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Grace Presbytery

In 1999, Grace Presbytery's Youth Committee recognized a missional need: many youth in smaller and midsize churches had not had the opportunity for a mission trip experience. Therefore, the Youth Committee began offering a trip for these youth. Since then youth from Grace Presbytery have traveled to Mexico and to Colorado, Ohio, South Dakota, New Mexico, West Virginia, and Kentucky to do mission work.

As a result of a continuing increase in youth participation, a second mission trip was planned in 2005. "The numbers were growing to the point where mission sites could not accommodate us, so we began offering two trips," said Rick Carus, associate general presbyter.

The first mission trip in 2005 was to Ciudad Juarez to work with the ministry of Pasos de Fe, part of the Presbyterian Border Ministry. Iglesia Presbiteriana Renovacion hosted the group. Its main project was construction of a room at the church that would provide storage and dormitory space for future work groups. Members of the group worked together to install electrical conduits and fixtures, drywall, and a stairway. A second group went to Montgomery, West Virginia. The group tackled many projects: repainting houses, building a deck with a ramp for an elderly couple, helping out at a food pantry, replacing a tin roof, and leading worship for the host churches, Falls View and Montgomery Presbyterian churches.

"For me, the main highlight was being one of the last people on the roof as we finished. It was amazing to see how much work we did and to see the satisfied faces of the family," said JoLinnell Soule from Trinity Presbyterian in McKinney.

Presbyterians in Grace Presbytery serve many ministries in this region, including Fort Worth's Presbyterian Night Shelter, Dallas' Stewpot, Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, Austin College in Sherman, as well as many other entities. These ministries are supported by 47,623 members in 185 congregations, 8 fellowships, and other new church developments.

Let us pray for

Elder Carol J. Adcock, member, GAC

Presbytery Staff

Rev. Dr. David H. Wasserman, general presbyter

Rev. Rick Carus, associate general presbyter

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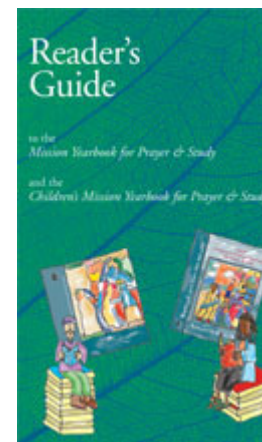
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Scripture

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:28).

Lectionary

Ps. 63, 100, 122, 149
 Isa. 51:1-8
 Gal. 3:23-29; Mark 7:1-23

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