

# World Mission

## Out of Africa Silent Auction a Huge Success!

Thank you to Jarrett Callaway and the World Mission Committee - Helen Alford, Debbie Bruker, Trisha Hawkins, Tim Hiesterhagen, Ryan Jensen, Dorothy Morrison, Chris Norwood, Amanda Roberds, and Martelle Scott - and to Linda Burke who oversaw the wonderful food buffet during the event with assistance from Missy Jones - for a job well done on the May 13<sup>th</sup> "Out of Africa" silent auction! Thank you to everyone who supported the event through donations of auction items, attendance, bids, food, hard work and prayer. You all made it happen! It was a wonderful event that will go a long way in providing vital assistance to the people of Lesotho and Madagascar. More than \$11,000 from the OOA auction was raised toward this year's total goal of \$15,000. Thanks be to God! If you have yet to collect your item from the event, please contact Rev. Ryan Jensen at 434-9329 to schedule a pick-up or delivery.



## Frank Dimmock Receives Honorary Doctor of Divinity

On May 16, 2010 our Lesotho missionary, Frank Dimmock, was presented with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Davison College during Commencement exercises for the Class of 2010. Frank and Nancy's eldest daughter, Jesse, was one of the graduates.



"He is a practical visionary who has joined faith, intellect, and relentless compassion to strengthen communities and improve countless lives," read Dimmock's citation. A native Tarheel and 1978 N.C. State graduate, Dimmock studied public

health, epidemiology and tropical medicine at Tulane University. As the first Africa Health Liaison of the Presbyterian Church (USA), he has founded and served numerous Christian health associations and networks in Africa.

One of his many achievements is development of "Health Passports." These small booklets carried by individuals contain preventative health information, as well as blank pages on which health-care providers can describe illness and record treatment. The health passports have benefitted public health efforts in Sub-Saharan Africa, reducing unnecessary tests or treatments, and giving health providers quick access to a patient's history.

## Pray for Madagascar and the Turks

*Re: a call from Elizabeth Turk*

Security forces of the current Madagascar government have been directed to arrest FJKM pastors. If the pastors can't be found, they can arrest family members and hold them. On May 20<sup>th</sup> Pastor Rivo and others were shot during a prayer service held by the main Ecumenical group of pastors. The friendly military agreed for these pastors to come and pray for peace near their military camp where they could give them protection. Unfortunately, the security forces of the present government descended on the meeting/camp and began shooting. Pastor Rivo was shot and subsequently died. He leaves behind his wife, Pastor Rina, and four children.

Elizabeth and Dan ask for prayer for all FJKM leaders, pastors and their families as they face this disturbing situation. May God grant protection and strength for all of them. May an extra measure of grace, mercy and peace abide with the Malagasy people.

Please continue to pray for Dan, Elizabeth, Robert and Frances as they prepare to return to the U.S. for a year of home assignment on July 1.

*May 24th Update from a 3rd party:* "...the situation in Madagascar is getting more desperate, the human rights violations have increased, and the overall condition of the people and country has gotten worse. Last Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, what started as a peaceful gathering to worship and pray for the country, standing for justice and truth, ended violent ... and resulted in the death of a beloved FJKM pastor and the beating and arrest of another by the existing government. The FJKM radio station has also been permanently shut down and all journalists and staff arrested. Our brothers and sisters are coming under intense persecution. Please pray for them, Dan and Elizabeth Turk, for the Malagasy people, and for the international community's response to these human rights violations."

# Urban Ministries

## GSPC Welcomes Our First 2010 Urban Mission Campers

2010 Urban Mission Camps kick off the week of June 5 - 11 with 23 campers from St.

Mark's Presbyterian Church in Ballwin, Missouri and Trinity Presbyterian Church in Travelers Rest, South Carolina. The Diaconate is hosting the June 6th Sunday meal. Contact Linda Reynolds or Ryan Jensen to volunteer to assist at Baytreat or to provide food or funds.

Please welcome our young guests during Sunday Worship service — they'll be the ones in our new, blue 2010 Urban Mission Camps T-shirts.

