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A Journey to Hope

Part Three

Story by: Chuckua Yang

1978-1980

In a cold windy day at the outskirts of the jungles of Mount Phu Bia — the highest Mountain in Laos at nearly 10,000 feet — where the Hmong people took refuge since the Communists took over Laos. My siblings, five brothers, three sisters were at a small village called Thongcan, Meuangaum Kaan on February 10, 1978, where the journey started. Along with us were those who escaped and aimed for the west to Thailand for the unknown. Words held promise that many Hmong people have reached Thailand with their lives.

I took full responsibility for my siblings after our parents were killed in the past year. I was 18 at the time with my younger sister Bla, 16, and brother Zongchang, 14. We the older carried our belongings, looked for any possible food — such as young bamboo, wild banana, roots and leaves — for the family along the way. I remember my family almost got killed by some inedible poisonous roots.

The two youngest, twin 12-year-old sisters Ya & Chou, carried each on their backs the two youngest brothers, Lue, 3, and Chao, 1 1/2. We followed a group of about 350 people. Our group was targeted by the Pathetlao Armies (LPDR) by ambush, trial bombs. More people died from starving, disease, illness and drowning in the Mekong River. When we crossed the Mekong to the Thailand shore, we were ambushed once again by the Thailanders, who took money, silver, gold, and all of our valuable belongings. Some people were beat to death due after refusing to surrender.

The night of April 19, 1978, we crossed the Mekong River. That was the last time I saw it. At the morning, when the sun was rose along the Thailand shore, we were found by the Thai army and police officers. We were on our way to the

refugee camp of Nongkhai, Thailand, which housed about 20,000 Hmong who recently escaped from the jungles of Laos. We were there until August 1979, when the Thai government closed the camp, and the refugees were transferred to Ban Vinai Refugee Camp of Pakchon, Loei, Thailand.

In the camp, we were kept safe by the surrounding barbed wire fence with only a two way gate guarded by police officers. No one was allowed to exit the camp unless they had medical emergency that required more assistance or to depart from the third world only with a validate permission or passport visa.

People could not have survived without the help from the United Nations, United States, Canada, France, and other counties' support. They could not live the life they wanted, whether it was farming, working, or running a business to support themselves and their own family. As some of the elderly have said, "We're not much different from chickens in the coops which waiting for the owner to come out and feed their chickens and find some were sick and some were dead."

But, the best of all, I met my wife Poyee there — we were united. She was the best mother at all times for my siblings. She took good care of them and the family even though we were far below poverty and hungry. Finally I was so grateful that my beautiful happy family of nine included our first blessed new born son on November 8, 1980, in Ban Vinai Refugee Camp of Thailand. To be continued.

God bless,

Pastor Chuckua Yang

Sermon Series

May 8 to May 30, 2010 "Questions God Asks Us"

May 9th: Sermon Title: "What Are You Looking For?" Scripture John 1: 29-42

May 16th: Sermon title: "Do You Want to Get Well?" Scripture John 5: 1-9

May 23rd: Sermon Title: "Playing With Dynamite" Pentecost Sunday, Scripture Acts 1: 1-11, 2: 1-5

May 30th: Sermon Title: "A Controlled Blast" Scripture Acts 2: 37-47 Bell Choir & Children's Bells will play

Take some time each week to read and study the scripture that Pastor Donna has chosen in this Sermon Series.

Finance Reports for All

The monthly financial reports and quarterly endowment statements are posted on the bulletin board in the Social Hall next to the Fireside Room. We want you to know what is happening with your giving. If you have questions, talk to John Fowler, Betty Ledford, or Pastor Laura.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Come!

*Bring your mom
if you can!*

*Enjoy a great time
celebrating motherhood*

Moms deserve it!

