

International Missions:

Sydenstricker UMC is ministering to the needs of people in El Salvador and Guatemala. The El Salvador student mission funds provide bus fare and lunch money to 17 youth who attend commercial trade school. The group includes 10 girls and 7 boys who are studying accounting, administration, electronics, and structural metals (building materials). We have seen 12 young adults graduate since inception of the mission nine years ago. Our Centennial Mission Ministry provides one university scholarship. The 2010/2011 recipient is 25 years old; she was selected by the leadership of her community to receive this scholarship based on her academic record and her civic involvement. Her work experience includes teaching people to read and write in her community of subsistence farmers in San Francisco Javier where the average schooling for adults is about grade 3 or 4. She is pursuing a double major in Education and Business Administration. Our church's champion for the El Salvador and Guatemala missions makes annual trips to meet with the leaders of the communities and students we are supporting to ensure we are providing the assistance they need. Support for these missions is received through the special offerings on World Communion Sunday (El Salvador) and Christmas (Guatemala). Champion: John Moore

Center for Student Missions (2010 – Toronto, Canada/2011 – Pittsburg Project): Our senior high youth travelled to Toronto to work with their Center for Student Missions and other local groups. In June 2011 they will serve in Pittsburgh, PA. For information on all senior high youth mission projects, please contact Champion, Barb Russell, youth@sumcdisciples.org.