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UNTO THE LEAST OF HIS

Where the least come first!

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A word from Bobby

Our Vision

The vision for this ministry is to equip local churches to become more actively involved in Christian mission opportunities and service.

Our Goals

1. *Select and train future mission team leaders and help them implement mission projects for their church.*
2. *Attract and train mission team leaders by taking them on a mission trip before leading a team on their own.*
3. *Generate interest in missions by providing local churches with programs, seminars, or services about missions.*
4. *Secure clean drinking water in areas where needed.*

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The Special Olympics provide year-round sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The participants train for this event for months and even years. During a running event the racers were lined up and the race was on. The participants were off and running. The lead runner was about to finish the race and win the cherished blue ribbon when he looked back and saw his fellow runner had fallen down and was crying. Instead of getting that cherished blue ribbon, he turned around and he went back to the fallen runner and helped him up. Then the two of them walked to the finish line together and celebrated the victory together.

It was an awesome demonstration of love and priorities. In 2008, we are believing God for a miraculous demonstration of love and priority. We want to see some of the “least” that Jesus described in Matthew 25 receive some of the best from the front runners. We are believing God for five water wells in Northern Kenya, Africa to the tune of \$75,000. I have seen the needs of our brothers and sisters in Africa for water. Each municipal water well will alleviate the suffering of thousands of fallen participants who need and want a clean cup of water. The five water wells will be 6 inches in diameter with a diesel motor to pump the water to a 10,000 gallon tank that will sit on a concrete pump house.

These indigenous, pastoral, nomadic Masai villages need our help. I am asking you to help our fellow participants to finish their race. Also, we need to remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 25, “when you do it for least of these, you have done it unto me.”

UNTO THE LEAST OF HIS CELEBRATION!

UTLOH is having a celebration banquet at the Methodist Children’s Home in Macon on **Feb. 16, 2008**. **Reservations are required by Feb. 10**. Please contact me by email, phone, or place a note in the blue envelope and mail. Include the number of persons attending. We will open the doors at 6 pm for a time of fellowship and renewing of friendships. Dinner will be at 6:30. The menu will consist of Roast Beef and Fried Chicken with the trimmings and dessert. Following dinner will be a time of worship and celebration! Hope to see you there!

LOUISIANA UNITED METHODIST DISASTER RECOVERY MINISTRY

What a wonderful gift of service you and your teams have provided to both the Westbank UM Recovery Station and to the families we assisted. To be a part of improving the living conditions of families who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina is to be an angel of mercy. The improvements made will allow them to go the next step in their recovery and bring hope and healing to our community. Thank you for your energy, expertise, and willingness to serve. Without you we could not help these families.

Since our center opened on Oct. 2, 2005, Unto the Least of His Ministry has brought 18 teams which consisted of 239 members. Those members worked 5,900 hours which represents over \$105,000 in gifts in kind. In addition as a result of your guidance and direction, 22 additional teams came from Georgia to work through our center. These teams included 240 members who worked 4,741 hours which represents over \$85,000 in gifts in kind.

Your support of the Westbank UMRS is a blessing to us and to those that we serve. Your team exemplifies the servant attitude that Jesus Christ came to Earth to teach.

In His name,
Kathy Powers
Volunteer Coordinator

PLUS Program Branchville Correctional Facility

One of the main goals of the PLUS (Purposeful Living Units Serve) is to provide opportunities for the participants to do something for someone else, perform some community service, and become accustomed to giving back to society a little of themselves instead of always taking.

These prisoners are now sewing outfits for needy boys and girls around the world. The transformation of Jesus Christ has even reached the prison system of Indiana. The PLUS Program has already sent 35 outfits that were delivered to needy children in Central America. These prisoners are making a difference in the lives of others.

The Branchville Correctional Facility of Indiana has begun a partnership with Unto the Least of His. We pray that this partnership will transform the inmates and the recipients of their work. Also, we would like to thank Rev. Joe Bateman, Carolyn Brady, Rev. Billy & Grace Wicker for their help in this project. We have been invited to Indiana to visit the inmates and tour their facility in February.



We would love to come and share our ministry with your church, Sunday school class, circle, civic group, school or community event. Please continue to pray for this ministry as we reach out to the least in our world.

Sowing a recipe and reaping a cookbook!

We are trying to compose an Unto the Least of His cookbook and are hoping to have recipes from different regions of the country and world. We need your best recipes to help us in this endeavor. Thank you to those who have already sent some great recipes!

KEEP THOSE RECIPES COMING !

**As always we thank those who have supported
UTLOH with their gifts and prayers!**