

May 2011

Dear Friends of Outreach,
Mission Trips to Haiti and Honduras, the Blackstone Library opening, a passionate study of the oppression of women in the world; these are just a few of the Mission and Outreach activities that have occurred in the last 3 months. At home and around the world, Epiphany parishioners are taking to heart our mission of "striving for peace and justice and seeking to serve Christ in the world". We are continually amazed by the energy with which we serve, the breadth of our programs and the capacity for new initiatives to develop and take root.

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~ Betsy and Kate

You're Invited to our
Mission and Outreach
2011/12 Planning Meeting
May 15
12:15 – 1:15 pm
in the Suter Room



Review this year's
Mission and Outreach highlights
and help us plan for 2011/12

Opportunities to Serve ...

May 7, 10-1 pm	Landscaping work day at <i>Brookview House</i> in Boston see p.6 for details
2 nd Tues. ea. mo. May 10, June 14	<i>Rosie's Place</i> see page 8 or contact Susan Becker @ susandb.becker@gmail.com
4th Tues. ea. mo. 5/24, 6/28, 7/26, 8/23	<i>Meals on Wheels</i> see page 11 or contact Celia Ceruolo @ cceruolo@comcast.net
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri mornings	<i>Blackstone Library</i> see page 6 or contact Eileen Marks @ eileenmarks@verizon.net
Fridays 9-11 am	<i>St Lukes Food Pantry</i> See page 10 or contact Betsy @ walshhome@mindspring.com
Sunday, May 15, 2011, 12:15 pm	Mission and Outreach Planning for 2011/12 Meeting
3 rd Saturday of ea mo. 8-10:30 and 10:30 –1	<i>St Lukes Soup Kitchen</i> -see page 10 or contact claudiacantey@gmail.com 5/21, 6/18, 7/16
July 11-15	<i>St Stephens BSAFE Summer camp</i> : help make lunches for 120 children and counselors (page 9)
July 23-30	YPF Mission Trip to <i>El Hogar</i>
Sept 13	Mission and Outreach 2011/12 Kickoff Meeting
October 23, 2 pm	<i>El Hogar Walk-a-thon</i> In Winchester

We need your food donations !

Please deliver food to the narthex (inside the front doors to the church) and place them in the shopping cart. We have drivers ready to deliver the food to St. Stephens in Boston's South End and Council for Social Concern in Woburn.



From Haiti with Love

by Nick, Linda, Susie, Mary, and John

On April 1, 2011, Linda Brown, Nick Candee, Susie Almquist, Mary Provo and John Cuozzo travelled to Leogane, Haiti on a medical mission from Epiphany Church.

Our odyssey to Haiti began with a snow storm in Boston, delayed flight to Miami, but it could not diminish our enthusiasm and strong sense of mission as we travelled to Haiti. We were carrying 500 lbs of medications in 10 suitcases for people in need. Our destination was the Episcopal L'Hopital de Ste Croix in Leogane, where none of us had been. We were travelling on a leap of faith, and knew that God would guide us on this journey.



Haiti in all of its complexities, poverty and vibrancy greeted us with open arms. The airport itself is surrounded by a sea of

tents where thousands of people have been living for over a year. Port au Prince and surrounding towns bustled in the heat with roadside vendors and Saturday markets.

We arrived in Leogane and found our new home in the guest house at L'Hopital de Ste Croix. The five cooks created wonderful Haitian dinners for us. On Sunday

we attended a spirited church service in the remains of L'Eglise de Ste Croix next door to the hospital.

Then our work began on Monday. The hospital director and guest house managers had chosen four villages for our medical mission: Machieu, Laberger, De Boucher and Banyette.

Over the next five days we travelled to and set up a medical clinic in one of these villages outside Leogane, which gave us a chance to explore Haiti a bit en route to each site. Each morning we packed and carried four or five suitcases of medications for the clinic. We would then set up a clinic and pharmacy and see about 100 patients in the village. Each afternoon we would repack the suitcases and return to Leogane.



During our week in Haiti, we provided medical care and medications for over 500 Haitian patients - many mothers, babies

and children as well as elderly patients. We used much of the 500 pounds of medications and materials which we brought, and drew other items from the well-stocked guest house pharmacy. We left our unused meds for future mission groups.

