

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT TO YELLOWSTONE PRESBYTERY
FEBRUARY 22-23, 2013**

Lanny Rounds has short picture/slide show of time spent in Chennai, India to show during breaks at the Presbytery meeting. Lanny would be glad to visit with anyone who has an interest in or questions about the work of Global Health Outreach.

There is a planned work project in Minot, North Dakota. This is a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Project in Minot designed to help those whose homes were damaged during the 2011 floods there. The dates of the project are June 17-21, and the cost is \$20.00 per day for room and board at the PDA work site. Lanny Rounds will be available to talk with people about the details.

The Missions Committee is pleased to report its support of the Bozeman First Presbyterian Church's Belize missions trip. The trip includes the PresbyCats, a group of students from MSU, as well as adult volunteers. This is a follow-up to the missions trip held earlier by Billings First Presbyterian Church. We encourage you to offer financial support and prayers for this group as they seek to do God's work in the world in the name of Yellowstone Presbytery.

The Missions Committee is seeking a person to fill the role of Hunger Action Enabler. Contact the Committee if you would be interested in talking this position. This is an explanation of the role as defined by the PC(USA) website:¹

"The term Hunger Action Enabler (HAE) was coined by the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. in 1973 when the Women's Birthday Offering established a network of 14 Hunger Action Enablers to serve the synods and the General Assembly's Task Force on world Hunger.

What is a Hunger Action Enabler? Hunger Action Enablers are called to serve presbyteries as educators, motivators, and facilitators of hunger action. Their goal is to enable congregations and other groups within the church to gain the knowledge and skills to sustain a long-term commitment to hunger action.

Hunger Action Enablers assist congregations and other groups to become engaged with the poor in their own communities and in other countries to address immediate needs and long-term solutions. They provide a link with a local, regional and national ecumenical agencies which address issues of direct hunger relief, hunger-related development assistance, public policy advocacy, education and interpretation about hunger and lifestyle issues, including environmental justice. As enablers of others, they provide a 'switchboard' for these agencies and the national Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) to resource, alert, and mobilize Presbyterians for specific hunger action.

Hunger Action Enablers are accountable to the governing body which calls them. These governing bodies are expected to provide supervision and to conduct annual evaluation which, in the case of those receiving PHP Programs grants, are shared with the PHP Advisory Committee."

We have not abandoned Paul Neshangwe and our brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe. We are seeking new ways of minister to them. We ask for your continued prayers.

Your Missions Committee continues to work to help the local church spread the Good News of Jesus Christ around the state, country, and world. If your church has a missions project, please let us know. We have funding available to you and can help spread to the word throughout the Presbytery.

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¹ <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/hunger/hunger-action-enablers/>