



# The Vineyard

“...I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last...”

John 15:16 NRSV

June, 2007

**Don't Forget to Feed Your Neighbor:** Bring Jars of Peanut Butter & Canned Fruit Every Sunday!

## Exploratory Mission Team to Make First Visit to Partner Churches in Bulgaria.

Four congregation members (Mary Ann James, Amy Kreimer, Dave Johnston, & Elizabeth Montgomery) will travel to Bulgaria June 23–30 to meet with our new partner congregations in Voyvodovo and Myzia. Please keep these missionaries and our brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers as they come together to explore how we might be in kingdom building ministry together in the future.

**Look Inside For Pictures from the Katrina Relief Mission Trip to Mississippi!**

## WMS to Sponsor Project Transformation Intern for Summer!

WMSUMC will support a college intern for Project Transformation, a faith based organization in Dallas, TX that provides college students interested in urban ministry with the opportunity to run inner-city Christian summer camps for over 800 children. The camps are located at aging Methodist churches trying to reconnect with their ethnically diverse urban environments. Nearly 75% of PT interns go on to pursue careers in ministry.

Meet Meredith Gross, a student at Austin College in Sherman TX, who greatly impressed the Proyecto Abrigo mission team last January. Meredith describes her call to this ministry below. Learn more about Meredith and Project Transformation on our website [www.wmsumc.org](http://www.wmsumc.org), and her experiences this summer on her blog that will be linked to our website. Meredith will visit West Market in August to address the congregation and tell about her experi-

ences. Please keep Meredith and the children whose lives she will touch in your prayers this summer.



I recently had the life changing experience of living and working for the month of January in Juarez, Mexico as a part of my course work at Austin College. I set out for Mexico with the goal of better discerning God's call for me. For some time, I have felt called to be a teacher and work with children; however, within the past year I have begun to understand God calling me to broaden my horizon. My experience in Mexico, has led me to know that I am profoundly passionate about serving others, especially children. I further understand it is not enough for me to do so just within my own community but to stretch myself beyond my comfort zone and to share God's love with all

aspects of our society. I am actively pursuing ways to do this daily now and have found an amazing way to do so this summer by sharing God's love with the inner-city children of Dallas, Texas as an intern with Project Transformation.

I met several members of the West Market Street UMC congregation in January when they came to work with Proyecto Abrigo in Juarez, Mexico. They immediately found a special place in my heart as they lovingly welcomed me into their group and allowed me to share in their wonderful Christian fellowship. I was very grateful to get to be a part of their ministry in January, and I look forward to continuing my relationship with this congregation by sharing my ministry with all of you this summer. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support and look forward to sharing with you my experiences from this exciting summer of ministry. **Meredith Gross**



## Volunteers Still Needed for Grasshopper Baseball Parking: HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR MISSIONS! Just a Small Amount of Your Time will Help to:

Expand the number of families served at Thanksgiving & Christmas

Increase scholarship money available for mission trips

Provide funds to respond to needs in the community and at Washington Elementary School.

Increase funds available for construction and other mission trip projects.

Provide needed funds to pay Pastor's Salary at Partner Church in Bulgaria.

Sign-Up in the Gathering Space or outside Leak Chapel, or call Dick Warren at 851-1860.

# WMS Helps Lead District UMC Mission Trip to Continue Hurricane Relief Efforts in MS.

Fifteen WMS congregation members were joined by 22 United Methodists from throughout the Greensboro district in a district wide mission trip to Bay St. Louis, MS May 23-28. The mission team framed two houses and installed windows and doors in another house, thereby ensuring that three families would move one step closer to moving out of their FEMA trailers and into a home. They also worshipped with their brothers and sisters in Christ at Main St. UMC. Rev. Rick Brooks, the pastor at Main St., joined the mission team for a final time of worship on Sunday evening, where he led a communion service. Also present at that

service was Colleen McDevitt, the homeowner served by the WMS mission team who sheetrocked her home last summer. Mission team members agree it was a heart transforming experience for all.

For more pictures, visit our website at [ww.wmsumc.org](http://ww.wmsumc.org).



Mike Kendro & Clay Poindexter join Larry Mock assemble a wall.



Trudy Atkins bonds with one of the homeowners.



Ginger Shields, Elizabeth Montgomery, Judy McHaffey, & Mike Kendro proudly complete a wall.



Karen Peck & Natalie Sanders help set trusses.



Former Mustard Seed Mission Team members, Rusty Boaeuf, Kay & RB Arthur, Trudy Atkins, & Elizabeth Montgomery, join Colleen McDevitt at her new home.



Betty Betts wraps a prayer shawl around a homeowner.



Mary Lou Harris & Lola Weikel prepare a window for installation.



Kay Arthur diligently kept the tool inventory.

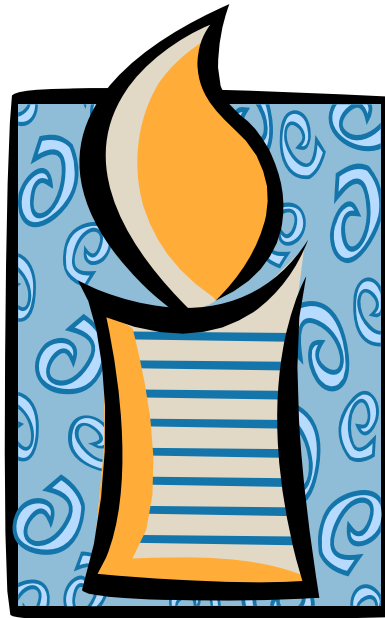


Leah Overman joins Karen, Mary Lou, & Clay as they prepare for a house dedication.



Mission Team members gather in front of Camp Gulf-side in for a farewell picture. The team resided in this facility, which is operated by UMCOR.

*Join Us  
for a Time for Healing & Wholeness*



*Fridays, noon – 1:00*

*Leak Chapel*

*Open to the Community!*

*A Time for Peace.*

*A Time for Prayer.*

*A Time for Spiritual Renewal.*