Mary Provo wrote:

My time in Haiti was not as I expected! Upon our arrival in Haiti we spent a few hours in Port-au-Prince. Nothing could have fully prepared me for the sight of a city left in near-total ruin by the January 12, 2010 earthquake. If there was a building that was not damaged, I simply missed it.

The part that amazed me was the vitality of the people on the streets! We got out of the car and walked about the ruins of the Episcopal Cathedral. First we encountered a teenage girl playing the violin, and soon we heard an orchestra playing in a makeshift music hall amidst the crumpled walls. Each day in Haiti was like the first -- something out of ordinary would happen. On Sunday we attended a spirited three-hour Episcopal service in Leogane with "three choirs" in a temporary

structure with no walls -- their church had been flattened by the earthquake.



Our time in Haiti would have been "Mission Impossible" without the addition of the medical mission team of five

Haitian translators and a Haitian physician Dr. Alex Lebrun, nurse Rosaline Telfort and dentist Dr. Emmanuel Bastien. The POE team formed a deep spiritual connection with each other, our new friends in Haiti and the people we were able to serve. Every day was a living prayer to the people who entrusted us to care for them. My hope: that we will be able to return to Haiti for as long as our assistance is required and we are able.

John Cuzzo added:

We met and served about 500 wonderful people suffering unbelievable loss and multiple medical needs, yet sustained by their faith. Virtually every commercial vehicle is painted and named for Jesus or a saint, with entire psalms on some. Ditto for many businesses (at least those still standing). Huge percentages of unemployment as home-based businesses were wiped out with the homes and other places of business fairing little better. The horror of the thought that about $\frac{3}{4}$ million people still live in tents and a fewer still in plywood shelters some 15 months after the quake, with hurricane season 7 weeks away! Rainy season begins this month.

The roads are a mix of potholes, dirt and rocks, earthquake-rippled pavement, and plain unpaved rural roads everywhere we went. The 24 miles from airport to the guesthouse in the hospital took over two hours through the narrow, market-crowded streets, dodging motos that carry 2-3 passengers plus driver, zig-zagging from one edge of the road to the other, honking horns continually, passing simultaneously on both sides of vehicles as other vehicles and motos pull out at will from curbside and side streets, horns honking there too! Chaos everywhere, yet we didn't see a single accident (thank God!).

As we left on Tuesday to go to our second village, Laberger, the Guest House director admonished us to leave immediately if it started to rain. When we left the dirt road, surrounded by mountains, to follow a mostly-dried river bed for close to two miles, we understood why!

All that said, much of the countryside was beautiful and peaceful, and we left with a hope to return (with several others) before the year is out.

Susie Almquist described our last clinic in Banyette:

I believe they bring us to this place so that we cannot resist coming back. The clinic was set in the Pelerin (Pilgrim) church in a most beautiful village of Banyette. The church's front wall had fallen down (only adding to the beauty) but as Nick says the 'bones' were still intact. There was a beautifully carved podium on a slightly broken up marble raised area where we set up our field pharmacy.

We could see beautiful greening hills just above the still present door through the fallen down walls. A donkey brayed nearby off and on, and we had a dear little angel following us around all day. We had our biggest day for patients, and this humble volunteer truly enjoyed triaging the people ranging in age from 3 months to 95 years. The road in passed abundant and greening farms, much new construction and well organized rubble piles. A truly hopeful place.

Nice people, a few of which left us in tears after they thanked us for coming. Our last patient, a grizzled 80 year old farmer, a father of three with six grandchildren, hobbled over with his walking stick. He had so many needs and therefore a lot of meds so we gave him a carrying bag. He smiled, shook our hands, and said "God bless you." The dust, the heat, the hammering of the tropical sun faded in this moment of one to one appreciation

Nick reflected:

"Be the change you want to see in the world" said Mahatma [Great Soul] Ghandi. We hope that we have made a contribution to that positive change and have left Haiti in a bit better shape to move forward.

We will confer with our Epiphany leaders on possible next steps, on our own or with the diocese. At this stage we have a broader awareness of how we can make a

difference in the world, and thanks for opening your heart to provide the resources for us to serve as “the hands of Jesus” in healing the poor and the sick.

Linda added:

Our mission to Haiti was God’s gift to us. We were blessed that we could work in Haiti. I can feel God’s presence when working with very poor people. In the end, we received far more than we gave. We returned with our faith and spirits revitalized. We hope that our medical mission will be the first step in developing an ongoing ministry in Haiti.

