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## UMVIM Highlight: WA UMVIM TEAM SERVES in the PHILIPPINES

*By Darlene Germino, Shoreline: Ronald UMC*

In July, a group of Ronald UMC youth and their families flew the 14 ½ hours from Seattle to the Philippines, as the grand finale of the youths' confirmation class, and a dental mission by the adults.

After visiting a small Methodist church in Navotas City, which feeds nutritious meals to local children, we went through a depressed area of Navotas where we saw people living in makeshift shelters built above filthy water, and naked children walking on streets littered with garbage and animal carcasses.

some children continuing to practice what we had taught them as they walked home. One night the Binuangan youth invited us to their fellowship session. The language barrier did not prevent us from worshipping God together. We knew many of the same songs, and taught each other new ones.

When touring the grounds of a Binuangan elementary school, I noted some polluted water in the courtyard. Distracted by taking pictures, I stepped into the water and had to wash my leg and foot immediately. I learned that the water is sprayed with chemicals to "clean" it. Also, during high tide, the rooms get flooded and classes are cancelled. It was very clear the school needs all help possible. The well-behaved, attentive students represented to me hope for a better future because they make the most of what God has given them.

The lesson I took away from this experience is that even a small act of kindness, done in the name of God, can make a big difference.

*Photo: Courtesy H.A.I.L. Mission Newsletter of the Pacific Northwest Conference.*



We then went through Manila Bay to Binuangan, where we stayed four days. We attended worships at the large, 103-year-old stone Binuangan UMC and did our dental mission work there. While the dentist and adults assisted patients, we and the other team members demonstrated brushing and flossing to the children. We also distributed toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss to about 250 children. I was delighted to see



## UMMIM Mission News, Training & Events

**HURRICANE GUSTAV STORMED** through Baton Rouge, La., on Sept. 1, leaving more than 2,000 homes damaged or destroyed and about 50 percent of its citizens without power. UMCOR is working with the affected annual conferences including Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama-West Florida to offer emergency relief and support as-needed.

UMCOR's domestic disaster response personnel are being deployed to the affected conferences to assist in the recovery efforts. Specially-trained early response teams are responding as the affected areas are deemed safe and secure. United Methodist Volunteers in Mission and UMCOR are coordinating long-term recovery plans.

Support UMCOR's work by giving to UMCOR Advance #3019695, Hurricane 2008, Hurricane Gustav. Checks can be mailed to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. Write the Advance number and name on the memo line of your check. Go to [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org) for more information. Contact your Jurisdictional Volunteer in Mission Coordinator (Heather Wilson in the Western Jurisdiction @ 818-333-6730 or [sweetland5@hotmail.com](mailto:sweetland5@hotmail.com)) for information about volunteering. We anticipate that it will be some weeks before the area is secured and housing set up for general volunteers. Photo: Hurricane Gustav hit the city of Baton Rouge, La., with 100 mph plus winds and took the

roof off of the Alpha Kappa Alpha alumni-house in the downtown area. Barry Bahler/FEMA

**THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE COMES FROM TOM HAZELWOOD**, Assistant General Secretary, UMCOR Emergency Services U.S.



At this time we at UMCOR feel like we are as prepared as we can be. \* Days before Gustav came ashore, we called each of the annual conferences that might be affected by the storm to offer our support and provide any needed guidance. \* UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, LA was secured by noon on Friday. The last of the staff left when it became apparent that Gustav was going to be a direct threat. \* Sager Brown staff members have appropriate credentials to return to the depot immediately after the storm has passed. The relief supplies in the depot will prove essential to those affected by the hurricane. \* UMCOR staff plan to be on the ground on Wednesday [Sept. 3] to begin working with the affected annual conferences in their disaster response ministry.

He also asks for our help by discouraging people from sending clothing and other such goods without first locating an organization that needs the items and can distribute them. UMCOR, for example, does not accept clothing because they are very labor intensive to sort and distribute. Photo: Tom Hazelwood - Courtesy [gbgm-umc.org](http://gbgm-umc.org)

**UMCOR DISASTER TRAINING IN CAL-NEVADA CONFERENCE:** Dates and locations are:

September 17-20 at Los Altos UMC, CA

September 22-24 at Reno First UMC, NV

Classes will prepare your church members to reach out with compassion and effectiveness when your community experiences disaster. Courses include Basic Disaster Overview (what happens in a disaster, and how we respond as a UM church), Early Response Teams, Ministry of Caring, Local Church Readiness, Caring for Children in Disaster, and Case Management for Long-term Recovery. Contact Sue King, CA-NV Disaster Response Coordinator, with questions or registrations. Or check out details of disaster courses on the CA-NV Volunteers in Mission website, [www.cnumcvim.org](http://www.cnumcvim.org).

