

Report on Local Projects in 2011

The last two months of the year saw thousands of people helped through our efforts with Feed the Community and our Christmas projects. On Thanksgiving Day, we served about **9,500** hot meals to people in need throughout our county. This was a slight decrease from the number of meals served last year.

Following Thanksgiving, our focus moved to our Christmas projects. Through the combined efforts of the Student Ministry, MPACT Office, and many Life Groups, we helped **351** children with Christmas gifts who would have otherwise had little to nothing for Christmas. The total is the result of four different events held between December 10th and December 18th. The breakdown of the totals of children helped at this year's Christmas events is as follows:

Christmas for Others	162
E.P. Todd School	49
Helping Center	75
United Baptist Church	65



A party was also held for each Christmas event except for the Helping Center. At the party, each child and many parents were also told the real Christmas story and the gospel was clearly shared. The 75 children who received toys and clothing at the Helping Center represented 32 families who received assistance.

We want to thank everyone who made these events happen through your love and generosity.

Homeless in Spartanburg

As of January 27, 2011, there were 277 known homeless in Spartanburg County. Of these, 69 were children under the age of 18, and 30 were five years or under. There are not enough beds in shelters in Spartanburg to house all of those who are without a home. Several of these have found their way to our campus in search of shelter, financial help, and spiritual comfort. Let's pray about how we can minister to this currently unreached people group living in the shadow of our steeple.

Serve Leader Meeting Schedule

- Jan. 22 at 9:30 & 11:00 am
MPACT Ready Room
- Jan. 25 at 6:00 pm
Room 166
- Mar. 25 at 9:30 & 11:00 am
MPACT Ready Room
- Mar. 28 at 6:00 pm
Room 166

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January Local Missions Focus:

Carolina Pregnancy Center

For over 20 years, the Carolina Pregnancy Center has ministered to women in a crisis pregnancy situation. They provide free pregnancy tests, confidential counseling, ultrasound & pregnancy information, Bible Studies, support groups, parenting classes, adoption referrals, and a baby store with items needed for new mothers. The lives of many unborn babies have been saved through this ministry.



How you can help:

You can be involved by volunteering to be a counselor to women in crisis (training will be provided). You could also volunteer to serve in their “Earn while you learn store”.

Other ways to be involved:

You can donate gift cards from places like Walmart, Target, and Toys ‘R Us to be used to purchase items for the baby store.

Prayer Request:

Pray that women in crisis pregnancies will have a heart for their unborn children and will choose life for them. Pray that they will discover the true “life giver,” Jesus Christ.

To volunteer call the Carolina Pregnancy Center at 582-4673.

February Local Missions Focus:

Miracle Hill Rescue Mission

Miracle Hill Rescue Mission opened in 2002, providing housing for homeless men, women, and children in the Spartanburg area. The Mission can hold 85 people with an additional 30 in the cold weather shelter. In addition to providing shelter, they provide meals, medical care, Bible Studies, help finding jobs, etc.

How to get involved:

They are in need of people to help lead Bible Studies, devotions, or mentor a resident. Your LIFE Group could host a Valentine Party or childrens groups could make Valentines for the residents—anything to show them the love of Christ. To get involved, call 583-1628.

Other ways to be involved:

During the month of February, your Life Group can collect cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, and disinfectants for the Rescue Mission.

Prayer Request:

Pray that residents will come to know the love of Christ and that Christ will free them from the bondages of their past.



**Miracle Hill
MINISTRIES**

**“You can give
without loving,
but you
cannot love
without
giving”.**

-Amy Carmichael



Upcoming trips:

Spring Break 2012—Providence, RI

This trip will be looking for areas to minister in Rhode Island, where the first Baptist church in America was founded. It is now less than 2 percent evangelical.

June 2012—Seattle, WA

We will be working with the Weldon family who recently attended our GMC.

June 2012—Bluefield, WV

The singles be conducting a Vacation Bible School at this location in which they have visited for several years.

July 2012—Pittsburgh, PA

This will be an Upward Sports trip led by the Recreation Ministry.

Please contact the MPACT office at 699-4321 or mpact@fbs.org for more details.



Upcoming Trips:

February 18-25, 2012

A team of 7-9 medical personnel are needed for ministry to meet the physical and spiritual needs of Haitians at a children’s home in the immediate town and in neighboring villages. Team will take all meds and equipment necessary plus healthy snacks for the children.

March 23- April 8, 2012—East London, South Africa

A team of 15 to 20 will be building two orphan homes and conducting children’s VBS/sports camps. The building of orphan homes will allow children to be raised in a Christian environment. There could be over 200 children attending the VBS and sports camps.

June 30-July 12, 2012—Central Asia

This project is part of our partnership with personnel in this Central Asian country. We will provide orphanage camp construction plus VBS meetings for 15 children who are mostly teenagers.

July 2012—Greece

Central Europe’s Annual Meeting. A team of 20 will work with other churches to do VBS for the children of M’s during Central Europe’s Annual Meeting. There will be 1000 people attending and 200+ volunteers are needed. Multiple churches will be involved to help the M’s in this location.

Contact the MPACT Office for more details at 699-4321 or mpact@fbs.org.

Prayer Requests:

- **Pray for Paul H. and Hans & Brandy O. as they both have finished training and are heading onto the mission field. Pray for their adjustment as they enter a new culture and seek to learn a new language.**
- **Pray for Jeff and Josie G. as they will begin training in January and head to the mission field in the Spring.**



**"What are we
here for - to
have a good
time with the
Christians or
to save
sinners?"
-Malla Moe**





**“For we are laborers together with God”
I Corinthians 3:9**

**February 20: Women on Mission General Meeting
10:45 am in Room 160**

The focus of WMU is to equip individuals to understand, embrace, and live the mission of God.

SPIHN Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are needed during the week our church hosts SPIHN families. Each night, a host is needed to spend the night at the church with the SPIHN guests. Also, meals are needed for our guests. Our next opportunity to host families is in March.



If you are willing to volunteer please contact the MPACT Office at 699-4321 or send an email to paige.stephenson@uwpiedmont.org.

Work Nights at the Helping Center

Want to pitch in at the Helping Center but can't get there during the day or need childcare? The Helping Center will be holding Work Nights on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of the month from 6:00-7:30 pm. Drop the kids off at their Wednesday night activities and head down the parking lot to the Helping Center! Help keep the Center organized, clean and ready to minister to Spartanburg's hurting.

Panera Bread donates its old bread to the Helping Center to give away to clients in need. We need volunteers willing to pick up the bread on Tuesday nights, and then deliver it to the Helping Center on Wednesday mornings.

For more information on these service opportunities, contact the MPACT Office at 699-4321.

Please remember to pray for our special friends on their special days!



Sheree M.	1/5
Kelly W.	1/8
Esther G.	1/11
Matt L.	1/22
Weston M.	1/23
Jackson S.	2/4
Cole W.	2/7
Peter O.	2/12
Paul H.	2/21
Hannah H.	2/23
Carl M.	2/27

Unreached Unengaged People Groups



Continue to join us in prayer as we seek to identify and embrace at least one of the more than 3,800 people groups that are still unreached and unengaged with the Gospel. Pray for God

to lead us to a people group that would match our church's giftedness and natural affinity. Pray that the Gospel would be able to penetrate these people groups and lead to a church planting movement.