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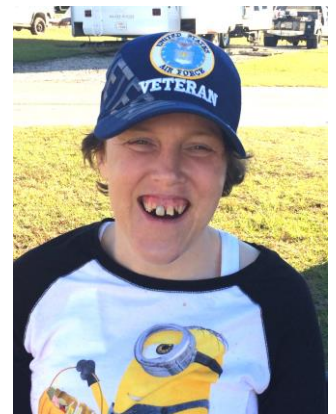
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WE ARE A VERY GRATEFUL AND BLESSED FAMILY! As we write this newsletter, we have experienced a serious family crisis that began on 29 September. We have also experienced the incredible power of prayer. Ashley, our disabled 36 year-old-daughter, became critically ill and after 9 days in critical care was worsening. Our missionary peers, family members and their churches, friends, staff at Ashley's home (Parkwood Developmental Center), hospital staff, and Pastor Bob Moon and fellow Methodists from

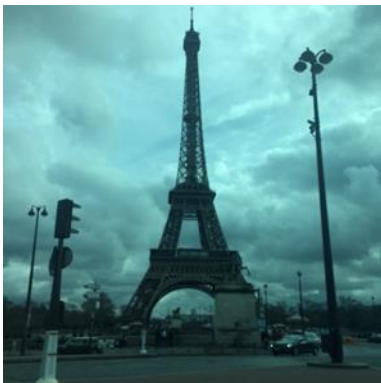


the Valdosta 1st UMC were all praying. On Sunday, 9 October, the infectious disease specialist told me sadly that "she is not responding" and he suddenly stood up and said; "I am going to church to pray." By the middle of that week she began to improve and was discharged to our care on Saturday, 15 October. We have worked with her since then to help her regain physical strength including sitting upright, walking, and feeding herself. Her brain, which was under great duress due to the imbalances in her blood levels, is gradually returning to its normal-for-her function. On Thursday, 27 October, she was readmitted to her "home" Parkwood Developmental Center. The excellent medical care and all the prayers changed the outcome from hospice care to back to her routine way of life.



SOME STORIES FROM CARLA

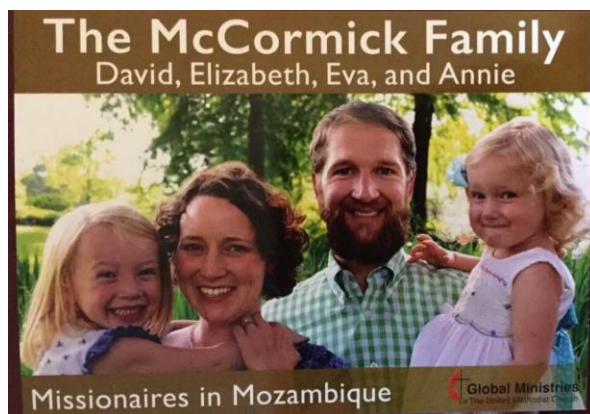
FEBRUARY/MARCH MEDICAL TRIP TO FRANCE A missionary was medically evacuated to



a specialty hospital in France. As this person did not speak any French nor were there any people there to assist her, the General Board of Global Ministries flew me there. For a week I was able to assist this missionary through medical care process, coordinate follow-up medical care in the US, and then assisted this missionary as we flew back home. Since neither of us would probably ever be in Paris again, we did take a two-hour Uber trip around the city!

APRIL - SPRING MISSIONARY TRAINING IN OREGON

I was honored to spend a week with the 25 "global" and 4 Church and Community Worker missionaries were at the training and then, in May, commissioned at the General Conference. This is a photo of the McCormick family from the spring training class. They are serving at the Chicuque Rural Hospital in Mozambique. Ted had spent from 2002 - 2005 coordinating the UMCs participation in demining land in northern Mozambique.



MAY - A WEEK IN NORTH CAROLINA - CIVIL AIR PATROL CHAPLAIN'S COLLEGE

Chaplains and Character Development Instructors (CDIs) gathered together to



discuss, learn, and create. This year I partnered with another CDI to facilitate the CDI participants to create a best practice plan of action to mentor new CDIs. We also wrote a lesson called "Appreciating What We See as Different: Religious Attire". We also toured a KC135 aircraft - me in the cockpit! As a CDI, I facilitate lessons on

decision-making and by a set of values - Respect, Integrity, Volunteer Service, and Excellence - to youth aged 12 - 18. I also serve with the Wing Chaplain. Furthermore, I serve as the Deputy to the Wing Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) officer. I am on call about once a month for the Virginia Wing.

