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NEWSLETTER

Development Office



Editorial

Work has begun on the construction of new student-family housing and we are seeking additional teams for late 2011 and all of 2012. We pray you and your congregation will consider joining us in mission. Please contact me for more information. We give thanks to those who have joined us in February and look forward to the teams to come. Gracias a Dios!

Becky Harrell, UBL DAP Office
Missionary (UMC 15141Z) Global Ministries
The United Methodist Church

Photo from Rose City Park UMC Oregon Work Team



Team praying for UBL student Sylvia Perez. She serves with her husband as a missionary to Bolivia with the Catholic Church.

Photo from First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana Work Team



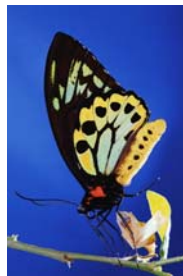
Team worships at Iglesia Evangelica Metodista de Costa Rica Emanuel in the barrio Guadalupe.

VIM Teams to UBL February



Rose City Park United Methodist Church Work Team, Oregon

(more photos at <http://bit.ly/fsTo76> and <http://bit.ly/fee1G> or <http://bit.ly/fvi7IP>)



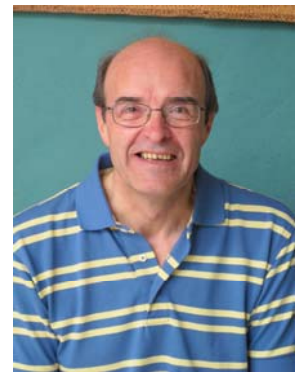
First United Methodist Church Baton Rouge, Louisiana Work Team

(more photos at <http://bit.ly/h8IFSF> and <http://bit.ly/gWkFQI>)



Pierre Buehler University of Zurich, Switzerland

Pierre Buehler, Systematic Theology professor specializing in Hermeneutics at the University of Zurich, Switzerland, recently visited the UBL and gave a lecture on "The beggar as a metaphor for the hermeneutic narrative"



While with the UBL, he also was in conversation regarding future relationships with the University of Zurich.



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Work Team Special Moments:



Doña Emma, who cooks for all UBL teams, here with Corinne and "Vimmie"



Daniel (UBL student in our Masters program with HIV-AIDS emphasis) is from Honduras, here with his sons. His work is with street children in Honduras.



Ray with his Costa Rican friend William



Team learns more about Nicaraguan immigrants living in Costa Rica and their hardships from former UBL student Geraldine.

University of Utah Visiting Professor to UBL



The UBL welcomes visiting professor, Dr. Muriel Schmid, of the University of Utah at Salt Lake City. She is directing the Religious studies program and teaching classes in early Christian literature and the theories of religion at the University of Utah. She has a M.A. in New Testament studies and a Ph.D.

While working on her dissertation, she spent one year at Princeton Theological Seminary and one year at the Institut Protestant de Théologie in Paris. Early 2010, she spent 3 months in Palestine/Israel with a program from the World Council of Churches [<http://www.eappi.org/>] that accompanies Palestinians in their daily life under military occupation as well as Israeli peace activists in their efforts for a just peace.

After a few years of post-doctoral work and teaching in Switzerland, she visited the UBL in 2010 and has returned in 2011 to teach a two-month course on the academic study of religion. Muriel says teaching at the UBL is "a challenge, considering this is the first time at teaching in Spanish, but a fascinating experience and a unique opportunity to exchange with students and learn more about their perspective".

Here in San José, she also participates in the work of the Centro Para la Paz [<http://www.amigosparalapaz.org/>] and has developed strong ties with the Quaker community.

Muriel was born in Geneva and grew up in the French-speaking part of Switzerland. Her father was a minister in the Swiss Reformed Church (similar to Presbyterian denomination) and she herself was ordained in the same Church in 1990. She studied theology at the University of Neuchâtel and worked as a minister in several congregations around Switzerland, including one year in Paris.

Study and Work Teams



March 03-16 2011

Oregon Work Team UMC

March 19-26 2011

Marshall University

Hunington, W.V. study/work team

March 19-26 2011

Wesley Chapel Work Team

Univ of Colorado at Boulder

May 21-25 2011

*Perkins School of Theology-
Faculty*

June 25-July 3 2011

*New Life UMC-Midlothian,
Virginia*

July 5-14 2011

Jarrett Work Team UMC-Illinois

July 22-31 2011

FUMC Mt. Holly,

No. Carolina Work Team

November 5-15 2011

Kansas West Conference-UMC

If you are interested in joining a team or bringing an additional team, Contact us at becky.dap@gmail.com

