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## Get Involved

- 1) Visit [www.Bethany-UMC.org](http://www.Bethany-UMC.org) and click on the Mission & Outreach tab for more information and opportunities to get involved with mission activities currently taking place.
- 2) Check out the Missions Bulletin Board in the hallway between the Ministry Center and the church office.
- 3) Check the Bulletin Boards in Sunday School Classes. Many Program/Group contacts are listed there when classes choose projects specific to the class Bible study directives.
- 4) Contact James Rank, the Missions Committee Chairperson, at 336-0827 or Pastor David Minnich at 258-6017 or [david.minnich@bethany-umc.org](mailto:david.minnich@bethany-umc.org), who oversees the Mission Committee activities throughout the year.
- 5) Email Ginny Conklin at [virginia\\_conklin6@yahoo.com](mailto:virginia_conklin6@yahoo.com) to sign up to receive Mission Updates via email.



Together we can help  
the last, the least  
and the lost!

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# Missions AND Outreach



“Helping the last,  
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Bethany's Mission and Outreach ministry touches thousands of lives with the love of Christ locally, regionally, nationally and around the world. Jesus taught us to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need, and our purpose statement reminds us to "Help the last, the least and the lost."

The Mission and Outreach ministry is supported financially by the church's membership, the Bethany Foundation, and individual contributions. Funds are used for outreach and mission projects and for scholarships to support participation in approved mission projects. Our financial assistance has gone to the Methodist Children's Home in Waco, the Wesley Foundation of Austin, the Montopolis Friendship Center, and the Capital Area Food Bank among others.

In 2008, Bethany members reached out with an estimated 50,450 volunteer hours for local organizations, such as Hill Country Community Ministries, Hands on Housing, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Faith in Action Caregivers, Habitat for Humanity, Hill Country Christmas Bureau and Samaritan Health Ministries. Members



also gave their time participating in CROP Walk, assembling Bags of Grace, hosting blood drives for the Blood Center of Central Texas, mentoring, building personal energy transportation (PETs) and supporting the Bethany Foster/Adopt Group.

Within the church, the Environmental Stewardship has coordinated recycling efforts on campus and educated the congregation on environmental issues through class presentations. In 2009, Bethany held its first Environmental Stewardship fair, where members received information, plants, and other giveaways to raise environmental consciousness from local vendors, including the City of Austin Energy and Capital Metro.

Regionally and nationally, we have sent an adult work team to Beaumont to offer construction assistance to those recovering from Hurricane Rita. Numerous adult sponsors have accompanied our youth mission teams to Mountain T.O.P.,



Brownsville and Palacios, providing guidance and acting as role models for Christ's hands-on love.

Our international aid has included missionaries Roy and Janet May in Costa Rica, South Africa Volunteers in Mission and children of Africa. Bethany funds have brought Christ's healing power globally through our support of the Maua Mission Hospital in Kenya, Clinica Betania in Reynosa, Mexico, and Nothing But Nets in Africa. Bethany additionally supports the efforts of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), both in the United States and around the world.

Members are also involved behind the scenes in our Missions and Outreach ministry. The ministry depends on the congregation to be prayer partners, assist with administrative tasks, help with special events, provide transportation, act as sponsors and much more in addition to actively participating in volunteer efforts.

