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**OUR PURPOSE
AND MISSION**

We are a richly blessed, loving and spiritual family of Christ who shares god's love through our personal and congregational ministries. Our mission is to share Christ's love with all, through our tradition of scripture, sermons, music, and fellowship. We believe strongly in sharing our blessing with those in need.

Our church family welcomes you to join us in our bible based worship, prayer, and discipleship.

APRIL 3, 2011

One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday

Join United Methodist everywhere by participating in the special offering that supports UMCOR's vital work. Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to bring restoration, healing and hope for tomorrow
Please give generously--

--MISSION EMPHASIS--

Each month, our church has a mission emphasis for giving. Offering for the mission emphasis that is placed in the offering plate 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 **April** we are supporting: Dr. Elma Jocson and Habitat for Humamity.

Dr. Elma Jocson

Dr. Elma Jocson is a general surgeon and a United Methodist Missionary who is originally from the Phillipines. She is sponsored in part by the United Methodist Church of Ridgecrest and the General Board of Global Missions of the United Methodist Church. Dr. Jocson is now at her new post in Liberia at Ganta Hospital.

Habitat for Humanity

As a church, we can be very proud of being the first congregation in the valley to raise enough money to construct a complete Habitat home and contribute many man hours and lunches for work crews. What is the future of Habitat for Humanity in the Indian Wells Valley? We all hope to see it continue to prosper and build homes for the needy. The wall rising for their nineteenth home will have taken place on Saturday the 26 of March.

While the pace of building homes by Habitat is slow, it meets a need for the estimated 1500 families living in poverty housing in our valley. Remember, Habitat for Humanity is a Christian based non-for-profit 501C3. All money invested in Habitat will continue to build new homes as the partner family's pay off their mortgages.

Habitat for Humanity deserves our continued mission support.

**FOOD EMPHASIS
FOR THE MONTH**

This year the Missions Committee has elected to designate a specific food each month to be provided to the Salvation Army. The food item for **April** is:

TOP RAMEN

Of course other items are welcome as well. Please place your items in the blue bucket in the Narthex.