

Heartland - International Mission Committee

Annual Report – 2006

Chair: Eddie Ellis
Mission Representative: Bob Cook/ Bill Fischer
Session Liaison: Scott Valentine
Secretary: Kathy Mahler
Finance Representation: Jennifer Hines
Active Members: Diane Cutler, Robert Finney, Trisha Vander Wilt
Extended Members: Joyce Hoffman, Cheryl Humphrey, Kathy Mahler, Barb Palar, Stephanie Ramsey, Judy Valentine, Anna Williams

Mission Statement:

We must respond by listening and sharing our journeys with our brothers and sisters in El Salvador, and working together with them to achieve their expressed needs so that we, as a servicing, Christ-centered community can walk in solidarity with them.

2006 Projects & Initiatives Supported:

Mission Coordination and Trip Planning

- a. Supported 2 delegation trips –
 - January 2006 delegation : Kathy Mahler, Patti Splavec, Cheryl Humphrey, Scott Valentine, Aubrey Ketcham, Sharine Weathers, Travis Smith, Hannah Schnucker
 - July 2006 delegation : Scott Valentine, Calvin Schnucker, Sholly Crose, Jane Ferrell, Mickey Davis, Cheryl Humphrey, Andy Nish, Rachel Nish, Laura Druart, Bill Fischer
- b. Developed agendas for face to face meetings with leaders of El Tablón Central/Cerna, recruit delegates, held pre-trip meetings to prepare new delegates, trip budget developed in cooperation with Bob Cook and pastoral team, actual in country mission work
- c. Developed new mission rules and accountabilities for delegates while in El Salvador representing Heartland

Development Partnership with Cerna and Arriba

- a. El Tablon Cerna is now a legal canton, they will build a school in 2007, the directiva has three other requests in to other NGO's to assist with water collection, a chicken farm and the planting of fruit trees. Heartland has started something wonderful for the people in Cerna

General Activity

- a. Raised funds to support our partnership and work in El Tablón and Cerna

Education

- a. El Tablon Central (Arriba) now has grades K-9, so they can complete primary school, this will provide education opportunity for grades 7-9 for the villages of Virginia, Santa Cruz, Cerna, Munosis, San Isidro. We are working with Intervida and the Japanese Foundation to assist in the building of 3 additional classrooms
- b. Heartland is funding scholarships for grade school, high school and college students. The continued focus on education is critical to the future of the country. People here will eventually solve their own problems and education is absolutely the key over time.

Financial Results

- a. Developed, implemented and attained approval for 2007 budget (see budget table at end of document)
- b. Financial Results - See 2006 Financial summary

Date	Transaction Description	debit amount	credit amount	balance
Expenses				
1/26/2006	Presbytery of Des Moines - For Wire Transfer to Bob Cook	\$400		\$400
2/28/2006	Des Moines Presbytery - 7th Grade El Tablon Teacher	\$2,000		\$2,400
6/22/2006	Des Moines Presbytery - Wire Transfer Charge	\$25		\$2,425
6/22/2006	Des Moines Presbytery - El Tablon 7th Grade Teacher	\$2,400		\$4,825
	Ending Balance			\$4,825
Contributions				
1/1/2006	Balance			-\$16,303
1/4/2006	January collections		\$2,022	-\$18,325
2/6/2006	February collections		\$120	-\$18,445
3/6/2006	March collections		\$90	-\$18,535
4/3/2006	April Collections		\$180	-\$18,715
4/14/2006	El Tablon School Certificate of Deposit Interest		\$176	-\$18,891
5/6/2006	May collections		\$30	-\$18,921
6/5/2006	June collections		\$60	-\$18,981
7/3/2006	July collections		\$250	-\$19,231
8/7/2006	August collections		\$120	-\$19,351
8/14/2006	August 13th Collections - Cerna School		\$700	-\$20,051
9/5/2006	September collections		\$60	-\$20,111
10/16/2006	October collections		\$90	-\$20,201
11/8/2006	November collections		\$60	-\$20,261
12/6/2006	December collections		\$250	-\$20,511
12/31/2006	Reclass 2004 Scholarships from General Contributions Account	\$700		-\$19,811
	Ending Balance			-\$19,811

Communication

- a. Held regular committee meetings (6x per year)
- b. Communication with Pastoral team
- c. Session liaison communication
- d. Communication to congregation via delegates' personal experiences shared during service

Comments: The support given by Heartland and other church organizations makes the work of the Pastoral team possible. The visits by the people of Heartland give them strength to continue and hope for the future.