

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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**“STEP INTO AFRICA”
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**Mission Trip Information
Meeting at Noon in #207**

8:30—12:30, IN THE GATHERING SPACE

WHAT WILL I LEARN AT THE “INTO AFRICA” EVENT?

- Learn more about West Market’s Ministry in Kenya.
- Experience Kenyan culture, food, and language.
- Learn about the many needs of the Kenyan people.
- Witness the beauty, strength, and resolve of these people...who are our brothers, our sisters, our neighbors.

WHY IS WEST MARKET IN MINISTRY IN KENYA?

GLOBAL MISSION VISION

Two years ago the Global Mission Planning Team felt that God was calling West Market to be in ministry in Africa. Bono’s message at the Leadership Summit inspired this decision. Then the team began a year long investigation of the ministry options in Africa. This involved talking with other Methodist churches in ministry in Africa, and interviewing different missions organizations in Africa. After much prayer and discussion, it was decided that the “best fit” for West Market was Kenya Partner

Ministries (KPM). A vision trip involving Dave Melton and Elizabeth Montgomery was then planned so they could discern the ways in which WMS could be in ministry in Kenya.

GREAT NEED IN KENYA

Nearly 2 million AIDS orphans, a drought that has depleted the availability and increased the prices of food, limited safe water supply, malaria, intestinal parasites, limited healthcare for pregnant mothers...the list of needs in Kenya goes on and on. The greatest challenge is to focus efforts in a particular area to have the largest impact. Even though the economy here is difficult, the problems in Kenya dwarf them by comparison. Christ calls us to care for the least of these throughout the world, and the Kenyans certainly qualify. Turning our back on this level of need is not an option for West Market.



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“INTO AFRICA”, CONT’D.

WHAT DOES WEST MARKET PLAN TO DO IN KENYA?

EDUCATION

- ◆ West Market plans to build a school in an impoverished village that lacks education.
- ◆ The school will also be used for church on Sundays, as well as a clinic operated by the Methodist hospital in Maua.
- ◆ Baseball parking funds will be used to pay for the school, and West Market volunteers will help to build the school during their mission trip in Feb., 2010.

FOOD AND WATER

- ◆ West Market plans to continue hosting Meals for Learning events to provide more than 12,000 meals for each event for children attending school in the Maua area.
- ◆ Funds are being collected for a borehole on the Methodist property where the school is being built.

MEDICAL

- ◆ West Market will continue to sell “Gummi Worms” to provide de-worming medicine for school children in Maua.
- ◆ West Market will send medical teams annually to run local clinics and provide needed medicine in Maua and in the new school/clinic.

WILL THERE BE A MISSION TRIP?

Yes! WMS plans to send a team to be in ministry in Maua, Kenya Feb. 19-Mar. 6, 2010. The team will help to build the school, conduct one or more medical clinics, administer de-worming medicine to school children, and provide ministry to local children. If you are interested, **plan to attend the Information Meeting following the Into Africa Event on Sept. 13 at noon in room #207.**

WHAT OTHER WAYS CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

- ◆ Sponsor a mission team member to help defray the high cost of traveling to Kenya.
- ◆ Contribute funds to support a Meals for Learning event, then plan to volunteer to help assemble the meals.
- ◆ Contribute funds to help drill a borehole on for the new school.
- ◆ Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Maua!



FALL INTO MISSION!



Play for HOPE

**Support the First Annual
West Market Charity Golf Tournament**
Benefiting Greensboro Urban Ministry & The Salvation Army




**Friday, October 9
At the Grandover Resort**

Registration Forms Now Available!

Visit one of the Outreach Tables in the Gathering Space or Fellowship Hall TODAY!

**It's Time to Step on Out
for the 2009 CROP Walk!**
*Benefiting Church World Service
& The Potter's House at Greens-
boro Urban Ministry*

**To Walk or Sponsor a
Walker Visit the CROP
Walk table in the Gath-
ering Space or
Fellowship Hall**



Starting Sunday, September 20.

The annual CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 18 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 3rd 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.


How Can I Support the Golf Tournament?

-  **Sponsor a Hole.**
-  **Assemble a Four some.**
-  **Donate a Door Prize.**
-  **Make a donation.**

Questions?

**Contact Elizabeth Montgomery at
275-4587, ext. 16.**

Greensboro Urban Ministry



Fall Food Drive
September 18 & 19
Sign-Up TODAY!

Volunteers are needed to help solicit donations to the Greensboro Urban Ministry Fall food Drive at the Lowes Food Store on Old Oak Ridge Road. Please visit the Outreach table in the Gathering Space or in the Fellowship Hall to sign up for a time. Hours are flexible. You need only serve for two hours. Fun for the whole family!

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

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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.

Support the Charity Golf Tournament.

Be a Lunch Buddy for Washington School.

Help Collect Canned Goods for the Fall GUM Food Drive.

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

How Will You Serve



Sign-Up to be a CROP Walker or Sponsor one.

Support the Feed Your Neighbor Project!

Feed the Homeless at Potter's House.

"...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