JUNE - A WEEK AS A VOLUNTEER NURSE AT THE VIRGINIA WING ENCAMPMENT

Four Civil Air Patrol volunteer nurses and 6 cadet medics worked 16-hour days and cared for over 300 cadets and adult members. We recorded over 400 encounters ranging from slivers to anaphylaxis! The pace was demanding and the weather hot. I also wrote and presented two programs - Using Core Values or Team Building and 2016 Becoming a Core Values Leader -focused on respect for



others and defeating bullying. Serving God can be in a variety of places and settings!!

A WEEK IN JULY AT PART ONE OF THE SUMMER GLOBAL MISSION FELLOW TRAINING AT EMORY CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY IN ATLANTA, GA



I had a wonderful time with these 47 candidates. Their morning worship time was wonderfully spiritual. They always remind me of the fun of worship as well as the incredible strength and faith of these young people who come from everywhere and will go to everywhere in God's mission for justice in the world.

AUGUST: 17 GLOBAL MISSION FELLOWS VIRTUAL TRAINING PART 2 OF THE TRAINING IN S. KOREA

I was really a virtual nurse for this group. I did my presentations by Go-To-Meeting sessions as well as recorded the presentation for those whose internet connections did not work. I regret that I was not able to meet these young people face-to-face, but they know who I am and that I am present with them in service anytime they need me!



SEPTEMBER TRIPS WITH TED TO VISIT DEPOTS THAT RELATE TO UMCOR

Since January, Ted has been assigned to coordinate UMCOR's international shipping of relief supplies. I enjoyed traveling with him, and our dogs, while using a variety of technology to keep in touch and respond to all the missionaries. These depots, the people who manage them, and the volunteer workers and donors are amazing. He will tell you more about his year-to-date.

SOME STORIES FROM TED

JANUARY – ST. LUKE'S UMC, KILGORE, TX: In January Carla and I had the opportunity to be part of St. Luke's UMC Faith-Promise weekend. We shared UMCOR's message of our mission service, highlighted many of our success "[UMCOR News](#)" stories, and where we had served over the past year. St. Luke's UMC is a strong supporter of UMCOR and the relief supplies and the Sager Brown Relief Center located in Baldwin, LA. It was a very positive time of sharing and we honored to be a part of their mission commitment.



FEBRUARY WINTER TRIP TO NYC OFFICE: If you recall the theme song from Gilligan's Island, you will appreciate the humor of scheduling a simple flight to NYC. What started out as a typical hour and $\frac{1}{2}$ flight to attend meetings at our UMCOR Offices was not so simple: snow and heavy winds around LaGuardia ended with my flight being diverted first to Allentown, PA, then Boston, and finally to NYC - 12 hours later. I am so looking forward to our offices being in Atlanta. And, no, the snow as not predicted.

MAY TRIP TO NJ: I was hosted by the United Methodist Church of Red Bank in New Jersey (no snow). During the service and following, I shared many success stories of our relief efforts. This was a special visit as I was also able share in our collective efforts in our continued support of the post- (Hurricane) Sandy recovery. It was a great visit and I look forward to our continued partnerships.



2016 MISSION ASSIGNMENT COORDINATING INTERNATIONAL RELIEF SHIPMENTS: Throughout most of the rest of 2016, my UMCOR Missionary support efforts focused on providing International UMCOR Relief Supplies to our humanitarian relief partners. These organizations, from the Ukraine, Angola, Lebanon, Jordan, and Haiti share UMCOR's mission's focus. These shipments of relief supplies are made possible through generous donations throughout our United Methodist Annual Conferences and countless volunteers. From Utah to Pennsylvania, Texas, to North Carolina, and in between, our [UMCOR Network](#) of depots and relief centers continue to prepare to respond to our mission.