**REV. ALEX & BRENDA AWAD, GLOBAL MINISTRIES MISSIONARIES** in Israel-Palestine will be coming to the US in December to share about their work in this conflict area. Please contact Janet Lahr Lewis at [jllewis@annadwa.org](mailto:jllewis@annadwa.org) to see which area near you they plan on visiting while in the US. Photo: Alex & Brenda Awad - courtesy [gbgm-umc.org](http://gbgm-umc.org).



For other volunteer opportunities, please visit [www.umvimwj.com](http://www.umvimwj.com)

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### ⌘VOLUNTEER TEAMS

**NEEDED IN ISRAEL-PALESTINE:** Interested in seeing and serving in the Holy Land? Teams are needed for a variety of services. Please contact Janet Lahr Lews at [jllewis@annadwa.org](mailto:jllewis@annadwa.org) for more information on how to serve.

**⌘REV. DEVI BHUJEL** is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries. Born in Nepal and brought up in a Hindu Family, Devi converted to the Christian faith in 1978. After receiving his Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees, and completing his mission service training, he and his late wife Karuna (who died in a motorbike accident in 2005) were assigned to Nepal. Devi's current responsibilities there include church planting, community development, and theological education. He is also serving as Superintendent of the Mission District of the Nepal UMC.

The Bhujels played a major role in the establishment of the First UMC in Nepal in 2003. There are now 35 UMCs in this predominantly Hindu country. To support their growing ministry, the United Methodist Centre was built in Kathmandu and dedicated this February. Recently, in just one day, he baptized 31 people in a river. Please contact Rev. Keith & Joan Hackett at [revkeithjoan@hotmail.com](mailto:revkeithjoan@hotmail.com) to see where he will be speaking in the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. Photo: Devi Bhjuel with family.



### ⌘VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN NEPAL:

The following teams are needed to serve in Nepal. If you are interested please contact Jan & Kurt Kaiser at [love2trvl@imbris.com](mailto:love2trvl@imbris.com).

1. Medical team - 2 weeks on-the-ground, spending one week at each of two different villages, conducting workshops for the local health care providers in the surrounding villages along with primary care (working alongside the local health care providers in a teaching mode as you see the patients). The focus is on teaching. Limited medical equipment is available in these villages and rarely used (no x-ray, lab, etc, often no electricity), All meds should be purchased in Kathmandu upon arrival so bring funds for that rather than bringing in meds from USA.

2. Construction team - The church of Nepal has been able to purchase land here and there and is eager to get some buildings under construction (they currently rent rooms in apartment buildings/office buildings/ or worship in garages, etc. ). Construction teams are needed for 2-week periods. (plan 2 weeks plus travel time). Buildings are made of bricks with plaster over them. Cement floor and tin roof. Foundations will be done prior to the teams' arrival once a date is scheduled. Team will do Home-stays. Meals provided by church members. Teams need to raise funds for the building. Prefer 10 -12 member teams.



3. Clergy-teaching team - We have 12 Nepali pastors now appointed as Local Pastors, as a direct result of the 2 clergy teaching teams from this year. What an accomplishment. This should allow Nepal to become a provisional annual conference at their next gathering (currently under the Philippines leadership). They are jazzed! Our clergy-teaching teams are following the course-of-study plan from the USA clergy. Our goal is 2 clergy-teaching teams each year (Devi would like all the pastors licensed). Teams should be only 5-6 persons. We have the format and topics fairly well set up, based on Devi's recommendations and the past team's experiences. Photo: Pagoda in Durbar Square, Katmadhu - courtesy lonelyplanet.com

### ⌘VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR KENYA MISSION TRIP TO LAKE NAKURU

November 6-23 Two more team members are needed for this very important mission. Contact Peggy Patterson at 239.357.0363 or [crptoys@embarqmail.com](mailto:crptoys@embarqmail.com) for more information. Photo: Kenyan flag - courtesy infoplease.com

### ⌘INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER

**NEEDED IN KOREA:** Pai Chai University in Seoul, Korea is in need of an individual volunteer. Please go to [jbinsouthkorea.blogspot.com](http://jbinsouthkorea.blogspot.com) for more information about this wonderful opportunity. Photo: Entrance to Pai Chai University by Jeanie Blankenbaker.