With deep appreciation for everyone’s support, prayers and pills –

Linda, Nick, Susie, Mary, and John

For more details on our medical mission, go to our trip blog: <http://www.poehaitimission.blogspot.com>

Spanish- English Translators Needed

El Hogar Ministries often needs Spanish speakers to help translate letters that the children write. Please contact Liz Kinchen at lkinchen@elhogar.org or 781-729-7600 if you would be willing to help with this as needed.

El Hogar Mission Trip

by Jenny Rappole



March was an exciting month for El Hogar, as two women’s teams from Epiphany travelled to Honduras.

Team One, comprised of ten women, some new missionaries and some returning, began their mission work upon arrival on March 19th. They worked very hard all week long,

alongside Claudia and Raul- teaching in the classrooms, helping the teachers, planting the circular garden at the entrance of El Hogar, painting in the dormitory, and moving rubble from an old demolished cistern to create more play space for the children. Most of their free time was spent at El Hogar playing and enjoying the children.

It was a blessing to have Team Two, arriving on March 27th, overlap with some of the first team (due to cancelled/delayed flights through Miami). Because of the overlap, Team Two, comprised of 12 missionaries, some new and some returning, were able to complete many of the projects Team One started. Rebar and concrete were laid for a new play yard, the painting in the dorm was completed, the plants were watered, and again many hours were spent in the classrooms with the children. One of the most meaningful parts of Team Two’s mission was the Medical Clinic that was opened up for the week thanks to Dr. Ginger Barrow being part of our team. With her help and many assistants, they saw about 40 children that week! In addition, Team Two was able to WELCOME PADRE MATEO, The Reverend Matt Engleby, El Hogar’s new Director, to the campus on Friday night in a joyous celebration!



It is with gratitude and appreciation that all 22 women thank the Parish of Epiphany for their love

and support of these mission teams. A total of \$4, 400 was raised over the winter through many soup lunches. Your support helped build a larger play area for the children, which means the boys could finally play “futbol” on a full court. Your support means that all the



women could put a much- needed fresh coat of paint inside the dorm walls, so that the children could sleep more comfortably each night. We are blessed to have a church family that supports our local and global Outreach missions. God Bless you all!

We will be opening our hearts and sharing our stories on Sunday, May 8th- El Hogar Sunday- during the 8:00am and 10:00am services. In addition, we will have a panel of speakers during Adult Ed from 11:00am-12:00pm in Hadley Hall! Warm food will be served. Please come hear more about El Hogar-
“...for I was hungry and you gave me food, for I was a stranger and you welcomed me.”
--Matthew 25:35



To read more about their trip go to their blog @ <http://www.elhogarmarch11.blogspot.com>

We Pray for Children

by Ina Hughes

We pray for children
Who put chocolate fingers everywhere,
Who like to be tickled,
Who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,
Who sneak popsicles before supper,
Who erase holes in math workbooks,
Who can never find their shoes.

And we pray for those
Who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,
Who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers,
Who never "counted potatoes,"
Who are born in places where we wouldn't be caught dead in,
Who never go to the circus,
Who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children
Who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
Who sleep with the cat and bury goldfish,
Who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
Who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink,
Who slurp their soup.

And we pray for those
Who never get dessert,
Who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
Who can't find bread to steal,
Who don't have rooms to clean up,
Whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
Whose monsters are real.

We pray for children
Who spend their allowance before Tuesday,
Who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,
Who like ghost stories,
Who shove dirty clothes under the bed,
Who never rinse out the tub,
Who get visits from the tooth fairy,
Who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool,
Who squirm in church and scream on the phone,
Whose tears we sometimes laugh at and
Whose smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those
Whose nightmares come in the daytime,
Who will eat anything,
Who have never seen the dentist,
Who aren't spoiled by anyone,
Who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
Who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children
Who want to be carried
And for those who must,
For those we never give up on
And for those who don't get a second chance,
For those we smother,
And for those who will grab the hand of
anybody kind enough to offer it.

We pray for children. *Amen.*

El Hogar Sunday- May 8, 2011

8:00 and 10:00 services and Adult Education

Experience church in a new way! Hear the Gospel in Spanish, exchange La Paz, listen to mission team members share their experiences, sing Spanish music, see pictures, eat beans and tortillas and drink café con leche, learn how God's love is transforming lives in Honduras.

