



Our Annual Mission Conference is named after Pastor Emeritus Robert D. Alexander, who led our congregation for 26 years. It was through his effort and leadership that our first conference was held in 1974.

Past Mission Conference Projects

- 1974 TOAM Project (Land Reclamation), Korea
- 1975 Land Rover for Brazil
- 1976 Hunger Project in Bangladesh
- 1977 Build Churches in Japan and Leesburg
- 1978 Project Children in Brasilia
- 1979 Communicating the Good News: Japan and Sunrise Workshop in Leesburg
- 1980 Work for Charles Alexander in Brazil: Fortaleza Field and UMARI Food Production
- 1981 Volunteers in Mission for Zaire; Bible Teachers in Public Schools
- 1982 Medical Benevolence Foundation
- 1983 Young Life in Leesburg & Radio Evangelism in Japan
- 1984 Young Life in Leesburg
New Church Development in Korea
- 1985 25-Passenger Bus (Young Life)
New Church Development in Zaire

- 1986 Broadcast of Worship Services
Staff Housing, Good Shepherd Hosp. Zaire
- 1987 Lake/Sumter Hospice
Cross-Culture Ministry in Brazil
- 1988 Korean Presbyterian Church, Orlando
- 1989 Nutrition Program, Good Shepherd Hospital, Zaire;
Villa International, Atlanta
- 1990 New Church Development
Brazil and North Lake County
- 1991 New Church Development
North Lake County
Pediatric Ward in Kenya
- 1992 Training of Medical Personnel; Zaire
North Lake County Presbyterian Mission
- 1993 Habitat for Humanity; Mission 21 India
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Mission 21 India, Friends of the Carpenter
(New Church Development)
- 1995 Emergency Generator for Good Shepherd Hospital,
Zaire
The Duvall Home (furnish a Group Home)
- 1996 Renovating our Day Care
Street Children in Brazil
- 1997 Senior High Jamaica Trip
- 1998 Roofing Cite Church, Mozambique
Korean Presbyterian Mission of Daytona
- 1999 Homes in Jamaica
Mt Dora Haitian Church
- 2000 Portuguese Church, Brandon, Florida
Wheel Chair Ramps, Lake County
- 2001 Abundant Life Soup Kitchen, Leesburg
Young Life, Nicaragua
Missionary Training Center, Brazil
- 2002 Van for Carver Heights Ministry, Leesburg
Hanbury Home for Children, Jamaica
Lovemore House for Street Children, Zimbabwe
- 2003 New Church Development Leesburg and Brazil
- 2004 Witnessing Ministries of Christ, India
Carver Heights Ministry, Leesburg
- 2005 Namumu Orphanage Zambia
Leesburg Medical Care Clinic
Summer Youth Program at Mt. Calvary
- 2006 27- Seat Bus for Transportation Ministry
- 2007 Namumu Orphanage Zambia & Church Bus
- 2008 Mozambique Wells & Center Hill Roof



Kitchen Hood Suppression System



Sanctuary Roof

The success of our mission conference depends on you. Your concern for missions can be expressed through your Faith Promise. Your Faith Promise card for the 2009 Mission Conference is enclosed.

Please take a moment now to complete the form and return it by placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office at:

**P. O. Box 491246
Leesburg, FL 34749**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

200 S. Lone Oak Drive
Leesburg, Florida



**36th Annual
Rev. Robert D. Alexander
Missions Conference
February 8-15, 2009**



Namumu Orphanage

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

The total giving from all of these conferences is over **\$837,223** for projects to spread God's love in Leesburg, Lake County, the USA and throughout the world!

PROJECT #1

Namumu Orphanage

THE NEED: Namumu Orphanage School currently has 282 students attending classes regularly in grades 1 to 7. They have 7 teachers, only one is paid by the government. In addition, the government raised the minimum wage by an average of 75%.

The plan is to construct one more classroom block for grades 8 and 9. The government has agreed to train the teachers on the condition that Namumu provides housing. They hope to build at least 4 houses from burnt brick the community will make for them.

In addition, the water pump has broken. The children are carrying water from the lake in buckets or any container they can find. This has created a serious health hazard.

