

2010 Virginia Annual Conference Offering

BRAZIL — SHADE AND FRESH WATER: \$100,000

Brazil has the largest number of “street children” in the world. Millions of parents work long hours to earn enough money for food and shelter. Since children go to school for only four hours each day, most are left alone for long periods, fending for themselves. Many of them turn to life on the streets, gangs and drugs.



The Shade and Fresh Water Project is a national network of centers developed by the Brazil Methodist Church to keep children off the streets by offering supervised activities and after-school programs for children between 6 and 14 years of age. Shade and Fresh Water centers have become safe havens — places where children can have fun and learn about the love of Jesus Christ. Your gift will help provide curriculum and teacher training materials for Shade and Fresh Water centers and other children’s centers sponsored by the Brazil Methodist Church.

MOZAMBIQUE — LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: \$100,000



The United Methodist Church in Mozambique is growing rapidly and needs leadership for the hundreds of new United Methodist churches being established throughout this southeastern African nation. Bishop Joaquina Nhanala has said leadership development is her conference’s key priority.

Your gift can help fund education and training resources for Sunday school teachers, lay preachers and pastors; support The United Methodist Theological Seminary at Cambine Mission; and pay for teaching team exchanges between the Virginia Conference and the United Methodist Church in Mozambique.

VIRGINIA — GRACE MINISTRIES: \$100,000

Grace Ministries is a community outreach program of the Arlington District that addresses the most pressing material and spiritual needs of low-income immigrants in northern Virginia. Grace Ministries provides monthly distribution of food, clothing and diapers. Health screenings include free blood pressure checks, blood glucose testing for diabetes and health resource information and referrals. Job training empowers immigrants to become self-sufficient community leaders.



Conference Goal \$300,000



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Dear Friends in Christ,

In just one month, we will gather in Norfolk at the Scope Center for the 2010 Annual Conference. Daily preparations are underway to make our gathering a meaningful and effective expression of Christian conferencing.

I wanted to especially remind you of the recipients of our special Mission Offering. I know your congregation is doing your best to bring a generous gift for this purpose. Please continue to be in prayer for each of our partners in this special offering:

BRAZIL – In consultation with the Episcopal leaders of the Brazil Methodist Church, we have chosen to focus on the development of curriculum and teacher training materials, for both children’s centers and especially the Shade and Fresh Water projects.

MOZAMBIQUE - In consultation with Bishop Nhanala, we want to help provide education and training resources for Sunday School teachers, lay preachers and pastors in the UMC of Mozambique. This is an area which is growing rapidly and needs urgent leadership training resources.

GRACE MINISTRY - This is a collaboration of seven United Methodist churches in the Arlington District which is addressing the most pressing spiritual and material needs of low-income immigrants living in northern Virginia. Emergency food, clothing, household items, diapers and health care information is provided, as well as job training opportunities for personal care aides, certified nurse aides, and ESL training for school bus drivers.

What a privilege we have to be in mission together, to serve God’s people most in need. I will look forward to seeing you at Annual Conference and celebrating our Mission Offering!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlene Kammerer".

Charlene P. Kammerer