*SUNDAY, MAY 9TH
12 PM*

Menu:

BBQ Pork Ribs
Vegetable Combo

Serve with:

Rice

Egg Rolls

Desserts

Soups

And

Drinks

Head Chef: Pastor Chuckua Yang
Your donation of \$8:00 per adult &

\$4:00 for children under 12

will be appreciated

Hmong Ministry's Activities for May 2010

- Sunday Services at 8:45 am.
- Sunday School at 10:00 am.
- Tuesday's Community Prayer Night at 6:00 pm.
- Friday's Men, Women, and Youth Activities at 6:00 pm.

1. May 3-6, Hmong Pastors Academy at Clear Lake
2. May 8, Feather Fiesta Booth
3. May 9, Mother's Day Brunch
4. May 11, Hmong Pastors meeting in Clovis
5. May 12, Conference Committee on Hmong Ministry (CCOHM) meeting in Clovis Memorial UMC
6. May 15, Toua's Wedding at Stockton Central UMC
7. May 22, Hmong Caucus meeting in Oroville FUMC
8. May 26, Dinner@6 Hmong Cuisine
9. June 12, Conference Committee on Hmong Ministry's Host Christian Music (concert) in Marysville FUMC

Please keep these activities in your prayers,

Amen.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Sunday, May 16, 2010

9am until 5pm

Come and go in the Sanctuary
Prayer teaching & practice station



So I turned to the LORD God, to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes...

Daniel 9:3



FOR THE KINGDOM WORK OF
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OF OROVILLE

Announce a holy fast; proclaim a sacred assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the temple of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord. Joel 1:14

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, rejoice! Do not be anxious about anything, but in **everything**, by **prayer and petition**, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4, 6-7

SUMMER TEAM SIGNUPS

**We have several projects for the summer.
Signup sheets will be available on Sundays for you to add your name.**

**Where is God calling you to serve?
Which projects touch your heart?**

Summer One Room Sunday School

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Sign up for one Sunday or several to
help the children do crafts or sing songs.**

Summer Family Camp

Help plan some time under the stars for our church family.

Summer Children's Feeding Program

**Help plan menus, prepare meals, or serve breakfast
and/or lunch to the children of our neighborhood.**

(This is still in the research stage, but we need to know who is interested.)

May Birthdays



5/5 Toua Vang

5/5 Paterra Yang



5/6 Ma Yang Maua



5/9 Lee Yang

5/10 Sarina Yates



5/14 Micah Buis



5/15 Vaseng Vang



5/24 Cher Vang



5/25 Denise Tye



5/27 Yeng K Hang

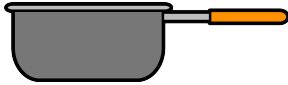
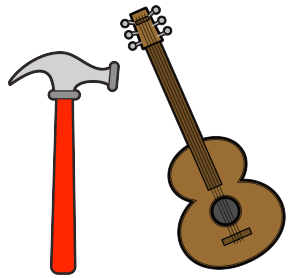
5/30 John Brown

Treasurer's Report - General Fund

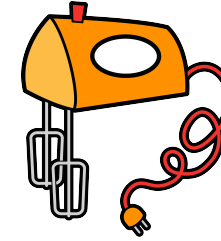
Deposits 3/1/10 thru 3/31/10	16497.46
Checks written 3/1 thru 3/31/10	<u>14886.81</u>
Difference	1610.65
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Deposits 4/1/10 thru 4/15/10	11871.62
Checks written 4/1 thru 4/15	<u>10701.60</u>
Difference	1170.02
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The general fund checking account after checks written thru 4/15 has a balance of \$2779.75. I have approximately \$2000.00 in bills to pay next week, which leaves \$700.00. Payroll will be due 3/30 & to pay it I need approx. \$3200.00. This means between now & the 30th, I need \$2500 to come in. The last two deposits in March totaled \$1900. If the last two Sundays in April follow what March did, we will be short by \$600. My other concerns are the health insurance payments, of which we owe January, February, March & April at \$1137 per month & the pastor's pension, of which we still owe for 2009 \$2216. We are way behind on these two payments. I am asking for the congregation to help out by giving extra, above & beyond your pledge, and designate it towards either of these two items. I know that with lots of prayer, we can overcome our financial burdens, so when you think about your pledges & extra giving, please pray & give from your heart.

