INTERNATIONAL ADVANCE SPECIALS

Our conference participates in God's mission in many places around the world. We have long-term partnerships in Brazil, Mozambique and Cambodia through our Initiatives of Hope ministry as well as a history working with United Methodist partners in Africa, Cuba, the Philippines, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Russia.

We also continue to explore new ways and places of being in mission through our United Methodist connection as global needs emerge and Christ's church develops and grows internationally.

The international Advance Specials listed below have been selected by the conference Missional Ministries Board for special attention this year. They represent mission and ministry settings across the globe and encompass various missional needs. Remember that by giving to them through the Advance you ensure that 100 percent of your gift goes to the mission or ministry that you designate. For more information about these projects, visit **www.vaumc.org/Mission**.

(Below) A Medical team distributes food through "Give Ye Them to Eat" in the community of Tochimizolco Mexico. (Photo from the Give Ye Them to Eat Facebook page.)

International Advance Specials

1. **Global: Sustainable Agriculture** Provides training in environmentally friendly and technologically appropriate practices in farming and off-farming activities to small-scale farmers to improve their livelihoods.
    ....**(#982188)**

2. **Mexico: Give Ye Them To Eat** Strengthens the capabilities of marginalized people and communities to meet their own basic needs and to assist them in determining and sustaining a just and integrated development process. .... **(#07629A)**

3. **Macedonia: Macedonia In Mission Together**
    Developing leaders and working with the poor, orphaned and disabled.
    ....**(#00220A)**

4. **Brazil: Ministry with Children, Shade and Fresh Water Project**
    Outreach to children who are hungry, uneducated and endangered by life on the streets. ....**(#11580A)**

Young men donating blood at the Chicuque Rural Hospital in Mozambique. Chicuque Hospital has the only blood storage capacity in the surrounding area. (Photo by Noe Cenal from the Chicuque Rural Hospital Facebook page.)

5. Sierra Leone: Child Rescue Center Program
Operation of a residential facility and community outreach program for orphaned children and those impacted by poverty. ... **(#14377A)**

6. Sudan: Sudan Development
To assist the people of Sudan in meeting acute human needs due to drought, locust invasion, civil strife and floods. Funds will be used to provide food relief, medical assistance, clothing, blankets and shelter. ....**(#184385)**

7. Anti-Human Trafficking
Working with those ensnared in trafficking of humans for commercial and sexual exploitation. .... **(#333615)**

8. Israel: Bethlehem Bible College
Training Christian leaders to serve the community and stop the decline of churches in the Holy Land. .... **(#12017A)**

9. Cambodia: Street Children
Improving quality of life through education, nutrition and fellowship support. .... **(#14921A)**

10. Vietnam Mission Initiative
Supporting congregational development, pastors' salaries, orphanage ministry and building projects.
.... **(#14932A)**

11. Mozambique: Chicuque Rural Hospital
Serving as a model in the delivery of quality primary and preventative health care and staff training.
.... **(#09734A)**

12. Congo: North Katanga Wings of the Morning
Meeting critical medical needs through air transportation for the needy in rural areas. .... **(#08597A)**

13. Liberia: Ganta United Methodist Hospital
Providing community and curative health services and training through hospital and village work.................
.... **(#15080N)**

14. Cambodia: Mission Initiative
Supporting new churches, pastors' salaries, leadership development and outreach ministries.
.... **(#00230A)**

15. Sierra Leone Water and Development Ministry
Providing clean water, medical care, education and spiritual inspiration for the community.
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16. Eurasia: Ukraine & Moldova Projects
Funding pastors' salaries and church ministries and establishing new churches.
.... **(#14053A)**