

# The gospel for the most vulnerable: Children at risk in the world **2017 Mission Fair** Wednesday May 3rd - Sunday May 7th

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. " Mark 10:14

The purpose of the Mission Fair is to communicate, connect, commit, and contribute to mission activities of Park Lake Presbyterian Church.

#### **2017 Mission Fair Featured Speakers**

**Frank Dimmock.** Frank Dimmock, served the church in Africa for 35 year as a PCUSA mission co-worker, focusing on ministries of health and development. He currently works for the Outreach Foundation as Africa mission specialist.

**Jarir Dawi.** Jarir is the new manager of the resettlement ministries of Lutheran Services of Florida and works closely with the refugees Park Lake has assisted.

**Gary Cain**. Gary Cain is CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Central Florida, which serves more than 13,000 children in Orange, Osceola, Seminole and Brevard Counties.

#### Schedule of Events

#### Wednesday, May 3, 6 pm

PLOW - Gary Cain, speaker. Children at Risk in Central Florida. "Buy-it-Now" sale begins.

#### Friday, May 5, 5:30-8:30 pm

FAVO - First Friday Event

#### Saturday, May 6, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

5:30 pm "Buy-it-Now" and Silent Auction begins
6:00 pm International Pot-luck dinner (Bring your favorite dish to share!)
6:45 pm Mission Fair Speakers: Jarir Dawi and Frank Dimmock
Sunday, May 7, 9:00 am & 10:30 am

9 am Sunday School: Frank Dimmock - Children at Risk in the World 10:30 am Worship: Frank Dimmock, preaching.

**Mission Fair Offering** 

11:45 am Lunch: Pizza lunch in Fellowship Hall

### "Buy it now" and Silent Auction

Please begin to set aside items you can donate to the Mission Fair's "Buy it now" and Silent Auction. "But it now" are items that you might find in a typical garage sale. Silent Auction items are those "special treasurers" donated to help raise funds. If you have any questions regarding items to donate please ask Bonnie McKnight.

### 2017 Mission Fair Offering

The Mission Fair concludes with a special offering taken during the worship service. Each year different projects are supported by the offering. Individual contributions and proceeds from the Silent Auction and "Buyit-Now" sale go to the Mission Fair Offering. The Mission Fair Committee determines the projects to be supported and sets a goal for the offering. The 2017 Mission Fair Offering goal is \$17,000 and the projects are:

### The Boys and Girls Club of Central Florida \$500



BGCCF provides safe places to learn and grow for near14,000 children between the ages of 6 and 18 every year. There are 30 Clubs in Brevard, Orange, Os-BOYS & GIRLS ceola and Seminole counties, where core youth development programs are offered to meet the diverse needs and interests of club members.

### Grace Medical Home

\$4000

Grace Medical Home is a non-profit medical home serving the working, uninsured residents of Orange County who reside at or below 200% of



the federal poverty line. Volunteers, staff, and generous donors make it possible for Grace Medical Home to provide comprehensive adult and pediatric care. Patients pay a yearly registration fee as well as a flat fee at each visit. Fees are based on a sliding scale. The Mission Fair Offering will help

with medical fees for undocumented children.

### **Bikes for Children of Refugees**

### \$1,500

Park Lake has been working with Lutheran Refugee Resettlement Services of Florida to address the needs of local refugees. One of the needs of the refugees located in Orlando is bicycles for youth and children to enjoy and help with transportation. Our goal is to purchase approximately 20 bicycles, helmets, and locks for their use.



# Women's Residential and Counseling Center \$2,000

Park Lake helps to cover the costs and serve the evening meal at the Women's Residential and Counseling Center. This goal is to provide funding for one evening meal a month for a year.

### Build a Church in Tete Provence, Mozambique \$5,000

The Outreach Foundation has a matching funds program set-up for the

construction of new churches in Tete Province. Gifts for new church construction will be matched dollar for dollar. Villagers and congregation members provide the site clearing, gather stones and sand for the foundation, mold and fire-cure thousands of bricks, and provide the unskilled labor. Donated funds provide the concrete, rafters,



roofing sheets, and skilled supervision. These items that the congregation can not provide cost \$10,000 per church. Our goal of \$5,000, with matching funds, will help to build a church.

# Isoavina Community Safe Drinking Water and Sanitation Project (Madagascar) \$4,000

Isoavina Ambanitsena is a rural community on the outskirts of the capitol city of Madagascar, Antananarivo. This project will install a gravity-fed water system and outhouse facilities for 2 schools and a FJKM church conference/training center. The community has formed a health committee that will oversee long term maintenance and management of the water facilities, emphasizing health education, sanitation, and hygiene. This project will have a direct impact on the health and development of children in the community. PCUSA mission co-workers, Elizabeth and Dan Turk, are involved in the project. The total costs of the project (\$36,000) are being shared by the PCUSA mission agency, other PCUSA churches, and the Outreach Foundation.

The Mission Fair offering will be received during worship, May 7.