**⌘JOIN A YELLOW-STONE CONFERENCE UMVIM TEAM TRAVELING TO NEW ORLEANS** from November 8 through November 16th. They are scheduled to work out of the People's UMC Community Center just southwest of downtown New Orleans and will be staying at the Metairie UMC in Metairie, LA. All are welcome! Please contact Yellowstone UMVIM Coordinator Elinor Edmunds at [elinor@yacumc.org](mailto:elinor@yacumc.org) or at 406.465.8799 for further information. Photo: French Quarter of New Orleans - courtesy neworleansonline.com

### ⌘VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN WASHINGTON:

Flood relief work continues in Lewis County, WA. As an UMCOR-funded case worker based out of the Rochester United Methodist Church, it has been wonderful to see the many Methodist volunteer teams transform people's lives. Their work is essential in stretching cash donations to maximum effect, and to connect with flood survivors and show them Christ's care.

Many families continue to struggle with basic needs, such as food and utility bills, as they try to restore their lives and adapt to the "new normal." As fall nears, people are also talking about their fears of what winter rains will bring. Helping people get secured in their homes this fall will help alleviate some of this concern. Volunteers are still very much needed to help families prepare for winter, especially the installation of insulation--before cold weather hits!



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Much has been accomplished, but more remains to be done, so please consider volunteering with an UMVIM team or providing donations to help with flood recovery. Contact Ronda Cordill, Conference UMVIM Coordinator at [r\\_cordill@hotmail.com](mailto:r_cordill@hotmail.com) or Brett DeMond, case worker at [livingart@centurytel.net](mailto:livingart@centurytel.net) for more information. Photo: Flooded freeway off ramp - Courtesy komonews.com

### ✪VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN

**JAMAICA:** The Falmouth Methodist Church is in need of repair. It would help greatly if a work team could be available. If this is at all possible, please contact the ministers below with dates which would be convenient. Accommodation for the team would most likely be the Education Centre at Falmouth, but could be confirmed if necessary. Contact Rev. Jeanty Maurose at [jeantymaur@yahoo.fr](mailto:jeantymaur@yahoo.fr), 876.617.2866 or Rev. Michael Llewellyn at [jamaicamike@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jamaicamike@yahoo.co.uk), 876.979.6968

### ✪NOMADS (NOMADS ON A MISSION ACTIVE IN DIVINE SERVICE)

From October 6 to 23, a small team will be at Lazy F camp in Washington working on a remodel of one of the oldest buildings on campus! The team could use some short term help during that time. If interested, contact Tom/Mary Louise Hager at (509) 493-2445 or [tomterrific3@juno.com](mailto:tomterrific3@juno.com).

There are now 14 couples in the Pacific Northwest supporting NOMADS, with

Terry and Shirley Carlson being the Western Jurisdictional Reps to the national board. The annual reunion of NOMADS will be in Shawnee, Oklahoma, the third week of September, celebrating 20 years of being in service to United Methodist churches and agencies. The winter and spring listing of "job opportunities" is now available for our members to select where they will spend their "sunbelt" time in 2009! This list, and other information about NOMADS, can be viewed at [www.nomadsumc.org](http://www.nomadsumc.org). Photo: Some Nomads volunteers - courtesy nomadsumc.org

### ✪SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH:

Throughout September, UMCOR is inviting United Methodists to join America's Second Harvest in its fight against domestic hunger through its Hunger Action Month campaign (formerly, National Hunger Awareness Day). America's Second Harvest will host nationwide events that include food drives, concerts, and volunteer outreaches to help bring relief to hungry people in the US.

Please donate canned goods to your local food banks or collect a special offering. For more ways you can help, visit [www.secondharvest.org](http://www.secondharvest.org). You can also give to World

Hunger and Poverty, UMCOR Advance #982920 in support of programs that provide options for people who are struggling to feed their families

### ✪BREAD FOR THE WORLD

- a Christian Voice for Ending Hunger," asks congregations and other faith communities to renew their commitment to ending hunger in God's world by taking part in Bread for the World Sunday on October 19 (or another Sunday of your choice in the fall).

June Kim, executive secretary of the World Hunger/Poverty and Sustainable Agriculture and Development programs of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), is on the Bread for



the World Board of Directors, serving as the organization's secretary.

