

CBF Offering for Global Missions 2011-2012 Missions Moment “Sharing Hope in Miami and Sub-Saharan Africa”

As we gather each week to celebrate our faith, we're reminded that God has invited us to be on mission. God, our Creator, longs to redeem this world. The good news is that God has invited us along on this journey. We are called to be God's hands and God's feet, to proclaim the good news of the gospel.

We do this together through our praying, giving and going. As we join in God's mission, we make it our passion. We seek to see the world through God's eyes, to respond with the love of Christ, to be in step with the Spirit.

In Uganda, God is on a mission. As refugees stream into Kampala's capital city from neighboring countries, they are met by CBF field personnel Jade and Shelah Acker.

Many of these refugees find help at the Center of Hope, a ministry supported by Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Jade says that the refugees that come to the Center come “in search of jobs, in search of a better future for their children, in search of a better life.”

By helping these refugees with English education or computer skills, the Center of Hope gives them tools to start their lives over.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, God is on a mission. Here, the Ackers have partnered with Congolese pastor Stephen Bamoleke to sponsor children who live in a war zone. Pastor Bamoleke describes these children as kids who may “never be able to go to school” because they've lost everything. Some have lost parents in the war; others are ex-soldiers themselves.

In Miami, Fla., God is on a mission. Nearly every weekday Touching Miami with Love, a CBF ministry in the Overtown community, is buzzing with activity. During the school year, children and teenagers come to the center after school for a nutritious meal, recreation and crafts; help with homework; time in the computer lab and classes about literacy and social skills. During the summer, TML offers an all-day children's camp that many of the local teenagers help lead.

As CBF field personnel, Angel and Jason have led this vibrant, growing ministry since 2005. Because of the support Fellowship Baptists provide through CBF's Offering for Global Missions, the Pittmans are able to serve at TML full-time as they work to revitalize this community.

God has invited us to be on mission. We can join in God's work by making God's mission our passion. We can pray. We can give. We can go.

Please give generously to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. Your gifts spread the love of Christ around the world.