

## From the Pastor's Study

A Message From Rev. Dr. Larry Hayward

### THE DREAM NEARLY REALIZED

#### SUMMER SERMONS Unfamiliar Faces Around David

Following last summer's sermon series on King David, Larry Hayward is following up this summer with a series focusing on less familiar characters who were a part of David's life and rule. Here are the dates, titles, and passages on which the sermons will be based:

##### June 24

*Tamar: The One Who Speaks Truth From Injury*  
II Samuel 3:1-22

##### July 1

*Iltai The Gittite: The Loyal Foreigner*  
II Samuel 15:19-22

##### July 16

*Shimei: The One Who Curses*  
II Samuel 16:5-14; 19:18-23

##### August 5

*Ahimaaz: The One Who Loses Courage*  
II Samuel 18:9-30

##### August 12

*Mephibosheth: The One Who Receives And Gives Compassion*  
II Samuel 9; 16:1-4; 19:24-30

##### August 19

*Barzillai The Gildeadite: The One Who Refuses To Be A Burden*  
II Samuel 17:27-29; 19:31-40

##### August 26

*Risphah: The One Who Keeps Vigil*  
II Samuel 3:6-8; 21:8-14

#### Where We Are

The response to our Realize the Dream Campaign has been very encouraging. As of the day this goes to press, June 18, we have 215 pledges totaling \$2,263,324. Our goal is \$2.4 million to complete the funding of our renovation by mid-2010; we are nearly there.

#### Thanks!

First, on behalf of the Session and speaking personally as well, I want to thank everyone who has participated with time and energy, prayer and hard work, financial giving and pledging.

#### There's Still A Place for You!

Second, if you have not yet pledged, please do. About 400 of our households pledge to our annual operating budget; we would like to share the enthusiasm of moving into the future by asking everyone to participate in the Realize the Dream Campaign. It is not too late; you may call or e-mail a pledge to [Nbea@wpc-alex.org](mailto:Nbea@wpc-alex.org), or request a pledge card.

#### Now We Really Begin

Third, now we begin. Really begin. I will be working with the Session this summer to name a long range planning committee to dig in, envision, and get specific about our ministry, so that as we retire out debt, gain new members, and focus on education, mission, fellowship, and worship, we enhance our ministry as we have enhanced our facilities. If you would like to suggest someone who has gifts in long-range planning and envisioning, please feel free to call or e-mail me at [Lhayward@wpc-alex.org](mailto:Lhayward@wpc-alex.org).

#### Now What Do We Hang on This Wall?

One final note: The dream is nearly realized, but the finishing touches still remain, as the contractor finishes the "punch list" of items to be completed or corrected. In addition, we are still thinking through displays, room usages, furnishings, "pictures on the wall," bulletin boards, easels, sign-up locations, and all the other things involved in "moving in." A sub-committee of the Coalition, led by Faye Woodrow, which has overseen our furnishings, is remaining in place to help us determine all these issues. Others working on this committee are Donna Cramer, Susan Cloud, Carol Dickerson, Gail Donley, Joan McCulla, Robin McFarland, Nancy McIver, and Jane Ring. I will be working directly with them. If you have suggestions, questions, or ideas, please feel free to call or e-mail Faye at [fayewoodrow@verizon.net](mailto:fayewoodrow@verizon.net). We are all committed to doing this right so that we make maximum use and exercise great care for our building for years to come.

*The days of summer are good! I am grateful to God and for you at WPC!  
Blessings.*

— Larry



THANK-YOU'S & MORE

Thank You

Thank you for your church's recent gift to Bread for the World. Your generous contribution and your participation as a Covenant Church are crucial to our shared mission to gain justice for hungry people through public policy advocacy. Your church is an integral part of the anti-hunger movement that's active and growing in faith communities across the country. With you support and involvement Bread for the World is able to continue calling for policies that fight hunger and poverty.

Joys of the Church!

- **Allison and Andrew Riley** celebrated the birth of their daughter, **Caitlin Elizabeth**, on April 17, 2007.
- **Sarah and David Goldstein** celebrated the birth of their daughter, **Lillian Margaret Goldstein**, on April 24, 2007.

We celebrate the marriages of the following couples:

- **Gary & Heather Edwards** on May 27, 2007.
- **Janie Roden and Alex Bryant** on June 2, 2007
- **Mary Beth Walker and Richard Burkholder** on June 9, 2007.

