

HERE I AM MINISTRIES

If Jesus called your name today
Would you try to hide?
Or gladly say, and answer,
"Here Am I"?

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "*Here am I. Send me!*" (Isaiah 6:8).*

"Charity starts at home and spread abroad."

GOAL: To provide the necessary help, support, and services to the elderly and black families in the local community.

OBJECTIVES: By the end of June 2012, missionaries should be able to:

1. Expand their understanding of serving the community and participating in God's mission.
2. Understand the necessity of reaching out to the elderly, to needy families and the community.
3. Become more involved with the families in local neighborhoods/community.
4. Strengthen involvement in local Christian mission.
5. Provide assistance to the elderly and needy families in her neighborhood/community.
6. Know the major concerns and/or issues in the community.
7. Put in place a workable program (with the assistance of the pastor, missionary society, and church membership) designed to provide assistance to the elderly and needy families in the neighborhood/community.
8. Increase sensitivity to all human beings – their needs, interests and concerns.
9. Work closely with private and public institutions in the fulfillment of the above goal and objectives.

SOME SUGGESTED PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

ALL Episcopal Districts and Regions are asked to support the following projects:

- *One Church One School (through a monetary donation/supplies, etc.)*
- *Choose one of our CME Colleges and/or one of our Historical Black Colleges/universities (we have about 105) to support.*

On District, Local, and Individual Level

1. Provide benevolence assistance to the elderly, such as delivering and preparing meals, mowing lawns, running errands, carrying them to doctor appointments, sitting with and reading to them.

2. Provide scholarships to deserving college students.
3. Monetary gifts, food, and fruit baskets.
4. Provide supplies, clothing, etc., to a homeless shelter in your town.
5. Set up a food pantry and/or a clothes closet.
6. Distribute school supplies to students.
7. Provide finance for men to take elementary boys to the barber shop, girls to the beauty shop.
8. Adopt a school and visit, tutor, provide supplies, etc.
9. Partner with the Salvation Army, Social Welfare Office, etc.
10. Celebrate CME Founder's Day on Sunday, December 18, 2011. (Celebrate 140 years)!
11. Prepare "care bags" for a nursing home and/or a homeless shelter.
12. Have a scholarship program: Helena B. Cobb and P. Ann Pegues SOS Scholarship Day (Second Sunday in January, 2012)
13. Black History Program during February, 2012
14. Showcase of males (One of the 5th Sundays in year of 2012 –Months with five (5) Sundays: October, January, April, May, and July.
15. At-Risk After School Meals in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).
16. Sponsor a community-wide National Night Out with focus on drugs and violence.
17. Set up tutorial classes for school age kids at your church.
18. Observe fourth Sunday in December as Student Recognition Day.
19. None of the above meets the needs in your community, then, add your own.
20. My project_____.

* **HERE I AM MINISTRIES** comes from Isaiah 6:8 where God asks, "*Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? And the prophet Isaiah answers, "Here I Am. Send Me."*

PLEDGE

I am one, and only one
 I cannot do everything,
 But I can do something.
 That I can do,
 I will do.
 God being my helper.