HOW CAN MY CHURCH HELP?

Let's Make A Difference…

Use your IMAGINATION to challenge your Church, Sunday School, UMW, UMM, Youth and Individual members to make a difference for eternity.

NO gift is too small in the life of a child.

ABINGDON DISTRICT GOAL:

$250.00 per church for 2016

$250.00 per church for 2017

Children and Staff of Greenland Home Orphanage 2015

Abingdon District Partnership with

Kenyi UMC - South Sudan

Holston Conference has been involved with the UMC in South Sudan since 2006. The Conference formed a covenant partnership with the East Africa Annual Conference in February 2008. In 2009 Reverends Boo and Phyllis Hankins were assigned to serve as the District Superintendent and missionary in Yei. Currently, Reverend Fred Dearing is serving as District Superintendent along with 22 UM pastors in South Sudan.

In 2015 an Abingdon District group visited South Sudan to experience the ongoing needs and the accomplishments already taking place in South Sudan.

1. The Holston Conference has drilled 42 deep water wells for clean drinking water for our churches.
2. Kenyi UMC was formed in 2011 as our newest church with over 200 in attendance and a primary school of over 100 children.
3. Grace Children's Home opened Sept. 11, 2013 serving 19 orphaned children.
4. UMCOR has an office here and provides assistance with agriculture and a fish pond project which will help support the Childrens' Home.
5. The Holston Conference has provided Pastors' Training since 2007 and has now partnered with Duke Divinity School to provide further theological education for pastors.

ABINGDON DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

South Sudan - Kenyi Orphanage Abingdon District Partnership 2016/2017

LET'S CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT OF OUR NEIGHBORS AROUND THE WORLD

Transforming the World in the Name of Jesus.

Abingdon District Partnership with South Sudan

Send Donations to:

Holston Conference

P.O. Box 850

Alcoa, Tennessee 37701

Attention: Lori Sluder

Note: Please write #537 "Kenyi Orphanage Fund" on all checks or correspondence.

If included with monthly Tithe Sheet, please indicate the same to assure your donation will be counted as an Advance Special toward Five-Star Status.

ABINGDON DISTRICT CHALLENGE FOR 2016 and 2017

Imagine a child sleeping on the ground with nothing but a grass roof for protection. Imagine a child who has no bed in which to sleep and no cover to protect from insects. That was actually happening in a place called Kenyi in South Sudan. That is, until the people of the Abingdon District stepped in. Now , due to the fundraising of Abingdon District churches in 2014 and 2015, Greenland Orphanage has been built. The children now have a safe, dry place to stay with a bed and mosquito net to protect them. **The people of the Abingdon District can feel very good about their efforts. The lives of these children have been touched by your generosity.**

Now we can be pleased with that effort and move on or we can ask what these children need now. The things children need even more than a safe place to sleep are loving and caring adults to watch over them. So the missions committee of the Abingdon District is asking the churches of our district to stay involved in the ongoing work at the Greenland Orphanage. Here's how YOU can help.....If each church of the Abingdon District would provide just $250 a year for the next two years, we can provide a caregiver who is called MaMa, security guards, a facility director and other adult leadership to provide for the children of the Greenland Orphanage. Not to mention, providing needed jobs for these adults.

Each church of the Abingdon District is asked to donate $250 in 2016 and another $250 in 2017. For this amount we can know that we are not only providing a building for these children to stay, we are providing a loving home.

In 2013 the Abingdon District raised over $82,000 towards the "Imagine No Malaria" Holston Conference Challenge. In 2014 and 2015 Abingdon District raised over $45,000 to help complete and furnish a second orphanage! With your help, we can continue this ongoing support of our neighbors in South Sudan.

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