

## **--MISSION EMPHASIS--**

Each month, our church has an emphasis for giving that is given as the Buck-A-Month. You will find the bucket displayed in the Narthex (as you walk into the church on the credenza). We also will take offering for the mission emphasis in the offering plate but it needs to be clearly designated (in the memo line on a check or in an envelope).

The Missions Committee has the pleasure of assigning the month mission programs to support. These are then voted on at the Ad Council. For the month of **March**, we are supporting: Jim Lewis Scholarship and Krista Givens, Missionary to Germany.

### **Jim Lewis Scholarship**

The Ridgecrest United Methodist Foundation makes this scholarship available every year to honor Jim Lewis. He was a great contributor to our church, and a builder of the Ridgecrest community. Please give generously to this worthwhile cause. Please make your check out to the UMC Foundation and Jim Lewis in the memo line. Thank You

### **Krista Givens, Missionary to Hamburg Germany**

The Ridgecrest United Methodist Church, with encouragement from the Missions Committee and approval from the Administrative Council, has entered into a covenant relationship with Dr. Givens to support her work in Germany.

Dr. Krista Givens is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. She serves as pastor of the International United Methodist Church in Hamburg, Germany. Previously, Krista served as the senior pastor at Westchester UMC in Los Angeles. She was also Associate Pastor at Kailua UMC in Kailua, HI, and Director of Children and Youth Ministries at Claremont UMC. A native of California, the Rev.

Dr. Krista S. Givens attended Scripps College in Claremont, CA, and received her Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art. Her Master of Divinity, and Doctor of Ministry in Ethics degrees were earned at Claremont School of Theology.