

Building H.O.P.E. Annual Report JANUARY 2019

We celebrate that Building HOPE is making a difference in the lives of others.

CAMP GRIER

GOAL: Help strengthen an affordable, excellent church camp with adventure-based programs, upgraded facilities, and Christian faith formation, by providing early money to jump start the facilities improvements, purchase equipment, and expand programs needed to attract campers and year-round business. (\$273,500 spent)

- Significantly upgraded their adventure-based equipment and programs.
- With new trail making equipment, expanded trails for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding.
- Expanded the Equestrian Program
- Renovated/remodeled lodge facilities, including new porches, roofs, lighting, and enlarged bathrooms, which made Camp Grier more attractive to churches and other groups in the off-season.

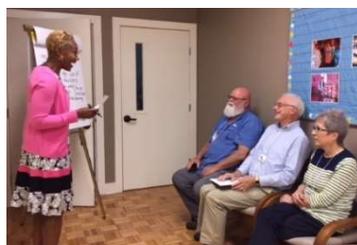
This would not have happened without the wonderful vision of management and contributions.



VITAL CHURCHES

GOAL: Strengthen churches, helping them develop innovative ways to reach out, grow in faith, and share the gospel; provide educational/spiritual growth opportunities and support to pastors and other church leaders for renewal and ministry effectiveness; unite leaders in mutual support systems, and provide help using technology for ministry. (\$23,158)

- Supported churches' outreach in their communities, encouraging experimentation. Ten churches were part of a year-long, pilot program with called "PneuMatrix" to explore new adaptive ways to do ministry. Eight churches participated in a planning/visioning process to examine new ways they may reach out to their community and build on their strengths.
- Provided "Water to Wine New Initiative Grants" for a new ministry outreach.
- Sponsored an affordable pastor's retreat that included new learnings, fun experiences, renewal, fellowship.
- Made available an eight month program to help pastors improve their preaching skills taught/facilitated by Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson, who taught homiletics at Princeton Seminary.
- Supported a Growth in Spiritual Development Retreat for church members and leaders throughout PWNC.



GUATEMALA EDUCATION – PARTNERSHIP WITH SUR OCCIDENTE AND SUCHITEPEQUEZ

GOAL: Add college/university scholarships, support seminarians and seminaries, establish libraries and reading programs in schools/churches to improve reading, and explore other school programs. (\$42,208)

- Six to eight college/university scholarships are provided annually to qualified young people. This builds on the annual elementary and secondary student scholarships supported by the 30+ church to church partnerships.
- Currently, 18 individuals are studying in the Sur and Suchi Seminaries.
- The “Reading is Key” program is providing books and libraries in six schools and two church centers .and workshops, one of which ninety teachers participated in the three day classes, so they could help students develop reading skills and a love of reading.
- The Guatemalan/PWNC Joint Education Committee is committed to working together and listening to the needs and challenges of the community.



MALAWI MINISTRY

GOAL: Support the Nkhoma Hospital in the improvement of the system of rural health care, making medical care more accessible through not only the hospital, but the nine rural satellite clinics, purchase a mobile health unit, and provide a medicine fund used to save lives. (\$177,899 has already been utilized.)

- Nine rural clinics and staff housing should have some electricity by this year-end, which was an important goal. Our next goal is to get water. In addition, clinics and houses are being updated and painted.
- The Mobile Health Unit provides women, children, and men in distant rural villages preventive health care, malaria testing and medicine, children’s vaccinations, well-baby checks, and antibiotics to save lives.
- The Medicine Fund provides medicine to cover chronic shortfalls in essential medications.
- The hospital management is grateful for the help that this Presbytery has provided, our fourteen years of mission trips, and the relationships that we have formed together. Our dollars make a major difference.
- Support Ebenezer School, which this Presbytery helped start, so quality education is available for children of the hospital personnel and the community. Currently around 350 children attend pre-kindergarten through 7th grade taught in English.



Thank you, Presbytery of Western North Carolina!

We are doing more together than we can separately as we demonstrate the love of Christ.