An array of free resources is available to help churches observe Bread for the World Sunday - including worship bulletin inserts, offering envelopes, and bread bags (ideal for bake sales). A Reflection Resource includes a Scripture study of the parable of the prodigal son,



Eternal lover of Thy children, bring us into Thy life, make us sharers in Thy love and transmitters of it. Help us to become serene and patient in the midst of our frustrations, but at the same time make us heroic adventurers, brave, gentle, tender, but without fear and with radiant faces.

-Rufus Jones  
Quaker (1863-1948)

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along with a call to worship, litany, other prayers, and suggestions for hymns.

This year, Bread for the World Sunday takes place in the midst of the hunger crisis raging in our own country and around the world. For more information about this crisis and what you can do, please visit [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org). Photo: courtesy bread.org

### GEORGIA CONFLICT:

Since the conflict began in Georgia, UMCOR has been working to deliver much-needed supplies to help those most in need. To date, UMCOR has assisted more than 50,000 internally displaced people with hygiene kits, food packages and bedding kits. Medical supplies were distributed to more than 15,000 displaced people as part of two US government-sponsored airlifts of which

UMCOR coordinated the medical supply portion. An UMCOR Sager Brown shipment is en route to Georgia and it is expected to arrive in mid-September pending security issues.

You can be part of the work and the humanitarian response to the conflict by giving to Georgia Emergency, UMCOR Advance #250305.



Photo: UMCOR Georgia staff and workers begin to unload

truck of supplies that is helping to bring relief to those most in need in Georgia - courtesy UMCOR.



Make us worthy,  
Lord, to serve  
our fellow men  
throughout the  
world who live  
and die in  
poverty and  
hunger.

Give them  
through our  
hands this day,  
their daily  
bread, and by  
our  
understanding  
Love, give peace  
and joy.

-Mother Theresa

## Conference Coordinators

Your UMVIM Annual Conference Coordinators (UMVIM ACCs) are available to help you, your church, district, and conference to meet God's calling on your heart through volunteer service.

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## UMVIM Making a Difference: Cuba

by James Melchiorre

I spent 15 days with them this summer as a member of a United Methodist Volunteers in Mission team from the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew in New York. Our group planned our trip to Cuba for four years.

We spent our time hauling blocks, sand and stones to prepare the second floor of the Guanabacoa church to be transformed into a new sanctuary.

Along with several members of his congregation, Pastor Javier Diaz (who along with his wife Ana, shepherd a 600-member congregation that is the sixth largest Methodist church in Cuba) often joined us in the "grunt" work, sometimes shoveling sand, or re-adjusting a reinforcement bar, or tinkering with a temperamental power saw.

So many pastors, both Cuban and North American, had left Cuba after 1959 that there was a critical shortage in the pulpit, even as Cubans were again filling the old sanctuaries and the new "house" churches.

A young preacher could find a place easily then. It was a time of transition from a Cuba that was officially atheistic to a new arrangement of uneasy co-existence between the government and the country's faith communities.

That relationship today is hardly cozy. Congregations still are not permitted to construct new

buildings, though they can renovate, improve and expand their existing structures.

And that work is helped by mission teams that have come once or twice a month from United Methodist congregations in the United States through VIM, a ministry coordinated by the denomination's General Board of Global Ministries.

These teams can include up to 12 members; our team had 11, including five college students. Teams also bring a monetary gift to the Cuban congregation with which they serve, so that supplies and tools can be purchased to continue the rebuilding, even after the two-week mission trip is over.

It may sound like a cliché, but everybody associated with our recent mission trip, Cuban Methodists and New York City United Methodists alike, agreed that the reconstruction of the buildings is secondary in importance to the relationships that are built during these shared experiences.

While our two countries are still separated by a U.S. travel ban and a trade embargo dating back to the Kennedy administration, personal and congregational connections keep growing, a harbinger perhaps of a better, more mutually respectful future.

*Melchiorre is a freelance producer based in New York City. Photos: United Methodist Volunteers in Mission team members work to expand the Methodist Church in Guanabacoa, Cuba. Image by: James Melchiorre Source: United Methodist News Service*



## **Employment Opportunities**

### **Executive Director of Camp and Retreat Ministry**

The Camping Board of Stewards of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is announcing an opening for the position of Executive Director of camp and retreat ministries. The Pacific Northwest Annual Conference is home to four diverse camping and retreat sites in Washington and Idaho. We believe that camping and retreat ministries are vital for the faith development of people of all ages and for the future vitality of local churches.

**General Responsibilities:** The Executive Director of Camp and Retreat Ministries is responsible to act at the direction of the Camping Board of Stewards to lead, manage, and market Camping and Retreat Ministries. Program should support local churches and connectional ministries in their task of making disciples for Jesus Christ. He/she would manage the properties and resources in the conference care with ecological sensitivity, and to offer hospitality to the larger community.

