

On Sunday, October 25th, Helen Little and Valerie Carpenter traveled from Clayton, NC and Home Memorial United Methodist Church to connect with Bethany in missions. Working with Mrs. Little, the recipient of the (will fill in when I get the name of the award) Award is a blessed challenge. She engages in God sized jobs to meet the needs of people around the world.

The mission Bethany UMC has become involved in is the building of a much needed facility in the community of Michot in Haiti which has no church or school building. Currently, a property is being rented providing living quarters for Pastor Yvon Pierre, his wife and three children plus 10 orphaned children. Because no more space is available in the rented facility, orphaned children are being turned away weekly.

When the mission team at Bethany met with Helen Little, Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter and Reverend Yvon Pierre this past summer, a property had been purchased, a water well had been put in, a wall had been built around the property and blueprints were being finalized for the new multi-purpose building. Our goal was to help raise the funds for the foundation of the building so that when our team traveled to Haiti early in 2010, it would be in time to lay blocks for the building's walls.

Through love gifts, bake sales and yard sales, \$8010.00 came together from Bethany UMC to be added to the thirteen thousand plus dollars already raised in Clayton, NC. The shared vision for the people of Michot is coming together through the connection of God's people. How appreciative and excited we are to be members together with a Pastor and laity who see the vision and who open their hearts, minds and doors to advance of the church of Jesus Christ in His love and provision.

Several people came to our mission team leader, Craig Parker, after Mrs. Little's presentation expressing their desire to go on the mission trip to Haiti. One couple came from Mighty Winds Methodist Church and others were visiting family members of Bethany. Because housing is limited in Michot, only 10 to 12 people can go on the initial trip in January. After the building is closed in, our hope is to return with more workers to join in the finishing work.

It has been estimated that the cost per person will be \$1000 to \$1200 dollars for traveling expenses. Fund raising will continue for the remainder of the year to fund the cost of the mission trip. Christmas greenery is currently being sold. Orders can be taken through the first Sunday of November and the wreaths, centerpieces, etc. will be delivered the week after Thanksgiving. These items can be purchased as gifts to be shipped directly to the recipient. It would be a lovely, early Christmas gift for friends and family. The missions team is also going to purchase a few of the wreaths to sell beyond the week of delivery. If you miss the cut off date to order, please remember that there will be extras on sale later.

Another possibility to defray cost is to donate "sky miles" earned through credit card purchases. If you or someone you know have accumulated sky miles, it may be possible to donate them to purchase an airline ticket for one of the travelers to Haiti.

We reach out because we know that "apart from God, we can do nothing" and "we can do all things through Christ Who strengthens us". Church at home in Wanchese or church in Haiti, He "meets all our needs according to His riches in glory."

In Him with you, Caroline for all the mission team.