UKRAINE SHIPMENT: We provided health, bedding, layette, and school kits, and for the first time, cleaning buckets. While normally using our "cleaning buckets" in response to flooding damage in the US, our partner in the Ukraine have found a way to clear customs and get these supplies into the refugee sites. While this may be the first time we have sent large numbers of [cleaning buckets](#) (laundry detergent to scoring pads) the sealed 5 gallon bucket (long after the contents are used) will provide a means to transport water or store items to be kept dry. With our multiple shipments to the Ukraine there are nearly 32,000 vulnerable community members, including internally displaced persons (IDPs), disabled, and/or limited motion people will benefit from these relief supplies. For these shipments, we have partnered with the Ukrainian American Operation Humanity Inc (UAOH), a charitable fund that works with local hospitals, orphanages, and refugee settlements.

ANGOLA SHIPMENT: This year, we shipped a container with nearly 32,000 birthing kits to Angola. This particular shipment focused specifically in the distribution of birthing kits to the municipal hospitals of Uige and related communal health posts/clinics, which serve not just returnees but also host communities. The distribution of birthing kits address UN Millennium Development Goals including gender equality and empowerment, reduction in child mortality, improvement of maternal health, and combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.



LEBANON SHIPMENT This year, we have provided health kits and school bags to support the mission of American Near East Refugee Aid. This organization seeks to improve the lives of Palestinian refugees and poor families in Gaza, the West Bank, and Lebanon. As part of our relief efforts, we sent over 25,000 health kits and nearly 10,000 school bags. Many of the children - ages 14 to 24 are "out of school" who will now get a chance to participate in school activities, and through the inclusion of the health kits, learn basic educational and life skills. Download file to see additional loading of [Relief Supplies to Lebanon](#).



JORDAN SHIPMENT International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) Jordan will distribute baby kits/layettes, school kits and personal (Health) care kits to Syrian and Iraqi refugees. In addition they will assist vulnerable Jordanian families/

schoolchildren. In our most recent shipment UMCOR provided nearly 17,000 health kits, 7,000 school bags and 1,300 layette kits. These will help reduce the financial burden of the refugees and vulnerable Jordanians, mainly children, who lack access and availability for such items. The commodities will facilitate improved hygiene, children's' dignity, and basic needs, and will allow schoolchildren perform better in their schools. See [UMCOR News](#) that highlights our continued successes. See "Sarah's Story" that will be highlighted in November.

HAITI SHIPMENT FOR NOVEMBER: Hurricane Matthew compounded the day to day challenges of Haitian families. This most recent hurricane has created new demands for assistance. With our partnership with [CARE](#), UMCOR will be providing 22,500 Health and 22,500 School bags. These emergency relief supplies supports our efforts to provide access to education to children who are not generally reached by national efforts (street children, restaveks-child servants, orphans) and include these marginalized and vulnerable groups of children into national education programs.

CAMBODIA SHIPMENT: Relief supplies continue to touch lives. I would encourage you to read how "In rural Cambodia", UMCOR's school bags are making a difference. Click on the [Cambodia](#) to read the full story.

SEPTEMBER MULTI-STOP TRIP BEGAN: I was invited to speak at the 106th Anniversary celebration at the Westford United Methodist Church in Concord, NC. Carla and I attended Sunday school classes and shared stories. During the service, UMCOR Sager Brown relief efforts were shared by their mission leadership. We were blessed to have been a part of this celebration, to share still more stories during the service, to highlight the diversity of our mission commitments around the world, and to witness this congregation's strong support of missions.

SEPTEMBER TRIP VISITING UMCOR RELIEF NETWORK DEPOTS: We have begun to visit our supporting facilities that allow us to complete our continued requests for relief supplies (both internationally, as well as in the US).

STOP #2 We have most recently visited the Western North Carolina Conference UMC Mission Response Center: Terrell, NC and met depot manager Church and Community Worker, Dwaine Morgan. Website: <http://mission.wnccumc.org/mission-response-center/>

STOP #3: The United Methodist Disaster Relief Warehouse in Decatur, AL. This facility ships supplies locally and internationally supporting a multitude of UMCOR and Northwest District of the UMC, North Alabama Conference missions. <http://umdisasterwarehouse.com/>