Passages

Our prayers are with the family of Guy Carmack who died June 5, 2007



Westminster Travelers

Thursday, July 19. Will Roger's Follies at Little Theatre of Alexandria. 7 p.m. depart from church parking lot. \$1 trip fee.

Wednesday, August 1. Picnic at Nancy Jane and Zander Wilke's home in Deale, MD. Stop at Dove family farm market. \$1.

Young Adults

First Sunday BBQ: All young adults (and friends) are invited to Casey and Jim FitzGerald's home for a BBQ Sunday, July 1st starting at 11:45 a.m. Wear comfortable clothes, as we'll be playing fun yard games (wiffle ball, croquet, badminton). The FitzGerald's address: 2833 Cleave Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042. E-mail Casey (cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org) or call the office for more information. Rain date: Sunday, July 8th.

Young Adults' Dinner and a Movie Night: Join us Friday, July 20th at 7:30 p.m. for dinner and movie here at the church. We'll be watching a special movie on the big screen in Creation Station! Feel free to e-mail Casey with any movie requests!!!

Dinner with Friends: Sign up for the Young Adults' version of "Tables for Eight"! Beginning at the end of June, young adults will be split into dining groups of seven or eight people. Each group will figure out a monthly time to get together for food and fellowship. Group assignments will be given out in a few weeks so don't delay in signing up! Contact Casey FitzGerald by e-mail or voicemail to sign up or learn more.

August Young Adults' Brunch

Sunday, August 5th  
Location TBA

Young Adults' Laser Tag Night

Wednesday, August 8th, 7:30 p.m.

Come join us for an incredibly fun event. This game is SERIOUSLY FUN. Don't miss out—for all interested we will stop by a local restaurant following the games for nourishment! Please RSVP to Casey. Cost: \$10.

Location: Ultrazone Laser Tag, 3447 Carlin Springs Rd, Bailey's Crossroads, VA 22041, (703) 578-6000.

Young Adults' Baseball Event

Sunday, August 19th

Meet at the church at 11:30 to enjoy the Nationals take on the NY Mets! Cost: \$15/person. RSVP to Casey FitzGerald.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Monday, June 18, the church office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## A Continuous Journey

Shortly after the events of September 11, 2001, James and I received a phone call from Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless (AACH) regarding a family who had been supported by AACH and was now living in a Habitat for Humanity home in Alexandria. Despite the fact that they were holding down three jobs, the family was struggling to make ends meet due to cutbacks in their hours at work because of the events of 9/11. AACH asked if we might be able to help this family by providing some temporary financial resources as well as provide personal support during this time of crisis. The hope was that financial and personal support during this setback would prevent a relapse into homelessness.

Due to the caring and generosity of WPC during this time, James and I were able to assist this family, both financially and personally. As a result, they were able to remain in their home.

But the story did not end with this short-term commitment. Shortly thereafter, at a meeting with Rachel's Circle, I shared the story of this family. Their positive response was overwhelming. It was decided that we would focus on providing continued financial assistance to help meet the needs of the 3 boys in the family who at the time were about 4, 7, and 9 years old. Six years later, Rachel's Circle is still committed to this working poor family; providing ongoing counseling support, assistance during holiday times, and funding for summer camp experiences for the children. One of us has offered to pay for tutoring support for the 2 younger boys to help them to stay on grade level. Certainly there are other stories such as this one about how God's work is being done behind the scenes at Westminster. Thank you to Rachel's Circle, for being an inspiration to others in meeting the call of God to love our neighbor and by doing deeds that often go unrecognized.

Sheila Hoben,  
Rachel's Circle

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:  
Co-chair to organize monthly dinners  
for Carpenter's Shelter.**

WPC members serve dinner at Carpenter's Shelter on the first Monday of each month. The two co-chairs schedule those wishing to bring and serve the food. For more information, please contact Linda Harkness, at 703-354-3157, [TastefulAffairs@aol.com](mailto:TastefulAffairs@aol.com) or Marti Klein, at 703-979-1023, [cummingslc@aol.com](mailto:cummingslc@aol.com).

