each word above, did you select the first of the two images? If so, most people would do the same. But times are changing. The second set is beginning to move to the fore.

Both the first and second sets of images are valid and useful. But if we accept only the first set, this can indicate a matter for serious concern. The set signifies an approach to church life that tends to be ingrown, passive, and de-

pendent on clergy. Christ's call, as we find it in the Gospels, represents a different spirit. Jesus usually reached people as they were involved in their daily occupations. In his parables he used illustrations from familiar happenings. He walked and talked with the crowds on roads. He died the death of an insurgent, suffering a terrible miscarriage of justice. He also participated in the religious rites of his community—baptism, wedding, synagogue worship, and Passover meal. His final commission to his followers sent them into "all the world"—Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Christ's commission is still ours today. The only change is in the names of the places where we serve. For us it's our churches, homes, work places, sites of leisure activity, communities, and throughout our "global village."

How does Christ expect us to carry out our commission? In every baptismal service we find our answer. In it we renew our baptismal covenant with God containing the vows we made or were made for us by our parents and godparents. The vows end with five commitments. We are to engage in worship and learning; reconciliation; proclamation; community; and peace and justice (Prayer Book, pg. 304-5) Christ's commission to us, therefore, involves five engagements carried out in six locations.

At first that seems like a huge demand. But before we sag under the load, let's reflect on an important fact. We are already involved in daily life ministry! We just haven't identified and claimed it. To see this, consider the six locations in your life (we live in all of them), analyze your activities in each in terms of the five engagements, and then discover how much ministry you already are doing. The Spirit of Christ is present in all your locations. In ways you may never have recognized he has been working through you. Most of the time he's

present anonymously, only occasionally making himself known explicitly. Much of our mission is carried out in ways that we don't recognize as ministry. We're like the people in Matthew 25, gathered before Christ on his Throne of Glory, asking, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry...thirsty...a stranger...naked...and in prison and ministered to you?" And Christ answers, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Whether we recognize the Spirit of Christ's presence or not, we still serve him.

How do we become more aware, intentional, and effective in our ministries? Those who are ordained usually spend three years in seminary preparing for ordination. Where are the seminaries for those called to ministry through baptism? The answer should be clear. Our congregations are our seminaries, and our members are our instructors. We work together, instructing, modeling, and supporting each other to develop our skills and insights in ministry.

Last November, the seven members of our parish program staff began a lengthy process, studying how we as a congregation are preparing ourselves to carry out our five baptismal commitments. We also considered what more we could be doing. The results have been most interesting. We learned that, in general,

we are doing relatively well in supporting children and young people in the development of their ministries. But our work with adults leaves much room for improvement. Although opportunities for study and discussion are available, they haven't developed far enough. This is particularly true for ministry in the work place.

During the parish year ahead we will have much to do in promoting the Capital Campaign. We will also consider further how to implement the Strategic Plan. Both endeavors can inspire us to reflect more deeply on how Christ is leading us to support all our members in their ministries in daily life.

Next April Mary and I will be moving to a retirement community in Lexington, located in the mountains of southwest Virginia. In the nine months between now and then, Peter has asked me to focus my time on developing resources to help us live out more fully our baptismal ministries. This opportunity is for me a joy and a challenge. You can be sure that you will hear more about it. I hope that Christ will use me as a catalyst to begin the process of generating a program of lasting value for the Redeemer congregation that Mary and I have come to love. Perhaps one of these days we'll have a catalogue for the Redeemer School for Ministry in Daily Life!

OUR MINISTRIES IN DAILY LIFE: THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

*A workshop to bring new life to each member,
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Saturday September 22, 2007, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
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2007 OUTREACH ALLOCATIONS

BY SAM MORRIS & STEVE SNIDER

On June 13th Church of the Redeemer's Outreach committee completed its goal of awarding \$130,100 to 28 nonprofit agencies, organizations and services providing 'hands-on' outreach to individuals, families and communities throughout the Philadelphia and suburban area. The money available for the committee to distribute comes from the generosity of the parish's Thrift Shop and the annual Christmas Bazaar and from the Vestry. That means, of course, our funds for distribution were derived from the hard work of Thrift Shop and Bazaar volunteers and from the commitment to stewardship from the parish as a whole.

How easy is it to allocate \$130,000 for the good work and ministry of so many entities? The answer is 'not easy.' The needs always outweigh the funds available, even with the committee limiting its purview primarily to organizations that worked with women and children and which had some connection to the parish, either through individual mem-

bers or history. Our committee members undertook the task of reviewing the history and pattern of previous grant requests; receiving and reviewing requests for the new year; making telephone calls and on-site visits for each request received; making an initial recommendation and, finally, agreeing by consensus to a final allocation for each of the agencies and programs listed here. What the committee—and the parish as a whole—did not see were the 'after hours' of homework undertaken by Sam Morris, our committee chair, making the committee's task easier.

