



# BWM NEWS

*As the Father has sent me, so I send you. John 20:21b*

## Needs in Haiti

Haiti was most impacted by Hurricane Matthew and our Moravians there felt the blow. Initial funds were sent by BWM for immediate relief. The Moravian Church in Grand-Anse was destroyed. Several others have lost roofs and many homes of members have been damaged and flooded. Some farms of church members in the north have been devastated and livestock lost. We are awaiting plans for rebuilding in order to provide additional support from our disaster relief funds.



Please send checks, made to the Board of World Mission, to the Bethlehem address below, or in Canada to: Moravian Church in Canada, 600 Acadia Drive SE, Calgary, AB T2J 0B8. You can donate on-line at [www.moravianmission.org](http://www.moravianmission.org). We'll also be alerting people as teams form to help.



## Serve with Adopt a Village

In response to the crisis of HIV/AIDS, Drs Bill Hoffman and Peg Kraybill took on a challenge by the Board of World Mission in 2000 to build a program to address the needs of orphans in Tanzania. The resulting program of the Moravian Church in Western Tanzania, run by Mama Zipora Kimwaga, now provides food, clothing medical care, school uniforms and supplies to over 3000 orphans under the watchful eye of 33 "mamas".

With the upcoming retirement of Bill and Peg, ***BWM is seeking a couple or an individual to continue to provide oversight for this important ministry.*** Volunteers would serve as liaisons between the villages in the Sikonge district of Western Tanzania and the supporting churches of North America.

The Adopt a Village coordinator role would include:

- visits to Tanzania once or twice a year for 2 to 4 weeks;
- orphan rounds to some of the 36 villages enrolled in the program;
- review and oversight of financial records;
- providing reports and information back to supporting congregations about their adopted villages; and

## Serving in Nepal

Phyllis Weatherly-Rosner recently returned from helping with the new first grade program in Nepal. This is an addition to the kindergarten, with the hopes of growing to provide all twelve grades. The school, led by the Pradhans, needs volunteers to help in this period of transition.

Phyllis reports: "I was able to teach science lessons, a unit on weather, as planned, but was also able to teach English reading, social studies, and math. ...the instruction was half Nepali, and half English." She appreciated the wonderful hospitality of the Nepali people and was introduced to mo mo's, squash vines, fiddlehead ferns and various sites in Kathmandu. She continues to hold her new friends in prayer.

Phyllis volunteered for Nepal without hesitation, having no clue what she would face. Might you be called as well?

Anyone wishing to serve for a few weeks in Nepal, please contact Jill Kolodziej at; [jill@moravianmission.org](mailto:jill@moravianmission.org), or 920.256.9472.



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•visiting congregations in the US to share about the AAV program.

**If you are feeling called, or you know someone who might be interested** in serving in this ministry, please contact Judy Ganz for more information at: [judy@mcnp.org](mailto:judy@mcnp.org) or call 610-868-1732, ext. 18.

## Honoring BWM Missionaries

The BWM is saddened to hear of the deaths of those who have given their lives in faithful mission service. We celebrate Lorraine Dreger, who went to her eternal rest on October 18th, 2016, and Grace Marx, who followed her on October 30th. Lorraine served with her husband, the Rev. Wil Dreger in Nicaragua and later in St. Johns, EVI for a total of 38 years. Grace ministered alongside her husband, Dr. Samuel Marx, to the medical needs of the Miskito people in Nicaragua and Honduras, for a total of 35 years. The lives of both will be celebrated on Saturday, November 5th, Lorraine in Nazareth, PA and Grace in Winston-Salem, NC.

We also received word that Rev. Gordon Hejl, who ministered in Labrador, Alaska and Central America and served on BWM from the Unity of Brethren in Texas went to his eternal rest on October 24th. Please keep these families in prayer.

## Unity Mission Conference

It is official! A Unity Mission Conference is being planned in CapeTown, South Africa for November 15-20, 2017. The theme is *Moravian Unity in Mission: Giving Heed to God's Call in the 21st Century*. Provinces will be asked to send delegates, but visitors will also be welcome. More information will be coming.

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