



# The Vineyard

*"...I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last..."*

*John 15:16 NRSV*

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## "Let no child be left behind at Washington Elementary School!"



Five years ago West Market Street made the commitment to invest time and money in Washington Elementary School. Since that time, WMS congregation members have generously donated school supplies, clothes, monthly birthday bags, and other items needed by the school. Dozens of volunteers have donated time as classroom volunteers, tutors, and lunch buddies. For the past two years each teacher at the school who desires one has had a WMS prayer partner, and this past spring every child taking the end of year assessment tests also had a WMS prayer partner.

The question now becomes, "Is that enough?". Before we answer that question, let's take a look at some statistics:

- There are 175 children enrolled in WES for the 2007/08 school year.

- WES met AYP standards for the 2006/07 school year, but must do so again this year.
- The students are 100% free lunch.
- Last year, the families of 26 students were homeless.

At the annual Outreach Ministry Team planning meeting in August, it was decided that WMS would seek to achieve maximum impact through local and global outreach. A cornerstone of this objective was maximizing the impact we have on the lives of the WES students. **Imagine what might happen if we made a commitment as a church to invest one hour a week of personal time to each of these 175 children at WES? This is the challenge before us. Are we willing to give of ourselves in a way that will truly transform**

**the lives of children? Please prayerfully consider how you might use your time, talents, and prayers to benefit one or more of our WES children.**

Beginning Sept. 9 you will have the opportunity to decide how you might serve at Washington Elementary School. There will be a variety of serving options, days, and times to choose from. With God's help we can step up to this challenge and maximize the positive Christ-centered impact on the lives of 175 children!



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

### Inside Features:

- **Proyecto Abrigo Mission Trip Information Meeting**
- **"Bridge to Bulgaria" Event**
- **Ministry Fair**

## It's Time to Step on Out for the 2007 CROP Walk!

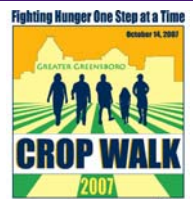
*Benefiting Church World Service & The Potter's House at Greensboro Urban Ministry*

**To Walk or Sponsor a Walker Visit the CROP Walk table**

**in the Gathering Space**

**Starting Sunday, September 9.**

The annual CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 14 at 3:00 p.m.** WMSUMC walkers will gather in the ECC parking lot at **1:00 p.m. that day for a pot luck tail gate party.** We will then proceed together to **First Horizon Ball Park** for the commencement of the 5k walk throughout downtown. One fourth of the funds raised benefit the Potter's House, which serves 350-400 people daily! The rest of the funds benefit Church World Service, which provides food for those in famine stricken countries, supplies for schools, mosquito netting to prevent Malaria, and many other services needed by our impoverished brothers and sisters in 3<sup>rd</sup> World countries. These people must walk miles every day for basic survival, so as compassionate servants of Christ we walk so that the suffering of others may be lessened.



## “Bridge to Bulgaria”

Join Us Sunday, October 7

12:00 in Fellowship Hall

As we Celebrate our Ministry Together  
With our Partner Churches in Bulgaria!

- ☀ Sample Bulgarian Fare.
- ☀ Learn about Bulgarian culture and our partner churches.
- ☀ Attend a mission trip information session.
- ☀ Help build a “bridge of understanding”!



*There is one body, and one Spirit,  
...one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all. Eph. 4:4*

**Fun for the Whole Family!**



**Plan to Attend the WMS 2007 Ministry Fair**

**September 23, 8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

**Gathering Space**

*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” 1 Peter 4:10*

- **Learn about the different ministry areas in our church.**
- **Explore opportunities for serving without making a long term commitment.**
- **Enjoy fellowship with members of the congregation as we gather together to celebrate the many ways that God is working through this congregation to impact lives here in Greensboro and around the world!**

**How is God Calling You to Serve?**



- Are you wanting to go on a Mission Trip, but worried about leaving your job and family for ten or more days?
- Would you like the experience of providing safe shelter for a family living in a cardboard shack in a Mexican border town?
- Would you like to have a mission experience to share with your teenager?

**Comments from 2007 Missioners:**

*"I was spiritually and physically strengthened. I made lifetime friends and learned a lot! It was awesome, and I loved helping the families."*

*"God's blessings were apparent in the work completed and the love shared."*

*"Seeing my child grow in such ways filled me beyond words."*



*You are Invited to Attend an Information Session & Luncheon  
For the Proyecto Abrigo Mission Trip to Juarez, Mexico*

**Join Us!**

**Sunday, September 9 at 12:00 in room F3**

**(near the Fellowship Hall)**

Learn more about this exciting intergenerational global mission opportunity! The mission trip is planned for the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday weekend (January 17 – 21, 2008). If you would like more information, please call the Outreach Ministry Information Line at ext. 16. *Please RSVP to the church office no later than Wednesday, September 5.*

# Our Refugee Family Has Arrived!

## WMS Care Team Extends a Warm Welcome to the Chit Tone Family.



Care Team Leader, Mike Kendro greets the family at the airport.



Kara & Brian French help set up the apartment.



*Thanks to all who helped to furnish the Tone Family apartment.*

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*"Our mission is to glorify God as we make,  
nurture, and send forth disciples of Jesus Christ."*

[www.wmsumc.org](http://www.wmsumc.org)

## Outreach Ministry Purpose



*To equip and send forth disciples of Jesus Christ  
beyond the walls of this church as compassionate  
servants, responding with Christian love to the  
needs of others in our community and our world.*

**Deliver Mobile  
Meals**

**Serve Breakfast  
At Potter's House**

**Help with the Habi-  
tat for Humanity  
Methodist Build in  
the fall.**

# How Will You Serve



**Tutor at Washing-  
ton Elementary  
School.**

**Join the  
Proyecto Abrigo  
Mission Team!**

**Walk in the  
CROP Walk.**

*"...and what does the  
Lord require of you but  
to do justice and to  
love kindness, and to  
walk humbly with your  
God?" Micah 6:8 NRSV*