

Annual Meeting in Piedmont, GA

There was a good representation of Missions at the Annual Meeting this year at Piedmont College, GA.



The Castillo family at the Atlanta airport

Symphony John and his family from *NACC – Philippines* and Veranda Adkins, from *Piney Woods School, MS*, were our invited missionaries. Also attending were Jim and Sharon Powell, representing *Happy Life Children’s Home, Kenya*, Juana Santos from *Panamerican Institute, Mexico*, Ida MacRae from *Seafarer’s Friend, MA*, Charles Sagay from *Mission School of Hope, Cameroon*, Jim Owens of *Love Worth Sharing, Haiti*, Ella Smith and her assistant Crystal Thompkins from *Morgan Scott Project, TN*, Julio Santana and Tony Goldman from *Bread of Life Mission, FL*, and Richard Gossett of *Indian Trails Mission, AZ*. Amanda Becker of *Hosanna Industries, PA*

The NACCC delegates had a chance to meet and greet these missionaries throughout the conference and at the Missionary Reception.

Visit to Happy Life Children’s Home (HLCH)

At the end of June, 10 people from NACCC churches went to visit *HLCH, Kenya*, for a week. Three from the Congregational Church of Soquel, CA, three from FCC Maywood, IL, and three from Heritage Congregational Church in Madison, WI, and Linda Miller from the NACCC Office.



HLCH staff and NACCC friends

There are 52 babies under two years old at the Nairobi site. Lots of volunteers are needed to care for these children. All the children want is to be held and loved. As soon as you walk into the room, their arms are raised up to be held. Also at the Nairobi site, they are building a clinic so the children can be close to health care. This clinic will be open to the public.



Group Holding Babies

Kenya will only let Kenyans adopt these children so adoptions are few. *HLCH* become their guardians. Once the child turns two, they are sent to their second site, Juja Farm about 10 miles out of the city. Here the children live in a family structure with a house mother. There are 52 children living here. They have a school on the property for the children and the neighborhood children as well. There are 150 children attending the school.

The group homes at Juja Farm only have regular washing machines. So the group from the Soquel church, CA challenged the Madison, WI group to see who could raise half the money for an industrial washing machine, first. Together both churches came up with over \$3,000 total. Madison got their donation to the office first! Soquel exceeded the goal by several hundred dollars. The children and staff at Juja Farm are the big winners. They get a commercial washing machine!



If your church would like to challenge another church, that would be terrific. We can post it in the News & Needs and Congregationalist Magazine. This mission needs at least two more industrial washers.

NACCC One Great Hour of Sharing Program

There have been many natural disasters recently. The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council is collecting funds for Hurricane Harvey and Irma relief. The Mission Council collects funds for any major disaster. You can send funds to the NACCC office with the disaster you want to support, listed in the memo line. The funds will go directly to an appropriate organization (one of our churches or missions, etc.) to help in relief efforts.

Morgan Scott Project

Morgan Scott Project, TN, received a \$101,000 Senior Living Grant this year. It is for home repairs for seniors. It also included funds for staffing and office equipment. Forty homes were made safer and warmer from this grant.



Before



After

Morgan Scott was able to host a one day clinic for RAM (Remote Area Medical). RAM provides medical services, dental care and vision. In one day, they helped 97 people with vision and dental care. Next year they plan on hosting two days, one in March and another in October.

Ella Smith, director of Morgan Scott, will be a guest speaker at the Midwest Association of Congregational Christian Churches, in Tinley Park, IL

If any of your Regional Associations want a missionary to speak to your group, there are a few that would love to join you. Contact Linda at the NACCC Office.

Seafarer's Sunday

Ida MacRae of *Seafarer's Friend, MA*, is putting together a program for the NACCC churches, called Seafarers Sunday. They will be introducing the materials shortly so that your church can have a Seafarer's Sunday. This program allows you to celebrate Seafarer's Sunday anytime of the year that best suits your church programs and activities. You can also choose to hold it as many times a year as you see fit. There is something for all age groups to do on that Sunday or leading up to it. For more information, please email: director@seafarersfriend.org.

New Initiatives at Piney Woods School

Piney Woods School, MS, is partnering with the FoodCorps Mississippi and the National Center for Appropriate Technology. With two AmeriCorps volunteers, they are revising their farm, field to table and composting programs. This will give students a hands on experience in raising crops and using the food they raise in their dining room.

The ninth and tenth graders have received Chromebooks, which will enable students to access curriculum and projects on line. The 11th and 12th graders use their personal laptops. Piney Woods has moved away from traditional text books and are going towards a project based curriculum. This will help students develop their critical thinking skills.

Other Updates

Panamerican Institute, Mexico, has two new Board of Director members: Emily Miller-Todd from the First Congregational Church of Anaheim, CA and Mary Prendergast of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Pomona, CA.



It is time to start thinking of Christmas in our mission fields. *Panamerican Institute, Mexico*, gives out Christmas baskets; *Morgan Scott Project, TN*, and *Bread of Life Mission, FL*, gives out toys for kids; our missions in the Philippines, Honduras, and Mexico give out an extra month's salary to their pastors.

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For more information on any of these missions, or to make a donation to any of the above projects, please contact Linda Miller at the NACCC Office, 800-262-1620, extension 1618 or lmiller@naccc.org.

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For a complete listing of NACCC Mission Projects, please go to the website: www.naccc.org and click on "Missions."