Betty Ledford, Treasurer



Rummage Sale



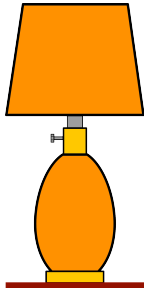
June 4th and 5th.



Sign up with Cynthia Slattery.



Begin now looking for items to donate for sell.



Safe Sanctuaries

**Fingerprinting Is Finally Here
Sunday, June 6, 10:30 a.m.**

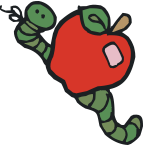


Everyone who wants to work with children, youth, or the handicapped, needs to be fingerprinted. This is DOJ level fingerprinting. The results will be kept at the church in the SPRC locked cabinet with access only by the three pastors and the chair of the SPRC.

The cost is \$30 per person. We have some funds from previous years' Children's Faires to help those who cannot cover the cost themselves.

A sign up sheet will be available in May to make your appointment.

Angel Food Ministries



We have just been made aware of an exciting new resource in our community. Hayden Ministries/The Hope Center is the host site for Angel Food Ministries. This ministry offers high quality food at low prices to **ANYONE**.

There are different menus to choose from that change monthly and the next order, for the April menu, needs to be submitted by May 14th. There have to be at least 300 orders for a shipment to be sent. Menus and brochures are available in the narthex. Contact The Hope Center @ 538-8398 for more information.


Outreach & Witness

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR FEATHER
ARTICLES TO:

umc@1stunitedmethodist.org

May

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	3 TRUSTEES 7:00pm	4	5 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	6 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	7 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	8 FEATHER FIESTA DAYS FOOD BOOTH
9 SUNDAY SCHEDULE & MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH	10 FINANCE 5:30pm	11	12 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	13 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	14 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	15
16 SUNDAY SCHEDULE DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING 9AM-5PM	17	18 CCCO 12:00pm SPRC 6:00pm	19 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE CCCO Annual Meeting 7:00pm	20 THURSDAY SCHEDULE & UMVIM 6 PM Planning Meeting @ Pastor Chuckua's	21 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	22 BAPTISM - Bedrock Park HMONG CAUCUS - OROVILLE FUMC
23 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	24 WORSHIP 9:00am MARLY'S CIRCLE 7:00pm	25 CHURCH COUNCIL 6:00PM	26 WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE	27 THURSDAY SCHEDULE	28 FRIDAY SCHEDULE	29
30 SUNDAY SCHEDULE	31 MEMORIAL DAY 	1	2	3	4 RUMMAGE SALE	5 RUMMAGE SALE

THANK YOU

Thank you to Paradise United Methodist Church's Men's Club for providing basketballs for our basketball ministry. Continue to bring in those basketballs. They will all be used.



We need basketballs for our basketball court. If you have a used basketball that is still in good shape, donate it to our basketball ministry. The Trustees are putting up nets on the basketball court. We would like to keep basketballs out for the kids in the community to use. New, inexpensive basketballs would also be great.

APPORTIONMENTS: Jurisdictional Korean Mission Fund

Following is an example of how the Jurisdictional Korean Mission Fund can fulfill its purpose in our Conference.

The Cho Un Korean Methodist Church was started at Citrus Heights UMC while Pastor Donna was pastor there. It was initiated by a Korean pastor and his family coming each Sunday and simply sitting and praying . Later the Korean churches from around the Cal-Nev Conference would come and have a worship service inviting Korean-Americans in the area to join in. Following in the Methodist tradition, this included some wonderful Korean-American potlucks. (Ask Pastor Donna about the international fund raiser dinner that featured Filipino, Tongan, American, and Korean foods.)

Since that early beginning the church has grown. Members come early to sit and pray for God's blessings. This Korean church is now larger than the Anglo church that originally hosted it. They are a wonderfully giving and loving community of followers of Jesus Christ. They are financially self-sustaining and are helping other congregations to begin.

The Jurisdictional Korean Mission Fund provides monies for such churches to start up from nothing. The fund helps provide salaries when there are no parishioners and assists the host church to handle the expenses of an additional service.

Our 2010 annual apportionment for this fund is \$57.00 or \$4.75 per month. This may be the apportionment fund you will want to support.

Thank you.

Margaret Brown



Daffodil Hill

As you separate your bulbs at the end of spring, consider setting some aside for the children to plant at the church this fall. We want to make the rocky hill in front of the church a natural beauty. This fall, Children's Church will be planting bulbs to bloom next spring.



Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your donations. The SPCA really appreciates the donations. They raised \$4,000 for the cats and dogs. I also had a lot of fun bowling and my highest score was a little over 100.

Sincerely,
Macen Buis

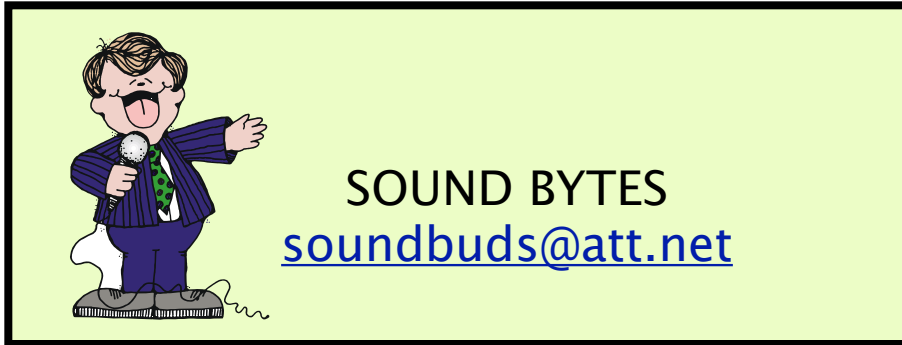
FOOD PANTRY SUNDAYS

<u>1st Sunday</u>	<u>2nd Sunday</u>	<u>3rd Sunday</u>	<u>4th Sunday</u>	<u>5th Sunday</u>
<p><i>Canned:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meat (ham, chicken etc) • Tuna • Vegetables • Fruit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macaroni and cheese • Dry pasta • Rice • Pasta sauces • Peanut butter • Jelly 	<p><i>Canned:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soup • Stew • Chili • Pastas (spaghetti, ravioli etc) • Box of crackers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oatmeal • Pancake mix • Syrup • Dry cereal • Granola bars • Powdered milk • Juice 	<p>When there is one:</p> <p>YOUR CHOICE!</p>

Thanks to our wonderful congregation for supporting the food pantry and helping to feed the people of our church and community.

Pastor Donna reports the pantry is used frequently.

The Outreach and Witness committee would like to try a new approach to keeping the pantry stocked. Beginning in February we are asking that the congregation bring different food items each Sunday of the month. By doing this we hope to keep the pantry stocked with a variety of food. **NON PERISHABLES ONLY!** We don't expect you to bring everything on the list, just whatever you can.



Still in the works:

Completion of the sound booth

- Building a cabinet in the Social Hall for a permanent sound system setup,
- 2 more speakers in social hall,
- Rewire the speakers in the social hall,
- More microphones (both wired and wireless) for sanctuary and social hall
- Assistive listening

Have a need for additional media for a Sunday Service or special occasion?

Please contact Jeremy Buis by leaving a message at the church or email at the above address.

Please have a list of media items you will need and the date(s) and time(s) you will have a need for this service.

If you are not sure what you will need, he or an associate will meet and go over it with you.

We need at least one week's notice to prepare and set up the equipment .

