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Kamina is a feeding station for orphans in the Congo run by Bishop Ntambu Nkutu of the North Katanga Conference. The offering for Kamina will help provide resources for the recovery of mission and ministry on the Gulf Coast.

UMTV PRODUCES VIDEO ON DANCE PROGRAM HOUSED AT GALLOWAY UMC

United Methodist Television recently produced for national distribution a short video called "Dance Steps to Success." The video, which can be accessed online at www.umtc.org showcases Graffiti Playground, a non-profit program housed at Galloway UMC in Memphis. Dewayne Hambrick, founder and CEO of the program, says,

"My vision is to give kids with talent a haven where they can perfect their craft. Graffiti Playground will educate students in the areas of Vocal Arts, Dance, Drama, Art, Photography & Film... At Graffiti Playground we will support our gifted and talented children in all their pursuits in a place where they are safe, nurtured, and appreciated."

The group's talent has caught the attention of national agents and several former students have moved on to work in dance companies across the country.

CHECK IT OUT! UMNS FEATURES MEMPHIS CONFERENCE IN "PICKING UP THE PIECES"

Break out your computer and go to media.umc.org/umns/photo_features/20060407_for-mndo/index.html to see photos of Bishop Dick Willis touring West Tennessee churches and parsonages after tornadoes swept through the region on April 2. UMNS award-winning photographer Mike Dillrose accompanied the bishop. