

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 13, 2008

1. **Welcome and thank you for coming.**  
Members present: Sue Morris, Russ Snyder, Kathy Giannini, Pat O'Brien, Jean Stricklin

2. **Old Business: Financial Update**  
Software glitch has prevented final financial reports. If a committee member wants specific information, please contact Kathy Giannini.

3. **Team Reports**

### **Local –**

1. State Street Center still needs volunteers. Many groups other than Ridge Church groups are volunteering but still needs more.
2. Kathy took a year's worth of cell phones to the Verizon HopeLine She took 2 trunk loads of food to the food pantry over the last month. She was hoping for a better response from the Postal Worker's drive. Food pantries need help... supplies running low.
3. Also gave \$200 in grocery coupons and bus passes to shelter.
4. Beth Kitchell's niece is going to Ghana. She has asked for children's games, books, etc to provide recreational opportunities, she will deliver to settlement. Children ages 5-19 are being served; also personal toiletries, etc. in travel/hotel sizes. S
5. Items should be brought to church by May 18, and there will be a basket for donated items.

### **International – no report**

### **National-**

1. Mexican dinner held Friday May 9<sup>th</sup> was a learning experience. Attendance was very good (75) but meal price did not allow much profit margin. Including offering, they cleared \$173 for National Missions. Team will critique and decide if they want to have another one in the fall.
2. Team will be sending \$500 to Nappanee Tornado Relief (the remaining amount allotted to them from unmarked mission funds in December.
3. Team is booked for the week of April 26, 2009 for mission trip to Louisiana for Katrina recovery.

### **Environmental –**

1. Prayer garden finished on Saturday
2. Cleanup on Earth Day brought out 13 people who collected 20 huge garbage bags...event went well.
3. Green Festival Saturday and Sunday at Navy Pier. Sue has 5 spaces and only used 2...still has openings for interested groups/individuals

4. Planning for Munster Jazz Festival taking place....theme is Jazz Festival Goes Green
5. Shoe recycling project in August

**New Business**-No new business

Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jean Stricklin