 Notes From Associate Pastor  
Karen Blomberg

## A NEW WORD

I learned a new word recently. *Chaordic*. It's an adjective that combines the words chaotic and ordered. Chaordic refers to a space or system that is both chaotic and ordered at the same time. It feels like a good word to describe some of what we experience as a church, especially in these days of moving back to Westminster after our time away. We are relocating ourselves into our renovated and beautiful space. Moving is always chaotic. At church we notice that some things are not the same in terms of how they look, sound, and feel. Understandably this may feel chaotic. The phone system is new. The locks are different. The system is changed for entering the building after hours. When our space is altered, no matter how magnificent it is, there is usually an accompanying chaos that affects our body, emotions, and language. At the same time we know there is order in the predictability of God's grace, even if it surprises us. In the Presbyterian Church, we are governed by a system that is ordered – as the bumper sticker reads, Presbyterians Do It Decently and in Order!

I see a theological implication of this word, chaordic. Jesus' crucifixion is a radical example of the chaordic. Chaos surrounded his death. Disciples became disoriented and disillusioned. The manner in which those in authority responded contained much disorder. Jesus' own death was preceded by his moment of chaotic abandonment. Yet there were the "ordered" parts of Jesus' death. The role that Judas played, the women who visited the tomb, the subsequent visitations of the resurrected Christ carried a supreme "order" that was necessary and transformational to the Christ Story. They cannot be separated from the chaos.

Organizations, families, and individuals who are able to sustain the inevitable chaordic periods ultimately thrive. Our challenge and our calling, I believe, is to allow the chaordic to open us to the new. As we continue our time of transition, let us acknowledge, even celebrate this chaordic place that we are in. By embracing it, we realize more of God's presence in us and around us. We see it as a necessary part of our Christ Story. And we are transformed.



# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## ADULT EDUCATION

### **New Disciple Courses: “Christian Believer” And “Invitation To The Old Testament”**

Two new courses from the DISCIPLE program will be offered starting in September.

“*Christian Believer*” will be held on Sunday afternoons, September 16 through May 11, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., except December 16, 23, and 30 and March 23 (Easter). It is a 30-week study of basic theology—the classic doctrines of the Christian faith. The format includes videos, presentations by Larry, and discussions. Readings are from the NRSV Bible and a book of short theological writings, guided by a study manual.

“*Christian Believer*” is open both to graduates of DISCIPLE I and to those who have done little Bible study. The package of readings costs \$40. An NRSV study Bible will be available for \$30, if you don’t have one.

Contact Director of Adult Education Clara Beth Van de Water at 703-549-4766 X120 or cvandewater@wpc-alex.org with questions or to register. You may also register on September 9 after worship.

### **Adults: Consider Your Sunday Morning Education Choices**

Three courses will be offered during the early fall. One requires registration.

1. “**Invitation to the Old Testament**,” an 8-week Bible study from the DISCIPLE program, will be led by Kathy Harkness and Connie Ring from September 9 through October 8. This is a great option for those who can’t commit to a yearlong study, yet want to learn more about the Old Testament. The class is open to all,

although registration is required. The course book costs \$6. An NRSV study Bible will be available for \$30, if you don’t have one. Contact Director of Adult Education Clara Beth Van de Water at 703-549-4766 X120 or cvandewater@wpc-alex.org to register. An orientation session for both those already registered and those who plan to register will be held on Sunday, September 2, at a time to be announced.

2. “**God and Mammon: Reformed Economic Ethics and Its Role in the Modern World**” a six-week lecture series, will be taught by Dr. R. Bruce Douglass, Georgetown University, from September 9 through October 14. No registration is necessary.

3. “**Conversation about End-of-Life Matters**,” a two-week presentation and discussion with the Rev. Drema McAllister Wilson of Wesley Seminary will take place on October 21 and 28. No registration is necessary.

### **FALL/WINTER EVENTS FOR WOMEN**

Monday, September 24 **Book Groups**  
- *Eat, Pray, and Love: One Woman’s Search for Everything Across Italy, India, and Indonesia* by Elizabeth Gilbert.



Wednesday October 3rd, 7:30 p.m. **PW Fall Gathering**. Speaker: Maggie Hayward



March 28-30, **2008 Women’s Retreat Hallowood** - Leader: Ann Timmons, Communications artist.

## New Staff Member

The session of Westminster Presbyterian Church is extremely pleased to announce the hiring of Nancy Hall Berens as Interim Director of Children’s Ministries, effective June 11. We all celebrate the nine-year service of Joan Taylor Reid, who is retiring from Westminster at the end of June, and equally celebrate and are blessed by Nancy’s appointment while the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee conducts the search for Joan’s full time replacement.

