

The Heart of Missions:

First Presbyterian Church of Champaign's Missions Magazine

February Missions Events and Meetings

Wednesdays in February: Pakistan Study

10:30am in the Parlor

February 4: African Blues Music

11:45am in the cafe

February 8: Knifty Knitters

1pm to 3pm in Westminster

February 9: Mission Team

Noon in Westminster

February 15: Environmental Stewardship Committee

3:30pm in the Parlor

February 21: Mission Possible Informational Potluck

4pm in Centennial Hall

February 25: Cuba Steering Committee

6pm in the Parlor

Community Mission Deacons

To be determined

World Missions

not meeting in February

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MISSION POSSIBLE 2016 INFORMATIONAL POTLUCK

February 21st

4:00 pm

Centennial Hall

Meat dish and drinks are provided
Please bring a dish to share and your
own table setting

Mission Possible celebrates its 25th year of serving God and others by volunteering to upgrade facilities at church camps around the country! Participants have built buildings, sewn curtains, installed wiring, painted walls, and so much more while having fun and fellowship. Now you can participate in this meaningful and joyful experience!

Are you interested in helping this year or just want to learn more about Mission Possible?

Join other devoted Christians at this year's informational potluck where you will learn all about the planned trip. Laugh, ask questions, and see what God has in store for you with Mission Possible.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE PLANNED TRIP

- The trip is May 22-28, 2016
- The chosen camp is only a few hours away at Camp Wyoming in Iowa
- No technical skills are needed
- The trip and work are well-organized by leaders
- Cost is only \$100
- Devotionals are conducted together before work begins each day
- Meals are eaten together and provided by work site



Mission Possible 2016

By: Harry Bremer

25 years! Yes, Mission Possible will have served our Lord this summer for the 25th time. The group has worked at 24 different camps in many states. This year, we will return to Camp Wyoming, Wyoming, Iowa, May 22-28. The cost is \$100.00 for room and board. Your talents are needed! You say, “I can’t do anything;” where is the “I will try, Lord?”

Work requests from the camp include:

Make outfits for the camp’s programs

Paint cabins & bunk beds

Construct a wall and shelves

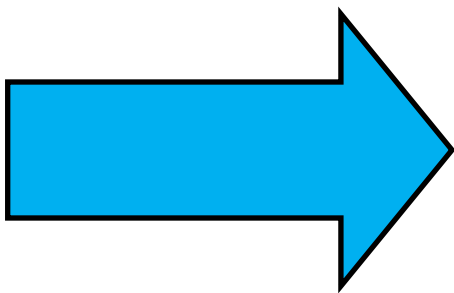
Replace windows

Install air conditioning units

Hear more about this trip on February 21. The potluck will be in Centennial Hall at 4:00 pm. The committee will provide meat; please bring a dish to share, along with your table setting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact anyone on the committee: Gene Morgan, Bill Gamble, Jim Andrews, Dave McNattin, or Harry or Charlene Bremer.

Presbyterian Mission Yearbook



As of January 1, 2016, the 120-year old Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study is available exclusively online.

You can visit the website or choose to receive the yearbook day by day via email or RSS feed.

www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ARE PARTNERING WITH THE DREAAM HOUSE

Instead of collecting hygiene or school kits this year, the Presbyterian Women will be collecting items and raising funds for the DREAAM House, a program aimed at helping at-risk boys in our area succeed.

All proceeds will be used for this program, located right here in the Champaign-Urbana area.

GOALS:

\$650 FOR
15 BONGO DRUMS AND
2 EARTHWORM FARMS

HEALTHY SNACK
ITEM DONATIONS

The collection will take place in Westminster Hall on *February 14 and 21* at a designated table. Please make your check payable to "Presbyterian Women" and write "DREAAM House" in the memo. If donating snacks, please bring enough of each item to feed 10 boys. Examples of snack items include: trail mix, applesauce, raisins/other dried fruit, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, popcorn, pretzels, mini-muffins, and 100% juice boxes.



Hi! I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed reading about the DREAAM house in the recent Presbyterian News Service article. I was an elementary school teacher for about a hundred years or so, and my wife taught pre-school for most of her career both in the US and overseas, so it was a thrill to see the investment that First Champaign is making in the future of these young African-American boys.

Please pass along this 'fan mail' to anyone involved in the ministry, OK? Tell them that some guy in Louisville says, "Thanks for your ministry!"

