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South Central Jurisdiction-United Methodist Volunteer in Mission Coordinators

The SCJ UVMIM Coordinators recently held their Spring 2015 meeting in Rio Bravo, Mexico. We were hosted by Global Ministries Missionary, Willie Berman, who is a pastor with the Methodist Church of Mexico (Eastern Conference) and heads the project Manos Juntas. The coordinators met to discuss the upcoming Fall training for Mission Academy and other important areas of conference and international emergency relief, disaster response, and volunteer in mission teams.

Our days were filled with visits to all facets of Manos Juntas ministries where they reach out into their local communities and work along side not only organizations like the Red Cross and Rotary but also the local mayor and City of Rio Bravo providing medical clinics (both permanent and mobile), educational buildings, vocational training, etc.



As we toured facilities we were joined by Bishop Fernando Fuentes Amador (photo below, center) and some of his superintendents (photo below right), as well as Rio Texas Conference District Superintendent Rev. Laura Merrill and Susan Hellums of Border Ministries McAllen, Texas.



Volunteer in Mission Teams and Individual Volunteers (3 months to 2 years) are needed. For more information contact WBerman@umcmission.org

Mission Advocates to UMCOR Sager Brown Depot

If you have not yet had the opportunity to lead or be a part of a mission team to the UMCOR Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, Louisiana you should consider it.

The Mission Advocates, representing all 5 Jurisdictions of the United Methodist Church through Global Ministries, arrived Easter Sunday for 5 days of mission service to learn more about the Depot as we speak to churches about UMCOR and the 75th Anniversary of this disaster response program. In addition to preparing and packing Health Kits for shipping we were blessed to join Texas Annual Conference teams who were there (Tomball and Jacksonville) in the local community of Baldwin to provide needed services in the women's prison, nursing home, and building a wheelchair ramp for a local resident. Before our time ended we assisted in packing a container bound for the country of Georgia (below left).





For more information on how you can help contact:
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UMW First United Methodist Church Port Lavaca, Texas

Many thanks to the United Methodist Women of FUMC Port Lavaca, Texas for invited me to give the program on Sunday afternoon April 26th and update them on the programs of Global Ministries.

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