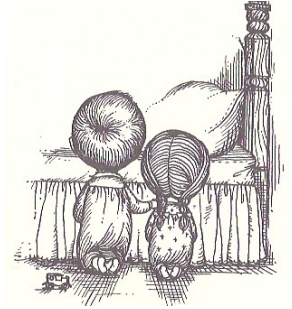
Joys & Concerns:

Joan Azevedo - recovering from injuries due to a fall; **Bruce Barton** - having a defibrillator installed; **Harriet Steiger** - having heart catheterization and suffers from vertigo; **Emma Spencer** - recovering from injuries due to a fall; Suzanne Love's son-in-law **Rich** - open heart surgery and also her boss **Shauna** is very ill & in the hospital; **David Dewey** - recovering from colds & his brother **Louie** has pain from bad ankles; Robin Rich - her helper **Tina** is having surgery & also has family issues and **Robin's brother** - still being treated for cancer; **David Jacobsen** - contemplating a move to Sacramento & **David & Nancy** both have health issues; **Chuck Bailey** - pain from gout in his wrist; Bev & Chuck Bailey's son **David** - running tests for an abdominal problem; Christl Yates - her son Dustin's fiancée **Sabrina** - had emergency appendectomy and Christl's sister-in-law **Anita Messerschmidt** - kidney problems & may have to go on dialysis; Gail Eatough-Smith's daughter **Jennifer** - Jennifer & her husband are attempting to become pregnant & need prayers; Linda Perry's former husband **Chuck** - having heart surgery later this week, he lives in Texas; **Pastor Chuckua** - having chest pains that are not related to his heart; Sue Fredericksen' sister **Jo** - has arthritis; Cathy Weitze's nephew **Logan** - has strep throat; Ellen Felice - **friends** in Arizona need prayers; **Patti Blissenbach** - upper respiratory infection; **Pastor Paul Clay & wife Terri** - prayers for finding a new church to pastor; **David Jacobsen** - prayers for a posting as a conference lay minister; **Jim Hibbert** - has a hernia; **Margaret Brown** - has been very sick with a lung infection, she is improving, but still very ill; **John Brown** - keep in prayers while he takes care of Margaret; **Linda Perry** - suffering with asthma; **Brett Yates** - prayers for his success in his job search.



Remember those in our church family in need of prayers

Those with ongoing concerns: Kenneth Felice; Wright & Elaine Larkey; Theresa Abernathy; Skip Shelton; Tim Witzche; Wang & Yer Vang; Kathleen Sharkey; Alice Pittman; Roy Stai; Sara Green; Spencer Bateman; Ann Boudrot; Darin Petty; John Brown; Tracy Hayes; Katie & John Voos; Haley Warren; David Jacobsen; Michael Grainger; Bobby Ludolf; Loraine Hiett; Ross & Wendi Ewalt; Bruce Barton; Lynn Barnett; Chris Barnes; Mary Ruth Heffernan; Betty Ball; Virginia Field; Harriet Steiger; Doris Miller; Sue Fredericksen; Tyler Yang; Jeff Felice; Pastor Donna's cousin Elizabeth; Gladys James; Ka's mom - Khou; Mee Lee & Tong Xiong; Rachel Brown & family & Tristan Brown; Margaret Brown; Emily Heffernan, Jeremy Buis; Joan Keller.



Those suffering loss of a loved one:

Pastor Chuckua & family upon the recent tragic loss of his cousin Pahoua Lo & her 16 year old son Blong Lo in a car accident and, also, Chuckua's sister Bla & brother-in-law Nujerry & family for the loss of their uncle Chia Sua of Fresno; Jinx Diliberti & Jim Webster & family upon the loss of Jinx's mother Mary Jones; and Al Klein and his family his mother, Anna Klein, passed away

Joys:

Suzanne Love's granddaughter Emily is turning 13; John Casner has a new great granddaughter, Elizabeth Casner; and Christl Yates's son Dustin is getting married. Much happiness to all experiencing the great joys that come with life!!!!