Funding Crisis at Brookview House

By Julie Dalton

As most of you already know, Epiphany has been involved with Brookview House, a Dorchester-based shelter for women and their children, for nearly 10 years. We have helped moms set up their permanent housing after leaving Brookview House, provided Christmas gifts, joined the families for apple picking trips, hosted movie parties, collected children's books, donated clothing, knitted afghans, made financial contributions and forged friendships.

One of the reasons Epiphany continues to be a strong supporter of Brookview House is the success rates the program boasts. Of the 500-plus women who have moved through the shelter, 75 percent have found permanent housing.

The work we do at Brookview matters. But it isn't enough to keep the program going. They need our help more than ever as they face the toughest funding crisis in their 20-year history.

In addition to individual donors foundations and business organizations, Brookview House relies on public money to fund the numerous programs. But the public money has been slashed up to 50 percent for some programs, and that's after having been slashed the year before as well.

The program at Brookview House is rigorous and comprehensive, including substance abuse programs, parenting workshops, GED classes, job training courses, financial literacy, educational support for the children and a summer camp, among other things.

But the real key is time.

Some women stay up to a year, which may sound like a long time. But imagine trying to learn all the skills needed to get an education, a job, learning how to open a bank account, find day care, feed your family and manage meager personal finances. These are things we take for granted. We learned them from our parents, families, and friends. It's what we know.

But many of the women who come to Brookview House grew up in poverty or were homeless children

Bring your garden tools and join us for a Work day at Brookview House May 7, 10-1 pm !

We will spruce up the grounds, plant some bushes and prepare the vegetable beds for planting. We will carpool from Epiphany at 9am or you can meet us there. For planning purposes, please contact Julie Dalton at 781-721-0820 or juliecdalton@yahoo.com or Ellen Rockefeller at 781-944-6328 or ellenrock@netscape.net if you plan to join them. This event will be geared toward older kids and adults. Children under 12 are welcome if they are well supervised and ready to work hard!

themselves. They are learning from scratch. And they need time.

But like the funding, time is being slashed as well. The state has instituted new regulations prohibiting Brookview House from allowing families to stay longer than six months. So now these families, standing on the brink of success, are forced to leave before they are ready, potentially risking all the hard work they have already done.

The Brookview House model works because the women are given a chance to settle in at the shelter, reassess their goals for themselves and their families and create a strategy that will allow them to achieve these goals. As the model is being threatened, the need for support services after women leave will only increase.

I don't know what the solution is. But thinking about it keeps me up at night. My friends at Brookview house continue to amaze and inspire me with their resourcefulness and dedication. If you are interested in getting involved at Brookview House, or making a financial contribution, email or call me @ juliecdalton@yahoo.com or 781-721-0820.

Update on Blackstone Library

by Eileen Marks



We opened the library to the 5th grade classes on April 4th for a pilot program. All has

gone well -- the students were delighted to have their library back! The library is not automated, of course, so we are managing all the circulation by hand with many spreadsheets, and wanted to see if our manual system would hold up. It's a bit clunky, but manageable, so we are planning to open to the 3rd and 4th grade classes in the next week or so. A dedicated group of Epiphany volunteers has been working at the library since last September, and are joined by students from Simmons Library School and others coordinated by St. Stephens. We are in need of more volunteers to staff these extended hours over the next seven weeks. No experience required, and training will be provided! If you are interested, please contact Eileen Marks at eileenmarks@verizon.net or sign up online @ <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/blackstone>



Grants and Finance
by Betsy Walsh

In June 2010, the Grants and Finance Team was created to oversee Outreach Finances. The Fall was spent working with the Women of Epiphany to make sure all of their efforts were absorbed into the parish's budget, the majority of which came under the Outreach umbrella. This transition has gone very smoothly. This February, we met to educate members about Outreach finances and to create procedures for the team. Mission and Outreach currently disburses money from 3 "buckets" -

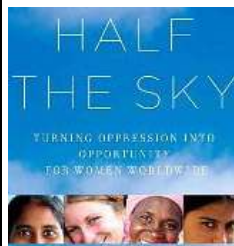
- Budget- the Parish of the Epiphany budgets money for Mission and Outreach. This money is disbursed in the form of contributions to organizations/ projects that we support.
- Outreach Memorial Fund- a fund created years ago that receives 10% of unrestricted bequests to the church. It also holds money raised through special offerings such as the Easter Offering. Money from this fund is used to fund requests not covered by the budget- one

time requests, new initiatives, supplies for projects and emergencies.

