

Missions and Ministries Report 9-9-06

I was not able to attend the last board meeting, but sent along a Request for Information form about Missions and Ministries supported by ECW's and parishes in our Diocese. It was subsequently posted on our ECW website (Thanks!). I have only received one response, but it was exactly the type of information I am looking for. It was from the Sucarnochee Purls, a group started by four women from the St. James (Livingston) ECW, which has grown into an ecumenical group of knitters who meet every Monday to pray and knit shawls and lap robes for nursing home residents, sweaters for Guideposts Sweaters for Children project, chemo caps for cancer patients and dish cloths for a women and children's shelter. I hope to write a feature on them for an upcoming issue of The Apostle.

Alleen asked me to prepare a report on World Missions in our diocese for the Triennial meeting. I am attaching that report, but can't include the great photos that Alleen added from the Advent's trips to Bolivia and Brazil. Afterwards Alleen and I met in Birmingham to talk about Triennial and Convention and she passed along material from other dioceses and our province.

I have been collecting information on various ministries as I learn about them. Naturally, I have more from Montgomery, so I will need to depend on other convocations to alert me to projects in their areas. I have been combing The Apostle for information too. I sent Dee some updated information for our calendar. The next step is to figure out how best to present this information on our web site.

As a part of the Haiti-Alabama Companion Diocese committee, I will be travelling to Haiti October 2-9 with Bishop Parsley and committee members to visit churches, schools and ministries, and to meet with our partners to plan the next steps for our mission together. This trip was originally scheduled for January, but was postponed due to unrest surrounding the elections in Haiti. The situation has improved post-election. A group from Advent traveled in May with no problems. Please, keep the seven of us, and the Haiti partnership, in your prayers as you gather in October. I am sorry that our trip will conflict with the Fall Conference and board meeting. I will miss being with everyone and hearing our wonderful speaker.

Blessings and Peace,

Anne Kimzey  
ECW Missions and Ministries Liaison