



Newsletter

Mark your calendar!!!

Wednesday, Oct 14, 2015
MH Board @ 9:00 am
Columbia Seminary
President's Room
Decatur GA

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President's Message

What a great Board of Trustees meeting we had October 14-15, 2014. I was so pleased that many of the Presbytery Moderators from both Synods came. They were able to see first-hand what a wonderful job Susan Adle and her team are doing. We toured the renovated and updated apartments and houses. They are truly a loving tribute to our missionary families.

Your continued support of Mission Haven will bless our missionaries for years to come. Be sure and check out the "Wish List". If you live too far away to bring items to Mission Haven, you could send gift cards or money for those items you wish to purchase. A kitchen or bedroom shower might be a fun project for your P.W. Dream Big.

Our motto, or by-word, for this year is from II Corinthians 9:6-15. Please read it and pray how you can be a part of the Mission Haven Team.

Peace,

Pam

Want to take a tour of Mission Haven?
Have clothes to drop off?

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**MISSION HAVEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MISSION HAVEN, DECATUR GA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 & 15, 2014**

Members of the Mission Haven Board of Trustees gathered in Decatur, Georgia October 14 and 15 for the annual Board meeting and banquet. Invited guests included members of the Atlanta MH Executive Team, MH volunteers, and PWP Moderators from the Synods of Living Waters and South Atlantic.

At the banquet, Board President Pam McDonald presented Susan Adle with a proclamation honoring her outstanding and untiring work on behalf of Mission Haven. Under the direction of Susan, Mission Haven has continued to provide housing and hospitality to missionaries during the past year. Six apartments and two homes have had interiors updated. The remaining home is currently in the process of interior renovation. Susan has accomplished all of this while being Vice President of the Board, Director of the Clothes Closet, Director of the Executive Team and holding down a job outside Mission Haven. She is, indeed, Super Woman!

Mission Haven's Treasurer, Julian Wade, was presented a much-deserved Honorary PW Life Membership. Like Susan, Julian's efforts have been untiring. Among the many things Julian has accomplished this past year, he negotiated rate reductions with utilities and service providers thus saving Mission Haven money which could be used elsewhere.

Dr. William Scheu, Columbia Seminary Interim President, brought greetings from the Seminary to those attending Tuesday's banquet and returned for the Board meeting on Wednesday to present a "State of the Seminary" report.

Agnes and Gergely Csabai, missionaries from Hungary and current Mission Haven residents, were guest speakers at the banquet. Currently at Columbia Seminary on an exchange program, the Csabais will be serving the Roswell Hungarian Reformed Church, Roswell, Georgia while in the States.

In addition to standard reports and business, several new items were covered at the Board meeting on the 15th including: ratification of a new logo, vote on a new brochure, approval of by-law changes, and election of officers. The new logo will be posted to the website when artwork is received.

RENOVATION UPDATES

In October of 2013 a new Executive Team took over the updating of the housing, which includes the apartment building and 3 houses that are adjacent to each other. The housing is available for the use of Presbyterian missionaries, as well as other Christian workers when space is available.

Our work began in 167 Inman Drive, which is a three bedroom home. The interior paint and carpet were in good shape, but some mildew issues led to a total cleaning. Older linens and furniture were removed then updated mostly with donated items. A new sofa and loveseat look great in the living room, which has a beautiful view of the lush green backyard. After the update was completed, The Byrd family from Africa stayed over the holidays, and then the Smith-Mathers family moved in after their evacuation from South Sudan.

In the basement of 167 is a very large room that was designed as a meeting room for the use of the resident missionaries and for PW groups to meet at Mission Haven. We have once again done extensive decluttering, cleaning and repurposing of existing furniture. Right outside the meeting room is a patio with a large picnic table. For less than \$10 we now have a very useful and inviting space for gatherings.

The next project was a two bedroom apartment that had suffered water damage from a broken water heater. New paint and carpet helped update the repurposed furniture and new sleeper sofa. The addition of fresh bedding, and wall art has made this look much more like a home. The Sivalees from Brazil have been with us since February as they begin retirement. The Gartrells from Brazil will be moving in this November to spend the holidays with their three children here.

The two efficiency apartments on the top floor were a challenge to make as livable as possible in a small space. Removing years of clutter and creative furniture placement has truly made the apartments more inviting. New futons add both seating and extra sleeping when needed. All the upstairs 1950 era mattresses were replaced. These spaces are great for short term stays, but can be assigned for longer times when needed. The Csabais from Hungary will be staying in 2-E for the next 18 months to study at Columbia and to serve a mission church in Atlanta.

When the first one bedroom apartment became available, we were able to paint and update furniture and linens to get ready for multiple short term stays. The other one bedroom became a project of Peachtree Presbyterian PW. They provided funds and volunteer labor to totally remodel the kitchen, paint and carpet, and update the furnishings. It has become a Mission Haven show place that is great for either a couple or single person. Currently the daughter of Barbara Nagy is living there until she reports for boot camp with the Navy in November. We are absolutely the American home for many of our missionary kids.