Nancy has been a VERY ACTIVE member of Westminster since 1989. Her activities, past and present, have included SOME, Bag Lunch, Carpenter’s Shelter, Christmas in April., A Cappella, Westminster Choir, Bell Choir, Member of the Session, Missions Committee, Nominating Committee, Congregational Life Committee, Member Hannah Circle for mothers of young children, Regular commissioner to National Capital Presbytery, General Assembly commissioner in 2003, NCP Bills and Overtures Committee, and NCP Peacemaking Committee.

Nancy can be reached at nhallberens@wpc-alex.org, or at 703-549-4766 Ext. 121. Please Join us in Welcoming Nancy in the position!



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

As I write this article, I am preparing to pass the torch: first, to Nancy Hall Berens as your Interim Director of Children's Ministries and then to the one whom God is now preparing to lead you in the future. These 8 years here at Westminster have been a highlight of my professional life. I will treasure all those who have supported me, even some who haven't, but especially the children whose lives have touched mine so immensely and in so many ways. Thank you, Westminster for this opportunity.

Herb and I also want to express our thanks and appreciation for the beautiful reception and generous gift from Westminster. Be assured it will be used to enhance my "retiring"! The rocking chair for the nursery will be enjoyed by many young babies (and nursery workers) and is a most appropriate remembrance since I often would rock and sing a lullaby to the crying babies in the nursery! Someday I may return to sit in it and rock the new babies who will be coming to the church and being ministered to through our children's programs. Thank you very MUCH!

Boys and girls: thank you too for the beautiful cards and precious pictures of each of you. They will go into my photo album of Westminster to remind me of the fun that we've had together.

I am indebted to Jeff Boyd, one of our PC(USA) missionaries in Cameroon for the following story, "The Rabbi's Gift." I leave you with this parting thought.

A once great monastery had fallen upon hard times.

Only the abbot and four very old monks remained. Fearing the death of his order the abbot sought advice from a wise rabbi. On hearing his concerns the rabbi could only commiserate with him; he too experienced that the spirit had gone out of the people. As the abbot prepared to leave without the advice he sought, the rabbi said, "The Messiah is one of you."

The abbot shared the message with the monks, who shared his confusion. They pondered the mystery for months, and then they began to look differently at each other, wondering, "Could he be the Messiah?" Thereafter, they treated each other with extraordinary respect, as if the other were the Messiah.

The people who visited the monastery began to sense the profound respect the monks had for each other. This attracted more and more people. Then someone asked to join. Then another and another joined until the faith community was vibrant once again.

As you go into this new era of ministry at Westminster, what would happen if we followed the example of the monks and treated each other as if one of us were the Messiah, leading to a greater appreciation for the value of each member? You might feel empowered as you realize that within you lies the capacity to effect meaningful changes in our church community. Share that transformative experience with others. I will be watching for the results with prayer and earnestness!

**Joan Taylor Reid**

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## Offering of Letters Campaign on Hunger

**Sunday, July 1**

Westminster will join with churches across the nation on July 1 in an "Offering of Letters" to Congress, seeking support for federal programs that address hunger in America. The focus this year is on improving access and providing adequate funding for the food stamp program, a critical lifeline for many of the nation's poor. Bread for the World, which organizes the annual letter writing campaign, estimates that only 60-65 percent of the eligible population currently participates in the food stamp program.

The Letters Campaign is especially timely and important this year because it coincides with the five-year renewal of the U.S. Farm Bill, which includes the food stamp program.

The National /International Mission Committee will have a table outside after the morning service with information, materials and envelopes addressed to local members of Congress. Members of the Committee will be available to answer questions.

Bread for the World has been a Christian voice for 33 years in fighting hunger in America and around the world, and Westminster is a Covenant Church. BFW President David Beckmann said recently at a Congressional hearing: "Now is the time for people of faith and conscience to make their voices heard." You will have that opportunity on July 1.

Contact Sam Ulm at 703.751.6210 for more information.

## Immigration Reform and Reynosa, Mexico

By Thomas L. Geiger

Today in Washington, our leaders are debating an immigration reform law. Reynosa is an opportunity to gain a firsthand understanding of life along our border with Mexico. Many of us have had the experience of flying for hours to arrive in a developing country in Latin America, Africa or Asia. That long plane trip can give us a false sense that the extreme poverty in this world is far from our comfortable homes. Reynosa is just across the border from McAllen, Texas. In a ten minute ride you travel from McAllen's tidy and well maintained middle class suburban homes and shopping centers to Reynosa's dusty, ramshackle barrios. There thousands of families struggle everyday for a better life amid heart wrenching poverty and crime. Like a relentless surf, that poverty and crime splash against our border and spill over into McAllen and far beyond.