Applications and further job details are available at <http://www.pnwumc.org/camping/jobdescription.html> or by e-mail request at [cbs@pnwumc.org](mailto:cbs@pnwumc.org). Completed applications should be sent to: Rev. Bruce Smith, 15804 SE Mill Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98684 or [cbs@pnwumc.org](mailto:cbs@pnwumc.org); office phone: (360) 892- 2421.

### **Western Jurisdiction UM Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) Coordinator**

The UMVIM Western Jurisdiction Coordinator is the link between the Annual Conference UMVIM Coordinators and the General Board of Global Ministries in New York. The successful candidate is a "self starter" who demonstrates a passion for faith-based missions; excellent leadership and interpersonal skills; exceptional computer skills to include internet and desk top applications; the ability to work alone and in groups; and do some travel within the U.S. and internationally. This is a part-time position with health and pension benefits. An application and job description can be obtained at the web site [www.umvimwj.com](http://www.umvimwj.com). Applications will be reviewed on August 31, but we will accept applications until the position is filled. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Keyack, [bkeyack@att.net](mailto:bkeyack@att.net).

### **Director of Connectional Ministries - Yellowstone Conference**

The Yellowstone Conference of the United Methodist Church is seeking a Director of Connectional Ministries. This person may be either lay or clergy. Please share this information with anyone you feel might be interested in applying for this position.

**Application Process:** Applications, including a cover letter, resume, and appropriate references, must be submitted electronically to: [dcm@yacumc.org](mailto:dcm@yacumc.org). Applications due September 15, 2008; Desired starting date: January 1, 2009; Position open until filled. For questions or more information, contact Rev Morie Adams-Griffin at [pastormorie@bresnan.net](mailto:pastormorie@bresnan.net) or (406) 388- 1265.

### **Executive Director UMVIM SEJ**

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission of the Southeastern Jurisdiction (UMVIM SEJ) is searching for an Executive Director to lead one of the most exciting volunteer missionary movements in the world. Applicant should be United Methodist, called to ministry, a visionary leader, an excellent motivational speaker, as well as have strong relation skills and broad experience with UMVIM. Position involves extensive travel, salary commensurate with position and is negotiable based on experience. Atlanta based office.

Please send resume with reference contact information to [search@umvim.org](mailto:search@umvim.org) and mail a hard copy to Butch Huffman, 226 George Wilton Drive, Clayton, NC 27520.

## Helpful UMVIM Websites

- [www.umvim.info](http://www.umvim.info)
- [www.umvimwj.com](http://www.umvimwj.com)
- [www.gb-gm-umc.org](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org)
- [www.gb-gm-umc.org/about/us/mv/mission-teams-umvim/](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/about/us/mv/mission-teams-umvim/)
- [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org)
- [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)
- [www.umvim4health.blogspot.com](http://www.umvim4health.blogspot.com)
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- [www.pnwumc.org/missions](http://www.pnwumc.org/missions)
- [www.umvim.org/home.htm](http://www.umvim.org/home.htm)
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## UMC Camp News

### Rare Retreat SALE

Due to a recent cancellation, Camp Indianola is offering any UMC group a huge discount for a Fall Retreat on September 19-21st.

Totem Lodge is our most-requested facility, and is booked solid every weekend except around Christmas, so many churches don't get the option to use it unless they plan far in advance. For this weekend only it is available for booking. Ehkole & Mowich are also available that weekend.

Totem Lodge: Sleeps 40, minimum 30.

Cottage: sleeps 9, min 3.

Mowich: sleeps 30, min 15.

Ehkole: sleeps 25, min 15.

We are offering nearly 30% off for the dates of September 19-21, 2008

Family Retreat Special: Youth 13-18 are ½ price for overnight, Children

## How To Support UMVIM in the Western Jurisdiction

Advance #901463-3 UMVIM Western Jurisdiction

By contributing to Advance #901463-3 you will be supporting the United Methodist Volunteers In Mission Western Jurisdiction office which provides guidance, training, education, cultivation and placement for short-term mission volunteers in the western jurisdiction through the 8 conferences (Alaska Missionary, California-Nevada, California-Pacific, Desert Southwest, Oregon-Idaho, Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountain, Yellowstone)

Drive, NYC, NY 10115) \*\* Please be sure your check is clearly marked "Advance #901463-3 UMVIM WJ".

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**Thank you for your support!**