SAVE THE DATE

Mark you calendars for the upcoming events.

- ◆ May 1st UMVIM Haiti Training Day
- ◆ May 8th Feather Fiesta Days - Food Booth
- ◆ May 22nd Baptism-Bedrock Park
- ◆ May 22nd Hmong Caucus
- ◆ June 28th - July 1st Vacation Bible School
- ◆ Aug 5th-7th Rummage Sale
- ◆ Aug, 13 - 14 All Church Family Camp @ Shasta
Camp
- ◆ August 29th Freedom Fanatics

Publicity

Our publicity is being handled by Jeremy Buis and Nonie Buis. If you have an event please let them know by completing the following form.

PUBLICITY FORM

This must be filled at least three weeks before the event.

Name of event _____

Date(s) of event _____

Place of event _____

Start & Stop time of event _____

Special Information concerning event _____

Contact person and phone number _____

Email this information to: umc@1stunitedmethodist.org



Heifer for Haiti



Bring your CRV recyclables to church and place them in the boxes in the Social Hall. The Buis' carry the bottles and cans down for recycling and then turn the proceeds in to be sent to Heifer Project. Bring them to church instead of putting them in your recycling can at home.

Heifer and Haiti will thank you.

April \$44.52



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RALEY'S & FOOD MAXX SHARE
CARDS*

WHEN YOU SHOP



Pilot Project to Begin for Haiti Volunteers

<http://www.cnumc.org/news/detail/2043>

4/22/2010

By Elliott Wright | Stamford, Conn. (UMNS)

United Methodist mission volunteer service in post-quake Haiti will focus on housing, health, education and pastoral services through a six-month pilot project expected to get under way soon.

The pilot program, which could be extended, will involve both Haitians and volunteers from outside the country. It is the outcome of consultations among the representatives of the Methodist Church in Haiti, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, United Methodist Volunteers in Mission and the volunteers office of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

The program is open to qualified volunteers from the United States and from Methodist churches in the Caribbean, Latin America and other parts of the world.

Dr. Brian Good of Salt Lake City examines Medina Alexis at Grace Children's Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Holding Medina is her mother, Ketly Alexis. UMNS photos by Mike DuBose.

A \$565,000 grant from UMCOR for the project was approved April 13 by UMCOR directors and affirmed by the Board of Global Ministries, of which UMCOR is a part. Discussion of the project in committee indicated that teams could possibly be in the field by early May.

Volunteer registration

Since a Jan. 12 earthquake devastated Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas, more than 3,000 people have registered their interest in going to Haiti as mission volunteers on a Web site maintained by Global Ministries.

Family housing will be one of the initial priorities, said Melissa Crutchfield, UMCOR's international disaster coordinator. While earthquake-resistant housing will be the long-term goal, she indicated, an immediate need is for transitional housing. Facilities for schools and health services are also priorities. In addition, the project includes training for Haitian pastors to become better equipped to deal with earthquake-related stress.

Infrastructure challenges -- such as transportation for people and materials, and housing for visitors -- have slowed the use of mission volunteers in post-earthquake Haiti, according to UMCOR staff.

In the pilot stage, volunteer teams will work on projects selected as priorities by the Methodist Church in Haiti. Each team will comprise eight to 12 members with skills appropriate to particular projects. U.S. teams will be coordinated through United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, a grassroots movement that operates on annual conference and jurisdictional levels.

Each team of volunteers will provide from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per qualifying project, amounts that will be matched by funds from the UMCOR grant. Team contributions will go through The Advance, the designated mission-giving channel of the church. All priority sites are expected to be identified by mid-June.

A central calendar

Teams will be scheduled through a central U.S.-based office, which will ensure that necessary paperwork covering insurance, finances and travel is appropriately handled. An office in Haiti will provide links to the church there and coordinate logistics and materials on the ground for teams.

