

Mission Waco January E-News

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Happy New Year!



MLK Holiday Program Promotes Racial Reconciliation & Service- 10:30-11:45am

Attendees To Share Meals (11:45-12:45) and Serve Waco (1:00-3:00) too!

Mission Waco's 4th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day events begin with a creative one-hour program to help youth and adults understand both the historical and social implications of the Civil Rights Movement, as well as the importance of continued reconciliation efforts over racial, economic and ethnic divisions. The program is free to the public. Following the program, you are encouraged to “take someone to lunch” who is different from you in one of those areas. The World Cup Café will be open, as well as other area restaurants. At 1:00, volunteers are asked to go to various designated sites in Waco to serve in arranged projects.



CULTURAL FOODS & DANCES NIGHT- Saturday, Jan. 21...buy tickets soon!

Jubilee Center event expands to two choices for celebrating cultural diversity

Last year's event was “sold out” so this year you can purchase tickets (\$10) in advance for the early show (6:00-7:45p) or late show (7:00-8:45p). Both programs include international foods for the first forty-five minutes followed by cultural dances by area youth and adults. It's a fun night, full of global goodies!



20-YEAR MW ANNIVERSARY BANQUET- Tuesday, February 7...Tables available now!

Dr. Scott Todd Builds Vision for next twenty years

“Looking Back/Looking Forward!” Mission Waco's annual banquet at the Waco Convention Center will celebrate the first twenty years of ministry among the poor and marginalized. It will also give a glimpse of the dreams for the next twenty

years. Dr. Scott Todd, Senior Ministry Advisor for Compassion International, a Christian development ministry among the world's poor. Todd has a PhD in immunology and is an awarded scientist. He is also renowned expert on global poverty, Scott is a sought-after and gifted communicator with a passion for making the case that ending extreme poverty is not only possible, but probable in our lifetime. He has spoken in churches, conferences, workshops and leadership events across Asia, Africa and Latin America as well as in the U.S. He has been featured in national television and radio news interviews, where he champions the importance of children, the criticality of the church and the centrality of Christ. Dr. Jimmy Dorrell, co-founder of Mission Waco, will also do a brief review of "looking back," remembering the highlights of the two decades. You are encouraged to buy a table (10). Non-profits (\$375), Corporations (various levels of sponsorship: \$600, \$1000-\$3000, and \$4000 and up.) Individual tickets are \$40/each. Contact 254.753.4900 for more information.



VALENTINES NIGHT DINNER & THEATER: "Baylor to Broadway Musical Review"

Talented Elizabeth Davis returns to Waco for one-night performance- limited seating \$12.50

What a night this will be! You can begin your evening eating a classy meal on white table cloths and listening to stringed instruments in the World Cup Café and then enjoy the NYC Broadway's talent of one of Baylor's former students. Davis is currently in the sold out hit *ONCE* that is running Off Broadway at New York Theatre Workshop and will transfer to Broadway's Jacob's Theatre in February. Recipient of the Innovative Theatre Award for Best Actress in a Leading Role for her portrayal of Emily Dickinson in Baylor grad, Chris Cragin's, *EMILY*. While a student at Baylor, she was involved in Mission Waco's ministries and also created a non-profit called "Bridging the Gap," which served the local homeless. The meal and performance are separate activities and Valentine guests can go to one or the other or both. Café seating is limited to 50 customers (reservations requested) and the theater performance next door can hold 200 guests. Tickets available now. Call 254.753.4900 for more information.



PERKINS SEMINARY RETURNS TO MISSION WACO FOR CLASS

One-week intensive on "homelessness and poverty" January 9-15 open to "audits"

Want to sit in a class to teach you about homelessness and the realities of the poor. You are invited to audit the class for D.Min students from SMU's Perkins School of Theology in Waco beginning at 1:00 on Monday, Jan 9 and finishing Sunday, the 15th after Church Under the Bridge. Want to know more? Contact Dr. Jimmy Dorrell

[<jdorrell@missionwaco.org>](mailto:jdorrell@missionwaco.org)



SUMMER INTERNSHIPS & WORK GROUPS... "Plunge" and "Poverty

Simulations”

2012 Groups already signing up for spring/summer

Some weeks are already filled for the 2012 mission opportunities for student and adult groups wanting to serve the poor and learn more about the realities of poverty. Details for summer internships (10 weeks) and our three or four-day work group opportunities are online at <www.missionwaco.org> under “Training.” Costs of housing and food are included. The Poverty Simulation dates are set through the summer and tend to fill quickly so don’t wait long to get your reservation and deposit in.



HAITI, MEXICO CITY or INDIA....Your choice!

Come join efforts to alleviate global poverty

Want to have your worldview stretched? We can help! Join us on any of our “mission/exposure” trips to these three countries. The next Haiti trip is March . MxCity dates are April... And the trip to India has three options: Part 1: May ; Part II June or the combined trip May- Applications, cost and details are online <www.missionwaco.org> . You can also contact Janet Dorrell <missions@missionwaco.org>. Deadlines are approaching so don’t wait long.



PIZZA HUT DONATION AT BAYLOR/TEXAS GAME

Baylor’s successful football season benefits Mission Waco, too!

As Jimmy and Janet Dorrell walked onto the 25-yard line with Pizza Hut area marketing director, Jody Bell, the sell-out crowd at Baylor’s final home game heard the announcer say, “Pizza Hut gladly presents this check for \$16,000 to Mission Waco.” Due to a commitment of \$100/per touchdown (70 total) this season and a special “Pizza Hut” pizza rollers deal, the national chain showed its personal commitment to local communities once again. Thanks Pizza Hut!



“CHRISTMAS TOY STORE” SERVES MOST EVER...thanks to all!

2226 children from 725 families helped due to community’s generosity

Without the extraordinary giving of local churches, businesses and individuals, the Mission Waco Toy Store would have been in trouble this year! Record numbers of low-income parents attended this year’s “store” to purchase the 80%-discounted toys for their own children. Some parents waited for 12 hours to be sure they had gifts. The 9% increase in shoppers follows the national trend of economic challenges of the poor who have yet to recover from the recent recession. So thanks to all of you who donated, volunteered and helped us help!



PHELP'S SOLD-OUT CONCERT BLESSES LOCAL POOR

National Banks of Central Texas donates \$10,000 from event to Mission Waco

Waco Hall was full to the brim for the sold-out David Phelps's Christmas Concert hosted by the National Banks of Central Texas. Event organizer Brian Townley did an amazing job pulling off the seasonal event that was heralded for the amazing performance of Phelps singing a wide range of carols and songs. But for us, more than the beauty of his golden voice was the subsequent announcement of the generous gift from concert proceeds to Mission Waco's work among the poor and marginalized of Central Texas. Thank you National Banks of Central Texas and Brian Townley.