- WE Fund for Global Mission- this fund was established by the Women of Epiphany in 2011 as a legacy to celebrate the history of and commitment to Outreach. It is funded by the remaining balance in the WE accounts. It is their desire that these funds be used to support new and current international initiatives and mission trips.

In March 2010, we made our first grant from the WE Fund for Global Mission by covering the housing expenses of the medical missionaries to Haiti, led by Linda Brown. Recent grants from the Outreach Memorial Fund include buying turkeys for St Stephens at Thanksgiving and covering supply expenses for activities at Germaine Lawrence School and the Blackstone Elementary School library. Current members of the G&F Team are Susan Haskell, Liz Kinchen, Mary Provo, Kate Reynolds, Jack Roll and Betsy Walsh.

Lenten Program Wrap up:
*Empowering women and families locally and globally,
Brookview, microlending and Half the Sky*
by Kate Reynolds



A group of parishioners met twice during the first few Sundays of lent to discuss the Half the Sky book and troubling issues women face everyday worldwide. One of the outcomes of the meetings was to follow one of the suggestions in the book and continue working through Kiva.org to empower entrepreneurs working their way out of poverty. Epiphany has and is currently supporting 14 entrepreneurs through Kiva.org, women and men in Honduras, Palestine, Pakistan, Paraguay, Rwanda and Sierra Leone, helping them build their own businesses using a microloan from Epiphany, and other groups, which they pay back over time. This year, the theme of microlending was carried through Sunday school with their theme of "small gifts yield big rewards". Our Lenten devotional also provided opportunities for parishioners to learn more about the variety of outreach programs Epiphany supports that empower others. Other volunteers spent time at Brookview House, an area shelter for homeless women and children, helping them with some spring landscaping.



Helping War Widows Re-Build Their Lives and Daycare Center

by Kate and Ruba

This year, we introduced our Lenten Mission and Outreach theme with an adult ed presentation by Ruba Gnanaratnam who shared her story of empowering women and families in Sri Lanka. Her talk and slideshow portrayed life in Sri Lanka before, during



and after the British colonial rule when the Sinhala government dominated and discriminated against the minority Tamils.

Repeated ethnic violence on the Tamils in the south continued with vandalizing homes, looting goods and killings over a period of 30 yrs. Most Tamils fled the

country. Ruba and her family moved to the US around 1983. After the holocaust the Tamil youth banded themselves as the Freedom fighters calling them Liberation Tamils of Tamil Eelam, Eelam meaning a homeland to live in Peace and Dignity.

The war abruptly ended on May 18th 2009. In the last few days of the war it is estimated that by heavy artillery fire and bombardment into Tamil civilian population that over 200,000 Tamils died, 300,000 were trapped and held behind barbed wire fences. Over 80,000 became war widows and 150,000 orphan children. There were many babies and children under 10 yrs left abandoned when their parents died.

In August 2010 Ruba visited her homeland in the north of Sri Lanka. Bishop Daniel Thiyagrajah and the priest of the JDCSI helped her to visit places, families and projects started by the diocese. She was horrified to see the devastation and destruction of her people and land. She spoke to many war widows and orphan children. The Palmyra Project is part of the VCT, Vocational Training Center and is now making a difference in the north of Sri Lanka. Ruba is actively raising funds and materials to help the war widows succeed in their lives. Believing that:

Many things are Possible

With Faith, Commitment and Prayer

Ruba says she will go on with Gods help and promise. She says it was indeed a humble and sorrowful experience to meet and walk on the land they had lived, running for their lives to escape the aerial bombardment. Talking to them was made possible by God who gave her the strength to travel. She is actively raising funds for the Women's Empowerment project and for the Konavil Day Center. Konavil is a sleepy beautiful hamlet. The church and the Day care center were completely bombed and gutted, many died. The 40 children who arrive now for their 1 cup of milk and a bun are under 4 yrs old. The war widows are trying to feed them. The cost is \$550 to feed them which includes pay for two teachers. The cost of re building the Day care Center is \$15,000 without cost of utilities and inner fixtures. Epiphany contributed our March, 3rd Sunday offering towards this Palmyrah Project helping widows in the form of sewing machines, animals, fuel costs, and beads.

