# Building H. (Health Care - Malawi) O. (Outdoor Adventures - Camp Grier) P. (Partnered Growth - Vital Churches)

**E**• (Education - Guatemala and Malawi)

# What does Building H.O.P.E. wish to accomplish?

Though the ostensible goal is to raise money, the campaign has more far-reaching goals. We hope that every member of every congregation:

- 1. Learns about the good work that is being done in God's name in these four ministries.
- 2. Will pray for these ministries, especially for the people and resources needed for these ministries to pursue their goals.
- 3. Is invited to participate in these ministries as an expression of faith in Jesus Christ.
- 4. Is invited to contribute financially to the needs of these ministries.

# How Might My Church be Involved?

- Include corporate prayer for the Building H.O.P.E. ministries.
- Enlist a member of the congregation to serve as the church's coordinator between the church and the campaign team, as well as coordinating activities within the church, including a timeline for emphasis, striving to reach every member.
- Extend the invitation to become involved with one or more of these ministries.
- Extend the invitation to support one or more of these ministries financially, being careful not to take financial support from the church.
- Support is in terms of God's call and the capability of each church.
- \$25 can be as significant as \$2,500 or \$25,000.
- Being involved is a way to understand that you are a part of a larger Body of Christ, and we can do more of God's work together than by ourselves.

# What Might that Involvement Look Like?

### General

- 1. Time given during worship for minute for missions, or during special gatherings, such as fellowship meals, perhaps utilizing video.
- 2. Create a link between the church's website and the campaign website.
- 3. Have a bake sale, car wash or other fund raiser.
- 4. Agree (individually or as a congregation) to pledge financial support for the campaign even \$1 a week for five years will make a difference.
- 5. Have a Mission Sunday special collection, with the donations designated for the campaign.
- 6. If "Nickel-a-meal" collection isn't taken at your church, institute a similar program for the campaign.
- 7. Offer individual or church sponsored challenge gifts.
- 8. Invite a speaker, provided by the campaign, to make a presentation to groups in the church, on parts of, or the entire campaign.
- 9. Solicit through missions-oriented local charitable organizations, family foundations and community leaders, who might get excited about what God is doing through these ministries.
- 10. Gifts may be made to the entire campaign, or to any of the specific ministries.

## **Ministry Specific**

### Malawi or Guatemala

- 1. Give part of a scholarship for a child at the Ebenezer School or money to buy books for the school library in Guatemala.
- 2. Pray for a mission co-worker, putting their name in the bulletin, and sending them a quarterly "We pray for you" notes.
- 3. Women can make "sanitary kits" to help girls continue to attend classes.
- 4. See if a Guatemalan church would include you in their partnership. (There are over 30 churches in our presbytery with partner churches in Guatemala.)
- 5. Agree to support Dr. Barbara Nagy in Malawi (\$50 / year?)

## **Camp Grier**

- 1. Come help at a work day (clean-up, building repairs, work on trails, etc.)
- 2. Take an outing to see the camp.
- 3. Recommend the camp to kids, parents grandparents and friends.
- 4. Help fund a scholarship for a child to go to the camp.
- 5. Help develop or visit the Global Village (Build a safer stove, a water filter, or a garden.)
- 6. Provide cookies and participate in cooking events.

## Vital Churches

- 1. Commit to pray for a church each month, sending a card.
- 2. Encourage (and support?) their involvement in education and spiritual growth opportunities, perhaps through presbytery.
- 3. Get a "Water to Wine" grant to reach out in a new way to your community.
- 4. Work days at a local church that needs repair, painting, maintenance or just "cleaning up".
- 5. Explore Alternative Christmas giving.

# What Can the Presbytery Provide?

- 1. Consultation and support for making this campaign your own in your unique setting.
- 2. Video
- 3. Display Board
- 4. Color Brochures
- 5. Bulletin Inserts
- 6. Bookmarks
- 7. Sample Prayers
- 8. Sunday School Materials/Children's Sermons/Worship Bag Material
- 9. Power Point Presentation, including Script
- 10. Speakers
- 11. Posters for bulletin boards
- 12. Packet of Response Cards and Envelopes
- 13. What else do you need? Ask us!

Some of these resources may be found at <u>www.presbyterywnc.org</u> under Building Hope Resources.

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