Dr. Bruce Whearty
Church Support Associate
Presbyterian Mission Agency

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Our Community

Eastern Illinois Foodbank

Prom Benefit on Saturday, March 12 at 7pm at Hilton Garden Inn
Experience prom and raise money for Eastern Illinois Foodbank
go to www.prombenefit.org for details

19th Annual Canaan SAFE House Benefit Concert

February 28th at 4pm

First United Methodist Church,
Champaign

Courage Connection is searching for volunteers for the following:

- Children's Program
- Front Office
- Connections Thrift Store

**Shifts and time slots vary and volunteers are required to make at least a 90 day commitment.*

If you are interested in these volunteer opportunities, please contact the Volunteer & Fundraising Coordinator at volunteer@courageconnection.org

Connections, a thrift shop run by Courage Connection and located in Lincoln Square, would love to take your gently used items to sell to benefit their clients!

Gently used clothing, accessories, furniture, and house décor are accepted on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 5pm and Saturdays from 8am to 2pm.

Upcoming Sales at Connections include:

All February: 50% off Coats

Feb 1-13: 25% off all women's dresses

One Winter Night

One Winter Night, a homelessness awareness event and fundraiser, will be held in downtown Champaign (corner of Neil St. and Main St.) from Friday, February 5th from 6pm until Friday, February 6th at 6 am.


Community members, public service leaders, academic and business leaders will sleep outside in cardboard boxes. Each person participating is asked to raise funds that will be utilized by C-U at Home to fight homelessness.

Speaker presentations about topics related to homelessness will occur between 6pm and 10pm.

The documentary “the Phoenix: Hope is Rising,” a documentary about C-U at Home, will be playing every two hours at Christ Community Church at 114 S. Neil Street (donations accepted but not required for viewing). See the trailer for the movie at www.thephoenixhopeisrising.com

The financial goal of the fundraiser is \$150,000, of which less than \$83,000 has been raised at the time of this publication. To donate, go to <http://www.cuathome.us/one-winter-night-2016> or mail a check to

C-U at Home
PO Box 8816
Champaign IL 61826



**For more information
about the event,
go to www.cuathome.us**

East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center

"Wish List"

302 South Birch Urbana, IL 61801

Phone: (217) 344-8455 E-mail: ecirmac@hotmail.com Website: ecirmac.weebly.com

Not in priority order.

1. So far in the current year we do not have any commitment of state funds. The amount we have received in the past is \$40,000 per year. So, this is a big hole to fill. An example of a "dream" or "hope" or "wish" would be for cash. Example \$10,000 to be placed in a CD to see what happens in the spring with funding. We would likely need 4 or 5 such donations to make up for state funds.
2. "Pictionaries" These are dictionaries with pictures that are English/Spanish or French or Vietnamese or Russian or Arabic for example. There may be a couple of other book or booklet ideas that would be nice to have available in the office to share with clients.
3. Supplies for the Saturday Morning program including arts and crafts materials and supplies as well as some recreational items such as soccer balls and other items that could be used as part of a "recess" or outdoor activity.
4. Support of the "Snack" part of the Saturday morning program.
5. Volunteer Shopper (this may be added to the Volunteer list). A person who might enjoy doing the shopping of Saturday Snack or arts and crafts items to be used in the Saturday Program.
6. Storage Cabinets for the Center and for the Saturday morning location
7. Bus or bus sponsorship for field trips, some of which may have an admission fee (sponsorship of a field trip)
8. Transportation to the Saturday morning program (bus rental, or church vans that may be coordinated by staff)

Ninth Annual E.C.I.R.M.A.C. Fundraiser Banquet 2016 Saturday April 16, 2016

RSVP by Thursday, April 7, 2016





"Peace and Joy"

A concert by Jean Rene Balekita

with a Christian music ensemble featuring Congolese rumba with a flavor of gospel, jazz and African rhythm. Well known in the Congo, they have performed in Africa and Europe, and are gaining recognition in the U.S. They sing in English and five other languages.

Musicians will receive a free-will offering. Ten percent of donations will go to *Build Congo Schools* (buildcongoschools.org), an initiative of the Presbyterian Congo Network and our Missionary Co-Workers in Congo.

March 6, 2016
3:00pm in the Sanctuary of
First Presbyterian Church of Champaign

(Downtown Champaign,
at the corner of Church St. and State St.)
302 West Church Street
Champaign, IL 61820



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