Enlightened citizens in McAllen understand that their lives and futures and the lives and futures of the people of Reynosa are inextricably bound. That what happens there will eventually impact McAllen and vice versa. Thus in the McAllen airport, a sign says the border is a bridge, not a barrier, between two communities. With support from churches like Westminster, Faith Ministries "bridges" the two communities with the message of God's love and redeeming grace. Faith Ministries is not, however, a "faith without works." Indeed it is a faith that must and does work tirelessly. Everyday it brings a sense of dignity and hope through better housing and primary health care to some the

"least" of those in Reynosa. You will not come home with all the answers to the debate over immigration reform in Washington. After all, not even Lou Dobbs has all the answers!

But you will gain new insights as a result of your contribution of "sweat equity."

Woody Allen once said that just showing up is ninety percent of any job. You can make a difference. Your mere presence (even if you do not do a lick of work) will be a tangible witness of love and caring. Without trying, you will inspire, motivate and energize those you meet. And one Reynosa family and their neighbors will know you care what happens in their lives. Rather than building walls along the border, you will be tearing down walls of indifference and apathy. I am reminded of a Peace Corps couple who many years ago befriended a winsome shoeshine boy in Peru's coastal town of Chimbote. He had sixteen brothers and sisters but went on to become Peru's first indigenous president. The presence of those Peace Corps volunteers in Chimbote made a difference in the life of one shoeshine boy. Odds are we will not build a house for a future president. But if we dare to let God use our presence, that witness will bear fruit.

Tom Geiger will be leading a group from Westminster to construct a home in Reynosa under the auspices of Faith Ministry on October 20 - 27, 2007. For information on this proposed trip contact him at 703-837-8466 or Henri Rush at 703-836-1935.

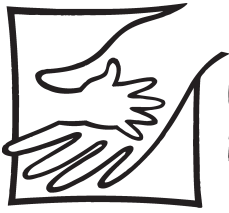
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## Habitat's Westbrook Forest Project

Another WPC Habitat workday is coming up on **Saturday, July 7**. Find out what hidden talents you have by lending a hand on this very worthwhile project that will house 12 deserving families. These families will work side-by-side with you in building their new home. You will gain first-hand experience in learning construction skills. To be part of the construction crew of this condominium, you must be at least 16 years of age.

This project will finish in the Fall of 2007. During our May workday, we hung insulation in the exterior walls, and Chili's provided a fantastic lunch. As our next workday draws near, Habitat will be able to tell us what aspect of the construction we'll be working on. Each workday will begin at 8:30 a.m., and cleanup will begin at 3:30 p.m. To sign up or request more details, please contact Paul Grueneberger at [p.rj@verizon.net](mailto:p.rj@verizon.net) or 703-836-1291. Watch for pictures of WPC members at work in May...stop by Fellowship Hall after church on Sunday.





News from  
 United Orphanage & Academy  
 In Moi's Bridge, Kenya

### A TIME OF GREAT JOY

The month of May was a time of great rejoicing at the United Orphanage & Academy. A number of things made possible by the generosity of members of Westminster and others all fell into place.

First, electricity from the Kenya Power & Light Company, for which we provided funds for the infrastructure, finally arrived. It had been promised since last fall. This power will not only provide light in all of the buildings in the complex, but also will power the electric motor for the well. This will make water available for irrigation and to sell to members of the community both as a public service and as a source of revenue for the UO&A. The diesel generator that had been used since the Orphanage opened will be kept as a source of standby power.

Second, the 28 girls were moved into the new dormitory wing. They will be housed four to a room and each will have their own bed to sleep in. Most important each will have a small cubicle in which to keep their individual possessions - a first for most, if not all of these children.

Finally, but by no means least, what Rev. Chege characterized as "a very good 2nd hand 14 seat van" was purchased in Mombasa and has already been put in use. It cost \$20,000, which is more than the \$15,000 budgeted, for two reasons. First, the value of the dollar against the Kenya shilling slipped from 70 ks to the dollar to 65. Second, he was able to obtain slightly better and more suitable van than he might otherwise have obtained. It is already in use taking the children to class and to church. Also after church it is being used to take a rotating one third of the children on field trips. So far it has been used to take children to the airport at Eldoret - a distance of some 40 miles. I can only imagine what kind of enriching experience this was for children most of whom have never been much further from home than their legs would carry them.