Mission Haven Challenge

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Mission Haven's Goal of meeting the \$10,000 Challenge from a Grant in Atlanta is within reach. With two Synods represented by 27 Presbyteries consisting of 1500 churches, raising this money is not only conceivable but is really **a piece of cake!** I pray you will give your "slice"!! Here's the math, you check my figures!

$$\mathbf{\$10,000 \div 1500 \text{ churches} = \$6.67 \text{ per church}}$$

Now, will each church see this as a priority? Perhaps not, but even if **only 500** of the churches see this as a way to support the future of the Presbyterian Church USA they only need to raise

$$\mathbf{\$10,000 \div 500 \text{ churches} = \$20.00 \text{ per church.}}$$

With 4 Sundays between November 9 and November 30 means that an offering of

$$\mathbf{\$20.00 \text{ per church} \div 4 \text{ Sundays} = \$5.00 \text{ per week}}$$

$$\mathbf{\$5.00 \text{ per week} \div \text{a minimum of } 40 \text{ members} =}$$

$$\mathbf{\$.12 \frac{1}{2} \text{ per member/week}}$$

IT'S SIMPLE, SURELY WE HAVE 40 PEOPLE IN EVERY CHURCH IN THE TWO SYNODS WILLING TO GIVE

\$.12 ½ A WEEK FROM NOW UNTIL November 30, 2014!!! IF THAT WERE TO HAPPEN, WATCH THE MATH!!

$$\mathbf{1500 \text{ churches} \times 40 \text{ members} \times \$.12 \frac{1}{2} \text{ a week} =}$$

$$\mathbf{\$7,500 \text{ per week}}$$

$$\mathbf{\$7,500 \text{ per week} \times 4 \text{ weeks} =}$$

$$\mathbf{\$30,000}$$

Not only would we meet the Challenge, we would meet it 3 times over!!!! I pray that each of you will challenge your congregations, **women and men**, to commit to helping Mission Haven reach this Challenge. **Your slice may be small but it is vital to the whole!! I would bet that there are some individuals who would give \$20.00 on behalf of their church. Might that be you!?!?**

Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light.— Anne Franks

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It was with great pleasure that we were able to update the apartment of Glenice Johnson, who lives with us full time. She served in The Congo and in Haiti, and now she is our "resident manager" in charge of bookings and the general comings and goings of missionaries. Her apartment has new paint, carpet and drapes to compliment her collection of art from the countries where she has served.

Currently we are working on 211 Inman Drive, the three bedroom house by the driveway leading to the Clothes Closet. The home had new carpet and paint last summer, but it has recently received a top to bottom cleaning and major decluttering. New drapes and a sleeper sofa along with repurposed linens and donated pictures will update the up-stairs. The Griffins from Argentina were delayed in coming because of visa problems, but we will be ready for them when they come in December.

The last big project is 207 Inman Drive, the middle house, where we have started to remodel the kitchen, paint, replace carpet and flooring where needed, then update the furnishings and linens. This was originally a duplex that was made into a four bedroom house, but the current kitchen is the size in a one bedroom apartment. We will be making that home much more livable for a large family.

All of this work has been done on a real shoe-string budget thanks to the use of many stored donated linens, lamps, pictures and furniture. It has also been highly dependent on many volunteer hours. It has provided the volunteers with challenges and also tremendous rewards. All of the spaces still need some upgrades and the exteriors need painting. We will continue to make changes as money becomes available.

(see pictures @ missionhaven.net)

WISH LIST

Updated Sept.2, 2014

These items may be purchased and brought to Mission Haven, or you can purchase them on-line and have them shipped to us. Please always call to make sure that others have not arranged to supply a certain item before you send them. The list will be updated as residences are updated with new needs discovered and with items being supplied.

Gift cards from Home Depot, Lowe's, WalMart, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Big Lots, IKEA, Target, and Macy's would be greatly appreciated to replace items as needed and to purchase repair supplies.

Acceptable used if in good shape:

End tables and adult size desks that would fit in an apartment

Dressers with working drawers

Portacrib

2 queen size headboards

Prefer new:

Standard size pillows and pillow covers

Sheet sets for queen or twin beds

Summer weight blankets for queen or twin beds

Cooking pot sets

Cleaning tools like brooms, sponge mops, etc.

Simple food processors

2 washers and dryers

Children's clothes for babies, toddlers and elementary ages

Missionary families pack for the years they will be overseas as their kids will be growing

Winter coats, gloves and hats for all

Many missionaries and international students come from warm climates.

Men's clothing in size small and medium and all sizes for tall men—shirts, pants, suits

Clothing for women, especially sizes 2, 4, 14, 16

DONATIONS AND YOUR PW BUDGET!!!!

If you are looking for ways that you or your PW groups can help out, we are available to answer questions about donations and about our plans for the housing. Since last spring when we received a generous donation of \$10,000, the campaign to raise a matching \$10,000 has raised \$3,945.00 from both individuals and church groups. We encourage you to include us in your PW budgets. We love to host tours of the facilities. Please direct your members to visit the Mission Haven FaceBook page, as well as, the website—Missionhaven.net to see pictures of the homes and for updated wish lists for both the housing and the Clothes Closet.

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Mission Haven Apt. 2-B February 2014

2-B suffered water and mold damage, to both furnishings and interiors, in late summer of 2013. After touring this 2-Bdr. apartment, Atlanta area PW's provided funding which enabled rehabilitation. Mold eradication, new carpeting and re-painting came first. New mattresses, coverlets, pillows, sofa, desk & study chair, and window treatments were purchased. Furnishings that were salvageable were cleaned. It is once again safe, comfortable and attractive!



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Mission Haven Board of Trustees voted on the above logo at the October 2014 meeting. You will soon see this logo on all publications.