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GB United Methodist team returns from Peru

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A volunteer team from GBUMC working with the Love for Peru Foundation left on Sunday, July 23 for Lima, Peru and returned July 31. Four people from Washington State and two from Missouri also joined this local team in Peru.

The team replaced five cardboard and straw-woven houses with solid pinewood, with a slab of cement and a tin roof and built a house a day.

The cost to replace one dwelling was \$500, and the size of the house is around 500 square feet. The community in which the team will be working is located on the outskirts of Lima. It is an area with extreme need, and where hundreds of families live in cardboard dwellings with no running water or sewage.

Peru is a developing country located in the middle of South America, along the Pacific Ocean. A country with breathtaking scenery and rich history, having been the hub of the Inca Empire. Today it has a population of 27 million, out of which 70 percent live in poverty.

Lima, the capital, has a population of around 9 million, with a unemployment and under-employment rate over 50 percent. Lima is growing rapidly because of people coming from all over

the country looking for opportunity and work to sustain life. As a result, the government finds itself overwhelmed. This situation has created extremely poor shantytowns on the outskirts of the city.

Children are especially in need with a great number of them undernourished and with little or no access to medical care, education, decent housing or employment opportunities.

To date, over 25 volunteer teams, comprised of several churches and organizations, have traveled to Lima and with their help, the Love for Peru Foundation has built 300 latrines, four preschools, two libraries, three community kitchens and over 70 houses. It has also brought water, sewage, a bathroom facility as well as a rehabilitation center for the physically disabled.

It is the purpose of the Love for Peru Foundation to show love and compassion to those less fortunate. They believe in helping empower others to help themselves.

Those interested in learning more about the work the Love for Peru Foundation does in Lima, or would like to make a donation, they are encouraged to please visit their web page at: www.loveforperu.org or contact Magali Solimano at 934-6144.



Submitted Photo
Front Row: Magali Solimano, Michelle Ploog, Jessica Solimano, Ryan Schulz, Davis Schulz. Back Row: Stuart West, Ross Davis, Alex Colston, Grey Cleveland, Elizabeth Barfield, Michala Nowak, Kevin Grace, Justine Grace, David Cleveland, Lauren Cleveland, Nevin Shaffer, Ellen Shaffer, Shelby Ivanoff, Sharon Stewart. These individuals are a part of the "Love for Peru Foundation" and returned from the country July 31 after a week of mission work.

St. Ann and Our Lady to celebrate Habitat for Humanity day of prayer

Betty Salter, executive director of Pensacola Habitat for Humanity, will speak at St. Ann Catholic Church, Gulf Breeze, and Our Lady of the Assumption, Pensacola Beach on September 17, 2006, the designated international day of prayer.

Ms. Salter will speak at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses at St. Ann, Gulf Breeze and at the 9:45 a.m. Mass at Our Lady, Pensacola Beach.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for us to remember those in need," said Bev Ishol, who has

been the Habitat for Humanity coordinator at St. Ann and Our Lady for 5 years. "Those who volunteer, whether financially or on the site, always receive as much grace as the family who move into the house."

"The International Day of Prayer and Action for Human Habitat, observed on the third Sunday in September, is a time when the entire Habitat for Humanity community is urged to come together in prayer for those in need of shelter," says the Habitat for Humanity web site. "Through prayer, Habitat

for Humanity continues to make a dramatic difference in the lives of people around the world. Many volunteers are drawn to this ministry after hearing God's call and seeking God's guidance through prayer. Other prayers are answered when families and communities grow in the shelter of God's grace. The hurdles of funding and building homes are overcome through the miracles of prayer."

In October, St. Ann and Our Lady will begin the 10th Habitat for Humanity house built by the

two congregations. This is the first year the churches have done two houses in a year, Ishol said.

St Ann Catholic Church and Our Lady of the Assumption Mission together are a parish of over 2,000 persons serving the community in body, mind and spirit. Information, bulletins and newsletters are available on the web at StAnnGulfBreeze.Org.

For more information: <http://www.pensacolahabitat.org/> or <http://www.StAnnGulfBreeze.Org>.

St. Francis of Assisi woman attends triennial

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Dorothy Moore, a parishioner from St Francis of Assisi Church in Gulf Breeze, was elected as one of the 325 voting delegates to the 45th Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Triennial.

"Several years ago a dear friend said to me, 'Dorothy, get out of the huddle,'" said Moore. But she said she never dreamed that she would have the courage to get this far out onto the playing field. Moore is treasurer of ECW in the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast and a member of Province IV.

At the Triennial, several fine

speakers made presentations, including The Right Reverend Geryl Wolf, Bishop of Rhode Island; Phoebe Griswold,



Moore

wife of the current presiding bishop, and the Reverend Barbara Cawthorn Crafton: priest, counselor and author of many inspirational books. Over \$20,000 was given to United Thank Offering (UTO) to help fund Grants during 2006. Nearly \$3 million was given by UTO to worldwide charities in the past year.

At one of the sessions that Moore attended, the women who had been ordained as priests as a result of General Convention votes in 1976 were honored. She, with assistance, counted 26 names from the Central Gulf Coast Diocese.

Moore also attended workshops on healing with touch and laying on of hands. She said these workshops taught her a lot about herself and the ministry of helping self and others. She attended at two other workshops entitled "Fireweed Evangelism: Reaching Out and Bringing in God's Guest" and "Is Your Church Prepared to Lose It All?"

Along with the rest of the delegates to General Convention,

Moore was present for the sermon of the new presiding bishop-elect, Katherine Jefferts-Shori. Moore was impressed when the bishop-elect visited the Episcopal Church Women's Hall to speak to the women of the church. It seemed that Jefferts-Shori was surprised that she had been elected presiding bishop-elect.

"I am grateful to the Episcopal Church Women for sending me to represent them at this Triennial," said Moore. She brought material back to share about the necessity of having a good inventory of church property, in the event of loss, such as hurricanes.

Registration for 'People 4 People' charity 5K ending soon

Bring your family and friends to the annual People 4 People 5K run/walk to be held September 9 in Gulf Breeze at St. Ann Catholic Church.

Join other greater Pensacola Bay area runners and walkers on Saturday, September 9, on a scenic 5K run/walk through the beautiful Bay Cliff section of Gulf Breeze. The annual 5K People 4 People run is both scenic and rewarding. Revenue generated by your participation benefits local and international charities. Last year \$4,000 was

raised by the event and donated to Biloxi, Miss. residents that suffered from Hurricane Katrina.

Cost is \$15 for early registration, \$20 after September 7, \$10 no t-shirt option. Children (age 12 and under) can register for \$10 by September 7, \$15 after. This fun event includes free child care by appointment, instant door prizes, complimentary post-race breakfast, and awards ceremony in the St. Ann Parish Hall. Awards will be received by the over-all

male and female runners and walkers and by male and female runners/walkers in the Masters, Grand Masters and Senior Masters categories. In addition, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals will be received in participants in 18 different age categories. Participants in the wheelchair division will also receive overall awards and medals.

St. Ann Catholic Church is located at 100 Daniel Drive, Gulf Breeze, across the street (Highway 98) from Gulf

Breeze High School.

Registration forms are available at the following locations in Gulf Breeze: Bruno's, Starbuck's, The Club, the Gulf Breeze Recreation Center, and St. Ann Catholic Church, as well as both Pensacourt locations in Pensacola and online at active.com. Free child care is available by reservation. Limited sponsorships are also available. For more information, contact John Callahan at 479-9601 ext. 353 or 932-8235.

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