Susan J. Meister of Belleville, Ill., has been chosen as the calendaring consultant. She is a member of Signal Hill United Methodist Church in the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference and has experience in mission, relief and church communications.

The Rev. Mike Willis of Vestal, N.Y., who is fluent in conversational Creole, the language of Haiti, will be based in Port-au-Prince. He and his wife, the Rev. Mary Ricketts, are pastors of the Vestal United Methodist Church. He has been involved in Haiti mission work since 1995 and has visited there some 20 times, leading work teams in construction, microcredit and clean water projects.

Haitians will be involved in each undertaking. The proposal states that "substantial numbers of Haitians can be hired to work with team at a suggested 2-to-1 ratio of Haitians to Americans."

The first critical step for volunteers is to register online at <http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/HaitiVolunteer/>. In the United States, these names will go to the jurisdictional and annual conference coordinators, who will assist in assembling teams and coordinating with the calendar office.

Teams from Latin America and the Caribbean will be organized with the assistance of Global Ministries, the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas, and the Council of Evangelical United Methodist Churches in Latin America.

The United Methodist Church has been sending volunteer-in-mission teams to Haiti for more than 30 years, and has strong links to congregations and institutions there. Prior to the January earthquake, the network was placing approximately 100 teams per year in Haiti.

*Wright is an author and consultant to the Board of Global Ministries.

May Worship

May 2nd

Greeters: Pat Foster Betty Ledford
Coffee Hour: Carol Anderson Janet Short
Liturgist: Communirn
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Sem Xiong

May 9th Mother's Day

Greeters: Crystal & Sarina Yates
Coffee Hour: Emily & Richard Fancher
Liturgist: Pao
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Richard Fancher

May 16th

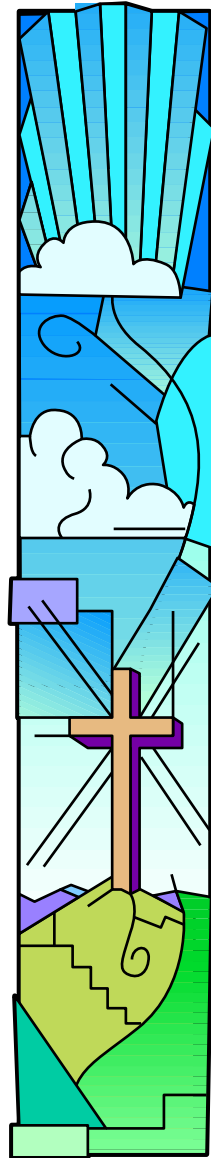
Greeters: Darby & Gerry Miller
Coffee Hour: Erin & Micah Buis
Liturgist: Cathy Weitze
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Susan Sharon

May 23rd

Greeters: Tyler Yang Nan Vang
Coffee Hour: Cathy Weitze Ellen Felice
Liturgist: David Jacobson
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Jeremy/Kyle Buis

May 30th

Greeters: Tyler Yang Nan Vang
Coffee Hour: Cathy Weitze Ellen Felice
Liturgist: David Jacobson
Nursery Volunteer:
Lockup: Stu Shaner



Dinner @ Six

May 5th Cinco De Mayo

Tacos, refried beans, rice, tortilla chips & salsa and dessert
Chefs: Finance Committee

May 12th: Beans with weenies, corn casserole, cole slaw, dessert
Chefs: Worship Committee

May 19th: Chicken & Vegetable Stew
Chefs: Trustees

May 26th: Hmong traditional soup (chicken rice soup) Egg Rolls, Steamed Rice, BBQ pork ribs, Vegetables. Dessert
Chefs: Pastor Chuckua & the Hmong Congregation

Summer Sunday School

Summer begins the first Sunday of June. We will be working on a play all summer in our One Room Sunday School. All children Preschool and up are welcome. The play this year is “Freedom Fanatics,” a play about Moses and the Hebrew people escaping Egypt. We will need help from adults during the Sunday School hour. (We would like our regular Sunday School teachers to have a break during the summer.) You can sign up for one Sunday or several Sundays. We will need help with crafts, singing, staging, and costumes. It will be a frog hopping good time, so come join the fun.

