

CHRISTIANS IN ACTION (CIA)

2010 – Congregational Report

The CIA mission statement centers on this portion of our

Family of Christ mission:

**God calls us to serve others who touch our daily lives
in our neighborhoods
and communities, in school, at work, and beyond...**

Once again, your Christians In Action committee served others by providing financial help, appropriate good, and direct services to the needs of children and adults in our immediate community, the greater metropolitan area, and around the globe. We provided this congregation with opportunities to participate in mission work and outreach at their comfort level, ranging from making financial contributions to serving people directly.

The CIA committee provided coordination in the following outreach and projects during the 2010 year here at Family of Christ Church. Further details and information are available from the members who facilitated each outreach area. The CIA bulletin board near the kitchen highlights efforts throughout the year.

Bethania Kids: Gene Hennig is our liaison. Funds contributed to Bethania Kids went to the mission's general operating budget, which supports close to 1,000 children in South India. Currently the work of Bethania is done primarily through six orphanages, eight daycare centers, and a facility caring for children with cerebral palsy. 100% of all contributions made to Bethania are used for the direct support of children in India.

Books for Africa: Bob and Sue Erickson made six trips, with books contributed by FoC members, to the BFA warehouse in St. Paul. Ron and Elaine Larson saw BFA boxes of books in Bukoba, Tanzania and were able to place those books on shelves in a school library when they traveled there in 2010.

Bountiful Basket: Your donations totaled over 4007 pounds of food plus \$100 in personal cash donations. FoC members also volunteer at Bountiful Basket.

CAP: Brenda Hill delivered your ongoing donations of durable goods to the CAP Thrift Store on a monthly basis.

El Salvador Students: There are 286 students in the 2011 SEEDS FOR HOPE program spearheaded by Ron and Elaine Larson, FoC members sponsor 168 of these students. 10 university students still need sponsorship.

Families Advocating for Children In Crisis (FACIC): Nancy Rogneby delivered Christmas gifts FoC members bought and prepared. All 165 children in emergency shelter care received Christmas gifts this year – first time in 3 years.

Feed My Starving Children: Led by Larry Frank, FoC continues to actively partner with FMSC by packaging food to be shipped worldwide and introducing new people to FMSC's mission of providing food to starving children.

Lutheran World Relief: Coordinated by Elaine Larson, FoC assembled 43 Health Kits for Pakistan that were delivered to Lutheran World Relief.

Operation Christmas Child: Jim and Judy Seifert coordinated your gifts. 75 Christmas Shoeboxes were sent to children around the world.

Our Saviour's Shelter: Elaine Larson coordinated volunteers in serving over 160 meals to homeless persons at the shelter and cash donations from FoC members totaling \$180 allowed residents to enjoy a New Year's Eve meal.

Piece By Piece Quilts: 62 quilts were made and delivered to Lutheran World Relief by Judy Prinz and her team of FoC members.

People Reaching Out to Other People (PROP): Your donations included over 1800 pounds of food. FoC members volunteer at PROP.

Sharing and Caring Sandwiches: Judy Prinz and Dawn Peterson along with FoC volunteers made and delivered over 3,600 ham salad sandwiches.

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity: David Michaelson recruited FoC volunteers two Saturdays last winter and three days in August for local builds.

In addition funding was provided to **Our Saviour's Housing, Sojourner Shelter, Southern Valley Alliance, PROP, Bountiful Basket, Books for Africa, Bethania Kids, Sharing/Caring Sandwiches, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Habitat for Humanity – El Salvador, Kaleidoscope, ELCA Global Mission (Statlanders in Linguere, Senegal), El Salvador Support, and the FoC Family Fund, as detailed below.**

CIA 2010 Outreach and Support

Local and Metropolitan Cash Donations

Bountiful Basket	\$1,000	
FoC Family Fund	711	
Our Saviour's Housing	350	
PROP	1,000	
Kaleidoscope	500	
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity	1,500	
Sharing/Caring Sandwiches	2,152	
Sojourner Shelter	500	
Southern Valley Alliance	150	
		<u>\$7863</u>

Global Cash Donations

Bethania Kids	\$ 330	
Books for Africa	100	
El Salvador Support	3993	
ELCA Global Missions-Senegal	1,000	
Habitat for Humanity – El Salvador	400	
		<u>\$5823</u>

CIA 2010 Budget: \$20,545

Actual CIA 2010 Donations:

\$13,686

CIA Committee

Jim Seifert, Chair, Ann and John Curtis, Bob and Sue Erickson, Larry Frank, Gene Hennig, Pastor Kristie Hennig, Ron and Elaine Larson, David Michaelson, Dawn Peterson, Judy Prinz, Nancy Rogneby, Ryan Rogneby, and Judy Seifert.