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**MISSIONS**  
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# MISSIONS

## May Mission - UMCOR Health Kits Goal – 800 Health Kits

On Sunday, May 4, the Chapel of the Cross, Centrum and Celebration Center will be all aflutter with one gallon plastic bags. These gallon bags present a challenge for us as a congregation.

The bags will contain a supply list and packing instructions for health kits to be distributed by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR is a non-profit organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Our goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need. Health kits are the top item sent out by UMCOR. Any person, at any time and at any age, can use them. Health kits contain one hand towel, one washcloth, one comb, a metal file or nail clipper, a bar of bath-sized soap, one toothbrush, six adhesive bandages, and \$1 for depot staff to purchase toothpaste (because toothpaste expires). The total cost of the supplies is around \$12. One person can make a difference. Please take a bag to fill and return by May 18. The kits help sustain everyday life for people who lack ready access to essential supplies. The Health Kits will then go to our United Methodist Annual Conference, and Volunteers in Mission will deliver them to the headquarters in Louisiana. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States, as well as internationally.

### Whiz Kids

Thinking of being a part of the Whiz Kids Ministry next fall? There will be a Whiz Kids Q&A meeting over lunch in Community Hall this Sunday, April 27, after 10:45 worship service. Your lunch will be provided. There are roles for drivers, riders, snack servers, and tutors. Coordinator Carolyn Hays will facilitate the meeting to answer any questions and tell you the process for becoming part of this amazing ministry in partnership with Wesley UMC and Edgemere Elementary.

## Reading With a Child Can Change a Life Forever! Project Transformation Date June 16-19 - Chapel Hill UMC

Each summer members of Servant read with the children of Oklahoma City who are part of the Project Transformation Ministry of the United Methodist Church. This ministry was founded here in the Oklahoma Conference by one of our own members, Pat McGarrity. Many of you volunteer to keep this ministry alive and vibrant in our city. All of the children involved increase their reading abilities, and the older children are sometimes given small "teacher assistant" roles, to help them develop leadership skills. Each day, the children have a Bible lesson, and they also spend one-on-one time with volunteers. Both of these experiences remind them how precious they are, which helps their spiritual formation. We need you and we need others who might come as new volunteers to Project Transformation this summer. The commitment is that each morning that you choose, you come from 9:30-noon. As a volunteer, you listen to children read, one child at a time for 30 minutes (4 children total). It is a small commitment that makes a big difference. During this week the church is also responsible for meals for the college interns that run the program. The meals are delivered in the evenings to OCU. It is a great opportunity for a Sunday school class or small group to serve together one evening. If you are or a class is interested, choose your dates by contacting Pat McGarrity at [patnleroy@yahoo.com](mailto:patnleroy@yahoo.com).



### Mission Team Returns from Liberia

Just imagine flying into a country half-way 'round the world and wondering about the mission ahead. Five members of Church of the Servant recently had that experience...and for them it was life-changing.

Inspired by the story Lovetie Major has been writing with her calling, Leroy Ball, Kimberli Brownlee, and Charlene and Arthur Richardson joined in the effort to establish the Vocational Training and Big Ma's Respite Care Programs in Monrovia, Liberia (West Africa.) Working with the intellectually disabled, their parents and local volunteers, stories and memories began to build immediately. The small campus houses facilities for wood carving, tie-dying, baking, life skills instruction, sewing, literacy and a computer lab. For the first time anywhere in West Africa, young people with special needs are going to school. We watched with amazement how quickly they adapted to learning new skills. In morning devotions, we gave thanks for teachers and staff whose commitment made it all possible.

The stories are indeed inspiring. On Sunday, April 27, 5:00-6:30 p.m., the team will share photos and their stories of how their hearts were touched and their lives changed. Will you hear the story of the 10-year-old girl who spoke for the first time? Relive the opening of the Al and Nancy Williams Bakery & Coffee Shop? Celebrate the charcoal oven's miraculous baking? Join us for light refreshments and inspiring stories on April 27.