Rev. Chege asked me "With much love on behalf of the United Orphanage & Academy to say a big THANK YOU!!! Not only for the van, which is recently bought, but electricity, and more than enough water, among other things. We are very thankful to all who have been on our side in prayer and in giving. May God bless everyone who took part."

### Westminster-Elburgon Presbytery Kenya Partnership Still Going Strong

This month \$4,000 was bank wired to the Elburgon Presbytery Development Account for various church construction projects and to help complete the Presbytery Office for the new Njoro Presbytery. Westminster has been in partnership with a number of churches in Elburgon Presbytery since 1996. During that period in conjunction with St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Maryland and Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean, Virginia we have completed a church and manse in Oleguruone. We have on our own contributed to the construction of a very large church in Londiani and several smaller churches. The church at Londiani should be completed to the point of dedication with the funds included in this last transmission. Westminster has been invited to participate in the dedication, probably in November, and will be represented by Henri Rush and any others who might care to join him.

In addition, funds were provided in the latest transmission to help complete the Presbytery Offices for the newly formed Njoro Presbytery. Elburgon Presbytery, as those who have been there know, covers a huge area in Northwestern Kenya. It has been proposed to split Elburgon Presbytery into three separate presbyteries to facilitate travel and the transaction of business. Before that can be done, however, new presbytery offices need to be built. The most advanced is the proposed new Njoro Presbytery which will embrace the parishes of Mutukanio, Mau Summit and, of course, Njoro. They hope to establish the new presbytery by the end of this year and with the funds we have provided they should be able to do so.

### Tables for 8

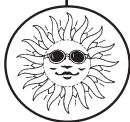
Tables for 8 are looking for new members, as well as welcoming returning members, for 2007-2008. Participants gather in members' homes once every 4-6 weeks to share a meal and fellowship. The host/hostess provides the main dish, while other members bring various courses to complete the meal. It's a grand time to get to know people better and to share in Christian camaraderie. This is suitable for both singles and couples.

Plan now to sign up for Tables for 8 beginning in September. There will be three sign up's on 3 consecutive Sunday's, beginning August 26, during social hour following the 10:00 or 11:00 service. The kick-off dinner will be held at Westminster on Saturday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room. We look forward to seeing a large turn out this year. Call Janet Harris with questions AFTER JULY 1 at 703-764-3395.

## CHURCH STAFF

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### ***The Chronicle***

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Time Sensitive



Questions continue to arise concerning the Volunteer Fair to be held on September 16. As this is our first attempt at such an event, your questions are welcomed and important.

The more we can get worked out in advance, the better the event will be. Several committees are already actively working to prepare exhibits and their questions and comments may be useful to others. Here are a couple of questions that they have raised.

If we prepare an exhibit for the Open House on September 9 can we use it again on September 16? There is no reason to do extra work. If the exhibit makes a good presentation about what your group does and why volunteers are needed then by all means use it again. Some modifications may be required to change the focus from education about what your group does to recruitment of volunteers but that is your call. The most important thing is to be present so that potential volunteers can see what you do.

What type of things should we include in our exhibit? At a minimum you will need to have some information about the basic activities of your group and a sign-up sheet. Pictures of volunteers in action will help to enliven your presentation. Some groups are planning to use picture boards

and others are thinking of using computer slide shows. In addition, you may want to put out some goodies (cookies, fruit, cheese & crackers, etc.) to entice visitors to your table.

Does my group really need to participate? If your group needs volunteers to help carry out activities during the year then you should have a presence at the Volunteer Fair. All of our volunteer activities are important. So, it is important that they be represented even if they are not glamorous. Volunteers are needed for more than just missions. Many of the activities of the church could not function without volunteers. Don't be shy.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Local Missions activities are in need of several volunteers. The position of Local Missions Coordinator is still vacant. Also, we need someone to head up the S.O.M.E. team. Meals-on-Wheels is looking for more volunteers and a co-chair for our Carpenter's Shelter activity is needed. If you are interested in any of these positions, contact the Local Missions Committee.

Yours in Christ's service,

**Art Sauer**

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