

Global Missions

First Presbyterian Church Gainesville, Florida

*Glorify God, Make Disciples and
Meet Human Needs*

The mission of the Global Missions Committee is to go beyond our walls, to go beyond our shores, to give aid, solace, refuge, and to share the Gospel in the service of our Great Comforter. In the name of our Lord and Savior, our motto: "Hands Across the Sea."

The vision for Global Missions is to engage all members of First Presbyterian Church to use their time, talent or treasure in serving God in order to meet physical, communal and spiritual needs of His people worldwide and demonstrate the fellowship and virtues of Christian life.

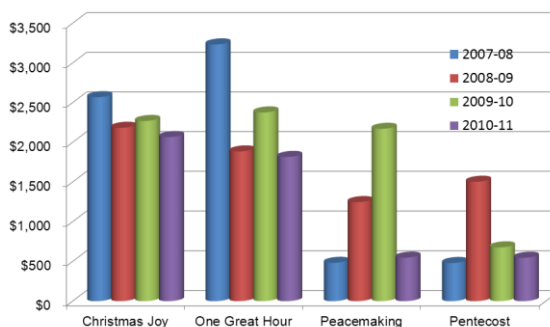


FPC Mission team members and Nicaraguan friends, 2011.

We do all this and more:

- Support denominational missions through United Missions Giving (\$13,500 in 2009-2011)
- Collect four special offerings:
 - Peacemaking (25% of this offering is used locally)
 - Christmas Joy
 - One Great Hour of Sharing
 - Pentecost (40% of this offering is used locally to support programs that help at-risk youth)

Special Offerings & Collections



- Support missionaries
 - Emerson and Martina Wilson, church development missionaries in Nicaragua
 - Drs. James and Susan Kraus, medical missionaries to Niger
 - Continuing support for medical missions in Malawi (started by former missionary Dr. Sue Makin)
- Organize and support mission trips
 - Mission teams to Nicaragua, 2004-2011
 - Two youth went on the Jamaican Mutual Mission and FPC hosted the mission during the Florida leg of the trip in 2008
 - Supported a mission trip to Russia in 2006
- Provide leadership for the Gainesville Crop Walk in partnership with Church World Service
- Support for fair trade and social justice through sale of Fairly Traded Coffee and related products
- Support for selected missions through the Committee's budget:
 - Jamaica Ecumenical Mutual Mission
 - Thornwell Home for Children, Clinton, South Carolina
 - Siloam Eye Hospital, Seoul, South Korea
- Collected funds for missions, including:
 - 2 cents a meal Jamaica Offering
 - Duval Home
 - Jamaica Ecumenical Medical Mission
 - Ministry team in Estelí, Nicaragua



- Work to coordinate church-wide responses to disasters:
 - Allocated \$2,000 from the special missions account and received over \$800 in donations for the PDA relief efforts for the Haiti earthquake in 2010.
 - Act as a liaison for members of the congregation who wish to volunteer with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program.

Restroom on the Church campus, 2011.



Nicaragua Mission Trip Projects

- 2004 - Multi-purpose court & painting
- 2005 - Security fence for church property
- 2006 - Addition for the Music Director's home
- 2007 - Youth ministry building
- 2008 - Painting youth ministry building & site preparation for missionaries' home
- 2009 - Construction at 2 sites: house for a church family and mission center/missionaries' home
- 2010 - Construction of concrete floors at a family's home and painting the church & youth building
- 2011 - Construction of a bathroom at the church and a bedroom at the homes of two families



Beth Wood helping children with the "Good Samaritan" game during Vacation Bible School, 2008.



Installation of Juan Carlos Gutierrez as Pastor of Shalom Presbyterian Church in Esteli, Nicaragua, July, 2009.