ROSIE'S PLACE

We welcome anyone interested to join us in Boston to help serve lunch to homeless women at Rosie's place. You can learn more and sign up online @ <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/rosies>

*Community Service Opportunity for
College Students
Home for the Summer*

*Volunteers needed for the St. Stephen's
Afterschool Programs
In Boston's South End*

May 2-June 9, 2:30-6pm

*Assisting lead counselors with
elementary aged youth, including
homework help and mentoring*

*Contact Jane Tierney
617-262-9070*

***BSAFE Summer Camp- July 11-15
Come join the fun!***

by Betsy Walsh

The Bishop's Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment Program is a summer program run by St. Stephen's Youth Programs (SSYP) based at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Boston's South End. The mission of St. Stephen's Youth Programs is to serve neighborhood children and teens by providing them with a safe, challenging, and supportive community in which they can thrive. They strive to build a community where all people feel safe, feel big, and feel connected. Epiphany has a long history of partnering with them to support the work they are doing with inner city youth. One way we support their work is by sponsoring a week of their BSAFE Program. In 2010, BSAFE provided programming in 6 locations for 5 weeks (with an overnight trip to the Barbara Harris Camp during the 6th week) for 525 youth; 305 in elementary school, 130 in middle school and 90 teens as CITs. They hope to grow to 575 youth served this summer! The real cost of the program for each child is \$670 but BSAFE only charges \$75. They raise funds from foundations and individuals to cover the rest. To keep costs as low as possible, they depend on 900 volunteers and 55 partner churches of which we are one. By sponsoring a week of camp, we provide a hot lunch everyday, leave an afternoon snack and provide a

full day Friday field trip. To make this happen, we need your help! We will need volunteers to prepare and serve meals at St. Stephens Monday, July 11 through Thursday, July 14 and volunteers to help make bag lunches and lead field trips on Friday, July 15. We will need food donations. A sign up sheet for food donations and lunch volunteers will be sent out through signupegenius.com in June so keep an eye out for that. Other ways to support BSAFE include volunteering to help at BSAFE with academic or enrichment activities, sharing a talent or skill, making a Costco run for breakfast supplies or making a financial gift. Please contact Betsy Walsh @ walshhome@mindspring.com or 781-729-6598 if you have any questions, would like more information or would like to help out in any way.

Update on Books for South Africa

by Helena Champion

Judith Baker, one of our Board members, just spent two months in South Africa, volunteering at numerous schools in KwaZulu Natal, including Tholulwazi Secondary (High) School, and an elementary school in Lower Molweni, working with teachers to improve their teaching of reading. We arranged to buy Zulu language books, paid for from generous donations from Winchester residents and the Outreach Committee. The best available book store in the nearest city did not have enough Zulu children's reading books in stock (these books are expensive) for Judith to spend the \$1000 we sent in one go and more books had to be ordered. They have plenty of English books of course. We bought Zulu children's reading books from the University of KwaZulu Natal with donated funds but their supplies were limited.

Judith has now gone to Zambia and Botswana where she will work with teachers to promote reading. We plan to send a container of books and teaching materials to KwaZulu Natal in late summer or fall of 2011 and the books will likely be divided between a school in Ladysmith that Judith has worked with, and a community service group called Indlela which works in a very under resourced area north of Durban and serve thousands of young people. We need to raise money to truck the books from the Port of Durban because the Funded Transportation Program only provides shipping to the port and this will cost about \$600.

- We are looking for new board members. Sandy Bristol plans to resign as Treasurer after 4 years and we greatly appreciate her hard work and enthusiasm! We will be happy to train a new Treasurer and/ or Clerk and we'd like other board members too. Please contact Helena Champion at booksforsouthafrica@hotmail.com (781) 724-6812 if you would like to help run Books for South Africa.

- We would like a volunteer to create a web page for us - we have photos and content

- We would like to create a phone and e-mail list of people who will help when there are occasional tasks, like moving boxes from our collection container into the shipping container and also sorting books. Please contact Helena Champion at booksforsouthafrica@hotmail.com (781) 724-6812 if you can do this

Books for South Africa continues to collect donated books at the Winchester Transfer Station and our volunteers have been very busy sorting books and trying to increase the proportion of childrens' books suitable for people learning English as a second language.

Books for South Africa is a tax-exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).

For more information, see:

<http://booksforsouthafrica.org/ma>

- for what type of books we need and where to drop them.