Members of the Outreach committee—hopefully all of us at Church of the Redeemer—are humbled by this opportunity to be generous. We are reminded of the words of 1 John 3:17-18: *How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.*

Bethel Bryn Mawr Child Care & Dev.	\$2,500
Camp Dreamcatcher	\$2,000
Camp GetAlong	\$5,000
Camp Wapiti	\$2,000
CeaseFire	\$1,000
Children's Theatre - Coatesville	\$1,000
Christmas / Easter Baskets	\$5,000
Church of St. Andrew and St. Monica	\$3,000
Church of the Advocate Soup Kitchen	\$5,000
Community Outreach Partnership	\$5,000
Cornerstone Christian Academy	\$4,000
Diocesan Youth Project	\$1,200
Dolphins of Delaware Valley	\$5,000
ElderNet	\$5,000
Episcopal Community Services	\$30,000
Home of the Sparrow	\$3,000
IHN - miscellaneous funding	\$1,200
Interfaith Hospitality Network-Main Line	\$12,000
Main Line Meals on Wheels	\$4,000
Masiphumelele Corporation	\$5,000
National Adoption Center	\$2,000
Partners for ESL	\$3,500
St. Dismas Mission	\$500
The Clinic	\$7,500
WePAC	\$6,000
Young Scholars Charter School	\$5,000
Youth Group - miscellaneous funding	\$1,200
TOTAL	\$130,100

ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

Donations are needed for the Saturday Silent Auction for the Christmas Bazaar, November 16 and 17, 2007. Are you spring cleaning, downsizing or redecorating? We need furniture, sterling, antiques, fine crystal and china, lamps, mirrors, beautiful linens, vintage toys, Oriental rugs and other small fine items. Proceeds from the Bazaar primarily benefit Outreach programs and we need your donations to help. Please call one of us if you have any questions or to discuss pick up or delivery.

Thank you for your help.

Carolyn Bennett 610-527-8654
Jane Hastings 610-642-3801

Katharine Eyre 610-649-6633
Carolyn Morris 610-525-5240

August calendar

Special events and dates are in bold-face.

SUNDAYS

8:45–11:30am, Child Care, Nursery, 2nd fl. Parish House

MONDAYS

7:15pm, Naranon, Children's Chapel
8:00pm, Narcotics Anonymous, 123 Classroom

TUESDAYS

7:00am, Gathering of Men, Conference Room
8:00pm, St. Augustine Group, 123 Classroom

WEDNESDAYS

9:00am, Clergy Planning Meeting, Shortridge Room
11:00am, **Meet the Propers will not meet in August**
No Retirement Community Visitations in August
1:00pm, Staff Meeting, Shortridge Room
8:30pm, Narcotics Anonymous, Children's Chapel

THURSDAYS

8:00pm, St. Augustine Group, Children's Chapel
8:30pm, Alcoholics Anonymous, 123 Classroom

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is deeply grateful to the parish for all the support and encouragement they've given him in response to his emerging vocation as a church administrator."

Happily for us, we don't have to imagine the Redeemer without Mark and Nina Sullivan and their daughters Natalie and Lizzie. But the staff and the many volunteers who have worked productively alongside Mark will surely miss him in the professional role he has filled with energy, dedication and good humor.

CHADDSFORD WINERY "OPERA NIGHT" FRIDAY AUGUST 31ST AT 7:00PM

The annual evening at the winery features parishioner Paul Spencer Adkins and Friends performing opera highlights, musical theater excerpts and the famous "OPERA QUIZ."

The cost is \$20 per person and reservations are recommended at 610-388-6221 as seats are limited.

Get there early to set up your picnic dinner under the tent or under the stars. Personal wine is not permitted. You can call ahead to reserve tickets. www.chaddsford.com

The Redeemer is grateful to Chaddsford Winery for donations of its products to fundraising dinner events.

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Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance (GAIA). The founding principles of the Mission focused on the impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic on children in Malawi, which are components of **Goals 1, 4, and 6**. As the Mission has grown, the focus on the health and well-being of children has necessarily broadened to encompass additional support systems for children. These include children's primary education (**Goal 2**) through assistance with school fees and uniforms, the health of their mothers (**Goal 5**), and empowerment of women (**Goal 3**), including mothers and grandmothers (who are frequently caregivers for orphaned children) through micro-loan programs and nursing scholarships. Finally, the popular "Got Goat?" program has not only helped empower women as livestock/small business owners, but also as active stakeholders in pursuing environmental sustainability (**Goal 7**).

In short, we should celebrate these successes with the knowledge that we are engaged in a worldwide effort to help those most in need and that much remains to be done. With your continued support, we will build on currently effective programs and explore new ways to achieve the greatest results for our friends in Malawi.

