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Bridge Builder News

Acts 1:8

BUILDING BRIDGES OF LOVE THAT CONNECT PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST AND EACH OTHER.

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Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions Goal Reached

In the midst of tough economic times in our country, our ARBC Goal was reached and surpassed for the first time in over ten years at our church. God is at work in and through our missionaries and our mission efforts to reach the world. For the first time in history, we can now identify the people groups that remain untouched by the Gospel. We can get there in this generation. While we now have these areas clearly identified, these areas will be the most difficult hurdle. It will take us all, every church, every missionary. You can pray for them or learn more about them. Go to our church website, look at Mission Web links or go to www.IMB.org/gettingthere.

Whatever it Takes

Annie Armstrong North American Missions Offering ARBC 2012 Goal: \$9,000

ARBC recognizes that unbelievers need someone who will invest in their lives and lead them to Jesus. Are you willing to do whatever it takes to reach North America with the Gospel? We will have a week of prayer for North American missionaries March 4-11 to begin our season of missions prayer focus and giving toward our mission efforts right here in North America (pick up your prayer guide at church or find it on our web site). On Sunday mornings in March and April, we will here testimonies of these missionaries in each of our Sunday morning worship services. Please pray and give leading up to Easter Sunday for our Mission efforts here in North America.



Bridge Builder Mission Serve Shirts



The hard work that goes on with our Mission team efforts has been awesome in so many ways. Working like a team has been an awesome part of our missions ministry opportunity, and giving God glory for all that is being done is our intent. Now we can LOOK like a team! The Missions Ministry team has provided "Bridge Builder Serve Shirts" for those who work on our Mission projects and workdays! We want all who work with us to wear them and use them to be a witness. Get yours today by serving on any of our Bridge Builder Mission teams. While they are a gift to our volunteers, they cost about \$5 each. A gift back to missions ministry in any amount will help us defray the cost and continue to provide inspirational resources like this along the way.

Serve Shirts Defined:

- They are yellow (for safety and recognition, just like the Disaster Relief shirts).
- They say "Bridge Builder" on the front with our ARBC logo (to give opportunity to share what a bridge builder is and what we mean by it: our purpose: "building bridges of love to connect people to Jesus Christ and others.")
- They say "Serve" on the back (to give a name to what we are doing... serving people in the name of Jesus Christ)
- Also, the church web site is on the back as an outreach (www.ashleyriverchurch.org) to give identity to the body of Christ that is coordinating together to serve the community in this way. It's also a great way for people to find out more about ARBC.

Disaster Relief Team Training March 2-3 at the White Oak Conference Center.

Being prepared for times when people will be in immediate need is important. Disaster Relief Team members must renew their training every three years by participating in this opportunity. Bob Knight is going and has room for others interested. Registration is \$30 plus lodging. Detailed information and registration is on our church web site > missions page > disaster relief.

CPR Training/ First Aid Class.

It is always good to be ready for that disaster, BEFORE it happens. Call the church office to indicate your interest in the class. We schedule a class when we get the required 6-8 people registered. You will be notified of the class time.

Food Collection Drive

March is our annual food collection month for "Help of Charleston." This is an organized group of cooperating churches that reach out to the people in Charleston in various ways. On February 26th, we will distribute a grocery bag, with information about "Help of Charleston" and some particular items to shop for. Please consider getting these items, and bringing them to the Worship Center in March to help meet the needs of folks within the shadow of our own steeple.

Mission-Fuge Youth Mission Trip, Belmont University, Nashville, TN

The youth are once again preparing to go on Mission to help an area of need, this time to Nashville, TN June 4th-9th. Students, join those already going by contacting the Student Ministry office. The cost to send a student to Mission-Fuge is \$400. Students will be raising funds, seeking your prayers and preparing to serve God on this Mission Trip. Please consider supporting a student on this Summer Mission Trip.

Bridge Builder Serve Days (Select Saturdays Each Month)

On Select Saturdays each month, our Bridge Builder Team leads a work and training project for an area need or around the church property. Here you will enjoy a work day that has many opportunities from preparing food, prayer, conversational evangelism, construction, and more. (Whatever your gift, there is an opportunity to help.) Please fill out and return a "Missions Response Form" or connect with Kent Williams to get on the monthly notification list for the next project location and details or to supply the meal for the Serve Team. If you are able to attend, you need only reply to the notification and what you are willing to do at that project. Come join the work. This ongoing workday is also used as field training for disaster relief and mission trips.

Adopt-a-Block: 2nd/4th Saturdays

We are training for a new local missions opportunity we are calling "Adopt-a-Block." Many have already responded! Meet at the church at 8:30 for a 9-noon ministry opportunity that is all about loving on people in Charleston neighborhoods. We will help provide needs of food, clothing and minor medical, lead activities with children, minor yard work and learn about the needs that our neighbors have. We are joining other churches already involved in over 15 local neighborhoods to learn more about this approach. Please connect with Kent Williams to get on the notifications email list for details each week.

Operation Christmas Child / Convoy of Hope



November and December were months of generous giving for ARBC Missions. Not only was our **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** for Foreign Missions goal reached and surpassed, but



350 gift boxes were packed and sent to **Operation Christmas Child**. A team of volunteers went to the Charlotte OCC warehouse to help process thousands of boxes. Also, locally, **Convoy of Hope** reached thousands of people with filling practical needs and encouragement in four different locations. Our church was a vital part of helping pack over 8,000 bags of groceries and hosting the training for volunteers. Others also helped with the Christmas Day Party feeding/gift giving hosted at Citadel Stadium—over 1,000 were fed a hot meal.

Ministry/Missions Updates

Hands for Him recently sent 62 dresses to Togo, Africa to a missionary serving with Mercy Ships. Ten scarves were sent to the Special Olympics in Columbia. They also included dresses in many of the Operation Christmas Child (young girl) gift boxes that were packed here at ARBC in November. See the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall to see sample dresses and pick up instructions and more information.

Bread of Life is a network of churches cooperating to help to provide food to those in the West Ashley area. There is a need for more volunteers to serve on a rotating basis. Please connect with Carol Salisbury.

Ronald McDonald House Meals. Volunteers are needed on the second Thursday of each month from 2-4pm to cook meals for 40-50 people. Connect with Mary Blich.

English Second Language ESL We need teachers! If you are interested in helping with our ESL ministry here @ ARBC this Fall, connect with Pastor Kent.

Fill out a Bridge Builder Card to connect with any of these ministry opportunities.