

STOVE PROJECT: Poisonous gases from indoor, unventilated cooking fires create a major health risk for the indigenous people of Guatemala. The need for ventilated cooking stoves was brought to our attention by the leadership council of Chucam, backed-up by the observations of our medical clinics and by the personal experiences of mission team members. The Stove Project we've created is a partnership between DUMC, Our Town's Habitat, Habitat Guatemala, and the people of Chucam and serves as a template for the type of mission partnerships we will create in the future. In both March and November, the primary construction-related mission will be to join with local workers to install stoves in the homes of persons who have been through the application, approval, and payment processes that Habitat Guatemala will create. Ron Krueger and Rev. Jeff Hassel are the leads on this and may be contacted at ronk@r-anell.com and jhassel@davidsnumc.org.



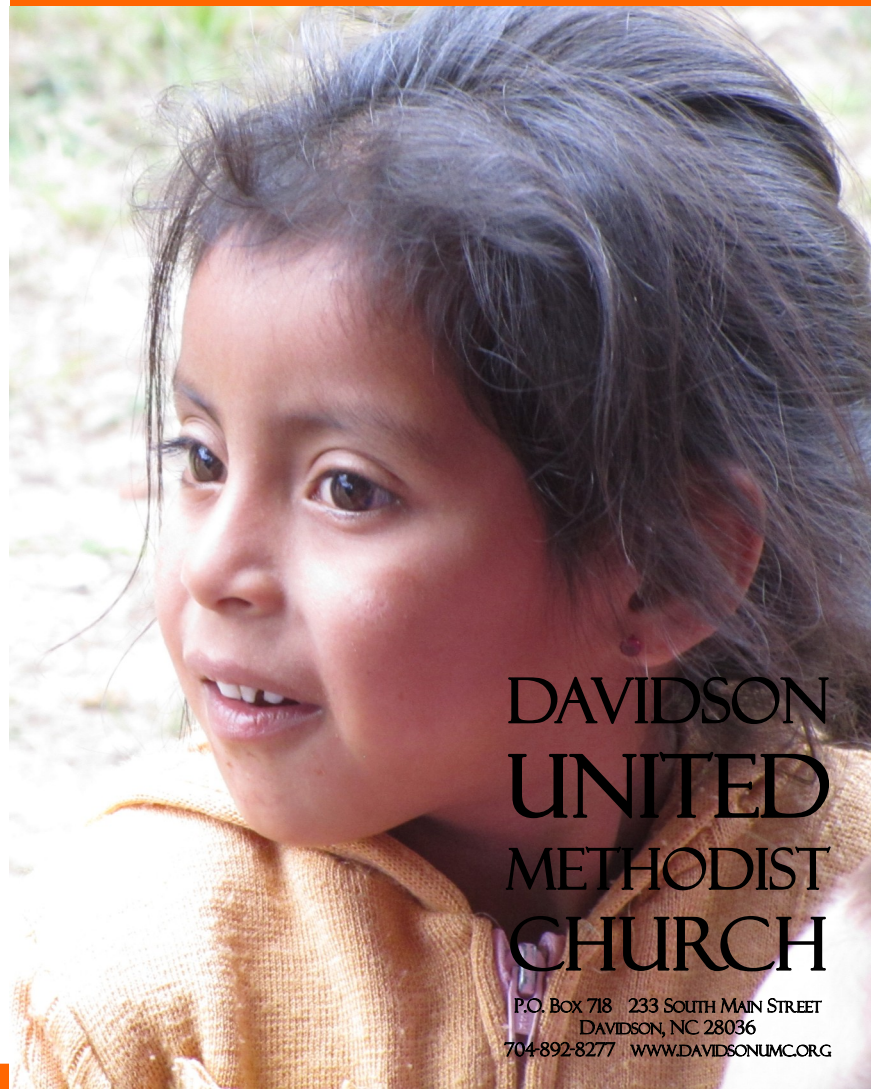
EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS: Members of DUMC sponsor 26 grade school children to the tune of \$350.00/year per child. This provides books, school uniforms, and other necessities that the "free" education programs require of students in order to attend public school. For 2012, Bill Livingston is heading up this program. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, contact Bill at wclivingston@gmail.com.

JOB CREATION AND CLEAN WATER: These ministries are under development.



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OVERVIEW

The Guatemala Mission at DUMC is currently our largest international mission commitment. It takes the skill of many people to make it work; it takes an openness to learning about the people in a town called Chucam and the surrounding region, and a commitment to ways of “doing” mission that enhance the dignity of all. As a Christian mission, we will give God and our neighbors our very best.

Two trips planned in 2012 will offer the following components:

- Medical teams
- Church and community ministries
- Christian sports camp
- Stove project
- Job creation, clean water, home repair

	Spring 2012	Fall 2012	Cost
Standard Medical	March 3-10	November 10-17	\$700.00
Standard Non-Medical	March 4-10	November 11-17	\$600.00
Optional 2 night R&R			\$250.00
Airfare (current estimate)			\$850.00

SIGN-UP AND TRIP INFORMATION

You may sign-up for this trip at the Connect Center on any Sunday. The Guatemala Leadership Team will host “meet and greets” as a way of introducing this mission to people who have interest in going.

TEAM TRAINING: We ask each team member to make the commitment to attend and do the homework for weekly meetings in the two months prior to leaving. Our team meetings create esprit de corps; give us the chance to learn about the people, history, and culture of Guatemala; and teach us how to be in mission without doing harm to the dignity and well-being of our Guatemalan brothers and sisters. The Leadership Team requires all persons who wish to participate in this mission to be a full part of training.

LODGING: We stay at the St.Thomas Hotel in Chichicastenengo; a safe, lovely, rustic hotel with good food and a center city location.

WHEN DO YOU NEED MY DEPOSIT? A deposit to cover the cost of airfare is due by November 1, 2011 to hold your space on the March team. For the November 2012 mission, deposits are due by July 1, 2012. This way we can work best with our travel agents to secure the best fares and, more importantly, this gives us ample time to prepare for the mission.

MISSION DETAILS

MEDICAL TEAMS: We work with the Salud y Paz clinic (<http://saludypaz.org>), located near the city of Chichicastenengo (“Chichi”). Our first option is to create a team of dentists, surgeons, and nurses to run a surgical clinic the week we are there. The second option is to create a team of nurses and non-medical people around a core of several doctors and travel to remote villages to operate “family practice/ general practitioner” clinics for one day in each place. The bulk of these teams are non-medical people who run intake, the pharmacy, children’s ministries (there are always lots of kids!), and make sure people get to where they need to be. Dick and Carolyn Hill are coordinating the March Medical team; they can be reached at carolynehill@bellsouth.net.



CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: For the last five years, DUMC has been working with other mission teams and the members of the Chucam community to construct a church building. As we worked together to build that church, we got to know the people of Chucam and started to ask, “How can we be of help?” In Chucam, part of the mission team will run a Vacation Bible School while other team members continue to work with community leaders to identify how best we can work together to make a difference in the day-to-day and spiritual lives of all. Rev. Berta and Mike Spencer are leading this component of the trip and may be reached at bspencer@davidsonumc.org or msspencer-wfuabc1@prodigy.net.



CHRISTIAN SPORTS CAMP: DUMC member, Mike Kayes, is co-founder of the Christian sports ministry, Stewards of the Game (<http://stewardsofthegame.org>). In March of 2011, Mike came to Chucam and ran a Christian basketball camp for 90 kids in the community; a monster success! For March 2012, Mike is returning with a team of fathers and sons to expand and run the camp. Mike is in charge of pulling together this part of the mission; drop him a line at mike@willingdonwealth.com.