THE LAND OF THE LAKE

BY PETER SIPPLE

A friend asked me recently why I had chosen Malawi, of all places, for this summer's vacation. Well, I told her, this trip isn't exactly a vacation, but I'm very much looking forward to it nonetheless. Why Malawi? Or for that matter, why Africa? The short answer is, I stand to learn a lot: from and about people whose lives are very different; about a culture that stretches my understanding of the human condition; about adults and children who convey a sense of grace as they struggle with unimaginable hardships.

I am writing these words a week before departing for Malawi, and you'll be reading them after our return. So the other members of the travel team and I will want you to know whether discoveries lived up to expectations, whether Stephen Billings, Tom Ramsey and I were able to exercise what Stephen calls "a ministry of presence" while there. You know that our primary reason for spending our own funds to make this trip, not to mention spending 30 hours on an airplane, grows out of a desire to represent the African Children's Mission and The Redeemer to people—particularly children—who are ill and who have very little other than illness to distinguish their lives. We want to bring them hope and the knowledge that people very remote from them care

about them and want to bring them some comfort and compassion. That's mainly why the three of us are heading out soon.

We will also learn about this small democratic nation called Malawi—sometimes called "The Land of the Lake." That nickname derives from the fact that Malawi has running parallel to most of its eastern boarder the third largest lake in Africa and 11th largest in the world. It stretches 350 miles from north to south and nearly 60 miles across, the rest of it lying within the borders of Tanzania and Mozambique. Malawi's capital city, Lilongwe, lies about 1000 miles mostly north and somewhat east of Johannesburg, South Africa. The country is one of the smallest in Africa—it is smaller even than England. Its landscape is dominated by the Great Rift Valley which runs through the eastern side of Africa from the Red Sea in the north to the Zambezi Valley in the south. Lake Malawi is the most southerly of the great lakes of the Rift Valley. The climate in Malawi is tropical, with hot days and balmy nights. During July and August, evenings can be cold, or relatively so for a tropical climate (we will take sweaters).

As the *Bradt Travel Guide* on Malawi notes, "history has scant regard for the

arbitrary political boundaries of modern Africa." Malawi took its modern shape only in 1907, "and so it is misleading to think of it as a discrete entity prior to the 20th century." Between 1907 and 1964 Malawi was known as Nyasaland. Events in the 19th century make the region especially interesting because of the arrival in 1859 of David Livingstone, "the Scottish missionary turned explorer who was to shape the future course of events in Malawi. A few years earlier, Livingstone became the first European to cross Africa from west to east...He was a first-hand witness to the suffering caused by the brutal slave trade, and became convinced that the only way to curb slavery was to open Africa to Christianity, colonization and commerce. His faith in these 'three C's' was not untypical of Victorian attitudes to Africa, but Livingstone was fueled neither by greed nor by arrogance, but by plain altruism" (*Bradt*).

This year's travel team will have much more to learn about this fascinating part of Africa, its history, geography, and culture—not to mention efforts to improve the lives of its people. We will look for opportunities to process our impressions and experiences, our photographs and souvenirs, and will share with you, our fellow parishioners, what we learned in the Land of the Lake.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTRY

April 1– June 30, 2007

Baptisms

Emma Marie Justi
Avery Morgan Gilleland
Sofia Patricia Richards
Robert Thomas Leininger
Caroline Grace O'Mara
Abigail Elizabeth O'Mara
Peter Edward Bard
Carson Matthew Kasmer
Justin Andre John Gantz
Finnian Earle Lynagh
Andrew Thomas Slattery
Eliza Harmon Marsh

Deaths/Burials

Elinor Margaret Ward Francis
Nancy Duer Poppe
Barbara Longstreth Ingerman
Jane E. Miller
Margaret H. Collins
Anne Barbee Hinchman Farr

Marriages

Arianna Joy Brewer to
James Christian Druckenmiller

FALL BAPTISM DATES

Sunday, October 7

Sunday, November 11

Please contact clergy assistant
Pat Winkelvoss at ext. 14
for more information.

KNITTING FOR THE CURE



July Sundays brought together a group of knitters and crocheters to knit or crochet scarves and caps for women battling cancer. Baskets will be assembled for the clergy to bring these beautiful pieces to parishioners dealing with chemotherapy and other cancer treatments. This ministry was inspired by 11 year old Emily Weigel, who completed a beautiful scarf for her cousin, age 34, who is battling breast cancer. The scarf helps her to stay warm and more comfortable during chemo treatments at Bryn Mawr Hospital. Emily's mom, Carol Chew, helped facilitate the ministry.

CAMPUS MASTER PLAN REPORT AVAILABLE

The report of the Campus Master Plan Committee is available now in the Church Narthex, Parish House hallway and on TheRedeemer.org. This report will form the basis of the Vestry's approved plan for the projects to move forward with in the upcoming capital campaign.



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