Vacation Bible School

June 28 – July 1

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Volunteers will be needed for VBS this summer. Please let Pastor Laura know if you can help in this endeavor.

Children’s Handbells

If your children, grandchild, or great-grandchild would like to play, bring them for practice at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Groom’s Room.

LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO HELP COUNT CHURCH MONEY

The Finance Committee is looking for some people to help count the church money on Monday mornings. We also need someone to help count the money after Dinner at Six on Wednesday evenings. Perhaps you could just help once in awhile when the regular money counter isn't able to do it. Maybe you could only do it on Monday mornings or maybe you could only do it on Wednesday evenings. Maybe you could help on a regular basis or maybe you can help when needed. Right now we only have two people counting the money on a regular basis and if one of them can't do it we can't count the money. Also the people that cook the Dinner at Six needs to get their money back the night they cook the dinner so we need to count the money that evening. We need some help so if you have an interest in helping us please contact our Financial Secretary Gerry Miller.

Thank you

John S. Fowler, Chairman Finance Committee

USE YOU'RE RALEY'S AND FOOD MAXX SHARE CARDS WHEN YOU SHOP

A good way to help our church budget is to remember to use your Raley's and Food Maxx Share Cards when you do you're shopping for your groceries. When you pay for your groceries give your share card to the clerk and they will swipe your card and the church will get money back that will help our church budget. In 2009 the church received \$597.87 from Raley's share cards and \$422.79 from the Food Maxx share cards. That's a total of \$1,020.66 that helped our church budget. This is a great way to help us pay our church bills. So far in 2010 the Raley's share cards have made \$151.59 and the Food Maxx cards have made \$94.89. So remember to use your share card when you shop.

Unfortunately Raley's isn't giving out any new share cards at this time so we can't give you one if you don't have one but we have share cards for Food Maxx in the church office. If you need a share card for Food Maxx just ask the office for one. This will be a great way to help our church budget during these difficult financial times.

Thank you so much for your help.

John S. Fowler, Chairman Finance Committee

Haiti Health Kits

We took 46 Health Kits to Redding to be shipped to the UMCOR warehouse in Salt Lake City. Another 15 kits are in the making. They will be mailed to UMCOR when ready. If you would like to add to them, please let Pastor Laura know.

Health Kits can be sent year around since they are used for all disasters when they arise. A health kit consists of:

1 hand towel, 1 wash cloth, 1 toothbrush, 1 bar of soap, 6 bandaids, 1 fingernail clipper, 1 large comb, and \$1 bill. All is placed into a gallon size Ziploc bag.

Thank you everyone for all you gave to this project.



Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Oroville

Celebrating Over 150 Years Serving The Oroville Community

Sunday Service Schedule

1st Sunday of each month English/Hmong Communion Service

Adult's & Children's Sunday School	8:45 a.m.
Hmong Service	8:30 a.m.
Children's Bells Practice	10:00 a.m.
Chancel Choir Practice	10:00 a.m.
Hmong Adult's & Youth Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
English Service	10:30 a.m.
Children's Church	11:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class	11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Schedule

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ Hofbrau	8:00 a.m.
Bible Round Table & Prayer	1:30 p.m.
Bell Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.
Community Prayer Service	4:20 - 5:20 p.m.
Chancel Choir Practice	6:45 p.m.
Dinner @ Six each Wed. Sept. to May	6:00 p.m.

Thursday Schedule

Bible Study & Breakfast @ Cassidy's	7:30 a.m.
Discussion Bible Study	11:00 a.m.

Friday Schedule

Sonwalkers Youth Group Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Hmong Ladies Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.

Our mission is to know Christ and make Christ known: to nurture our relationship with God and our commitment to Jesus Christ, to invite others into the community of faith, to equip, send and support Christians for daily witness and service.