The Goal: \$10,000

PROJECT #2

Sanctuary Roof and Kitchen Hood Suppression System

THE NEED: Our sanctuary roof has leaked for almost two years now. Various efforts to patch it have proven to be futile. We need to replace the flat part of the roof and construct a beveled connection to help the rain run off instead of sitting there. Our best estimates are that this will cost approximately \$30,000.

We had an inspection by the Fire Marshal and had to make several changes. Most of these were not costly, but the hood in the kitchen has to have a fire suppression system or we can not use the kitchen any longer. This includes additional ductwork above the range hood. The bids we have received estimate this to cost us \$10,000.

The Goal: \$40,000

Total Mission Conference \$50,000

BILL BIRDSALL

Guest Speaker, Feb. 8th, 2009

Pastor Bill Birdsall retired in June 2006 as the senior pastor of New Life Presbyterian Church in Fruitland Park, Florida after starting the church in 1977. He and his wife Barbara came to Florida to shepherd New Life after ministering in Williamsport, PA and Arlington, VA. Bill is a graduate of Muskingum College in Ohio and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.



Bill and Barbara Birdsall

He has a keen interest in mission, Christian leadership and responsible management of all of God's resource gifts. They have three children and 5 grandchildren. Bill and Barbara enjoy traveling to new places, visiting family and are taking time to assess God's new calling on their days ahead. He has had short term interim pastoring in Wildwood and Clermont, FL. Leading numerous study trips to Israel, Greece, Europe and the British Isles have been on site learning experiences for Bill. He is a "learning woodworker" and enjoys recreating things for which other people have no regard (i.e. junk!). The Birdsalls consider faith in Jesus Christ and relationships the highest values of life and are very glad to share these truths and their consequences.

BERRY & ELIZABETH LONG

Guest Speakers, Feb. 15th, 2009

Berry and Elizabeth Long are elders at Lake Square Presbyterian Church in Leesburg, Florida where they have been members for 25 years. Berry, a lifetime Presbyterian, is a past Moderator of Central Florida Presbytery and presently serves on the Committee On Ministry. He also serves as a member of the Board

of Trustees for The Outreach Foundation. Elizabeth has served on various committees for Central Florida Presbytery and presently is a member of the Global Mission Sub-team and the Mission Development Committee.

Berry and Elizabeth are active members of their church's Mission Committee. Berry has led adult Sunday School, and Elizabeth has taught children's Sunday School for many years as well.

Both Berry and Elizabeth were born and raised in Virginia and are graduates of Washington & Lee University and Mary Baldwin College, respectively. Berry is the president of his real estate development company in which Elizabeth also plays an active role. They are the proud parents of three sons and enjoy spending time with their seven grandchildren.

They have a heart for hands-on mission as well as educational mission trips and have been on several trips of both types. They have been to Jamaica, Guatemala and Mexico in addition to four trips to Africa sponsored by The Outreach Foundation. While in Africa, they visited Presbyterian projects in Madagascar, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe (including a trip to Namumu Orphanage in Siavonga, Zambia in 2007).

"A missionary once told us that the airport in Harare should have a sign that says 'Warning! You could lose your heart to Africa!' Well, no doubt about it, we lost

ours over there long ago. We have never seen such wonderful devotion to the Lord and His work as what we have witnessed in these four countries. It is exciting to be able to partner with our brothers and sisters and to share this excitement with other Presbyterians. We look forward with joy to the opportunity to serve God through our witness."



Berry & Elizabeth Long

My Faith Promise – 2009 Mission Conference

What is a Faith Promise? A Faith Promise is a covenant between you and God. It encourages you to exercise faith for the amount you believe God will enable you to give. We ask you to let us know what your Faith Promise is so that we may know if the Mission Conference is going to meet its goals. You may turn in your Faith Promise by completing the form below and either placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office at:

P.O. Box 491246, Leesburg, FL 34749

Please Cut And Mail To The Church

All Faith Promise funds given for the Mission Conference will be used over and above our regular pledge.

A Faith Promise for the 2009 Mission Conference can be given over a year's time. I pledge to give \$ _____ (total)

I prefer to give: \$ _____ Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ One Time Gift

Name _____

Address _____