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sfrm=1#!/pages/Books-for-South-Africa/258810991175>

the 2010 article in the Winchester Star newspaper:

<http://www.wickedlocal.com/winchester/news/x1757257226/Winchester-residents-gather-books-for-South-Africa>

Food Pantry at St. Luke's, Chelsea

Fridays- 9:15- 11 am

by Betsy Walsh

Every Friday morning, parishioners and friends (you don't have to "go" to Epiphany to join us!) unload a pick up truck full of food and haul it up to the food pantry. We stock the shelves and then we bag it for distribution on Saturday morning. This physically challenging work is a huge help to Fr Edgar who was doing it all by himself! If you are physically able, it is a

great workout. If you are less able, never fear, we have tasks for you as well! St. Luke's is easy to get to, has off street parking, and children are welcome. Please go to www.signupgenius.com/go/stlukes to sign up. The more hands, the better so it would be fabulous if we had 4 people on every shift. Thank you! Please contact Betsy Walsh at walshhome@mindspring.com or 781-729-6598 for more information.

Also, extra hands are always appreciated on Saturday mornings when local residents come in to receive the food bags. You may be asked to fill more bags, hand them out or help in whatever way is needed. You do not need to sign up ahead of time. Just show up at 8:30 Saturday morning.

Are you looking for a rewarding way to serve others and meet more Epiphany parishioners?

by Claudia Bell

Please join us on any 3rd Saturday of the month and help prepare/serve breakfast and lunch for local Chelsea residents at St. Lukes Episcopal Church. We share lots of laughs and great conversation with each other and the friendly people we serve. Bring members of your family, friends, or just yourself. It is an easy, quick drive to Chelsea, or get a ride with other volunteers who will be leaving from Epiphany for the two morning shifts: 8-10:30am or 10:30am - 1:00pm. Our upcoming dates will be: Saturday, May 21, Sat. June 18, Sat. July 16, Sat. August 20 and Sat. Sept. 17

Please sign up for one of the shifts at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/stlukes2>. You can also contact Claudia Bell at claudiacantey@gmail.com or call at 617-515-0492.

Epiphany- St. Luke's BBQ

Wednesday, June 1 at 6pm

Please come enjoy an evening of food and fellowship with our neighbors from Chelsea. There will be burgers and hotdogs provided- please bring a side dish to share.

See you there!

Peace in the Holy Land

By Jack Roll

Last summer a small group spent a few evenings engaged in "book club" discussions of We Can Have Peace in the Holy Land: A Plan That Will Work by Jimmy Carter and of Steadfast Hope – this summer, if there is interest we might try to do something similar – books to be selected later – contact Jack Roll jayroller@verizon.net if you would like to be notified if such a group takes shape!!

Meals on Wheels could use help this summer!

It is a very easy commitment that can be done with kids. It only takes 45 minutes driving in Winchester. Please see www.signupgenius.com/go/meals212 for open dates or contact Celia Ceruolo at 781-729-6209 or cceruolo@comcast.net for more information.

Third Sunday Offerings and "Focus On 2011" Plan

Jan	Episcopal Relief and Development	\$311
Feb	Sat/Sun Bread	\$307
March	Sri Lankan War Widow daycare	\$518
April*	Easter Outreach offering	\$5,333
May	Blackstone Library	
June	St Lukes, Chelsea	
July	St Stephens BSAFE	
August	Environmental Partnerships: Setting the Table	

** Mite Boxes collected \$500: funds will be used to purchase a llama, chicks and other animals through Heifer International to empower a few families to become self-sustaining.*

Night after Night Hither and Thither

by Ruba Gnanaratnam – 1989

First in muffled tones
then the blasts
Short interval of calm
long intervals of hiding
As eyelids droop then
they fly open

as bombing sounds get closer
yet not close

Those were the years
none had heard
of bunkers and trenches
advised nor built
People ran and ran
hither and thither
escaping bombs asking for news

Children wide eyed
glum and sad
Went to school
whenever they could
Came back with news
where shells had fallen
Someone lost and
Someone in hospital

Next day in school
Where is my friend
And I search for the face
I loved as a friend
Someone whispers
The bomb hit him
When he ran for safety
I hold my tears
It could have been me

The saddest news was
A whole family had died
when the shells ripped
through their home
No one to ask
no one to go tell
no funeral was planned
there was no time
and there were no people
they were running and hiding

shells continue to fall
sniper fire streaks the sky
they stare everywhere
the sky is lit with the devils fire
and still they ran and ran
hither and thither
and still there was no escape