

Outreach Committee  
March 5, 2010

Present: Ron and Janet Fullmer, Steve Schafroth, Ava Sue Kerr, Pam Miller and Diane Walworth

New and on-going projects were discussed.

1. Haiti: (International Outreach) Our request for funding for our Eastern Oregon Haiti Project was submitted to the Diocese and is under consideration. In the meantime PK Swartz reminded us that we need to solicit donations of tools to be sent to Fr. Noe and the Trade School
2. Food for the Poor: (International Outreach) We decided to invite a representative from Food for the Poor to speak about the work of that organization with a particular focus on their food distribution and villages in Haiti. We will suggest dates of June 6 or 13. We will need to provide housing (Diocesan House?) and transportation from PDX. Tentative date is now June 6<sup>th</sup>.
3. Plant Seedlings: (Local and International Outreach) Pam would like to repeat this project we did last spring. The money raised would be designated for Haiti. Pam has contacted Diamond M Organic and has posted a signup sheet outside Wanda's office.
4. Project I-84: (Local Outreach) Ava Sue gathered information about highway clean up. People willing to help would all take a safety training class and ODOT would provide all supplies. Clean up needs to be done at least four times a year. St. Paul's would be recognized on a highway sign as caregiver of a designated part of the highway. Ava Sue has posted a signup sheet, outside Wanda's office.
5. Micro Finance: (International Outreach) Ron and Steve went to a meeting in Portland with OikoCredit. This organization is an investment firm which supports lending agencies that provide micro loans in third world countries particularly to women striving for economic independence. It was started by the World Council of Churches. When a group invests with the company they get a guaranteed return of 2% on their money, and the knowledge that their money is being used to help others. We discussed investing some of our church funds. We did decide to designate second quarter thank offerings to Micro Finance.
6. Budget: We still need to designate how Outreach Funds will be distributed for 2010.
7. Habitat for Humanity: We still need a coordinator for scheduling construction volunteers from St. Paul's.
8. Pam agreed to stay on as committee chair, for which everyone gave grateful thanks!

**Next meeting: April 9, 8:00am at St. Paul's.**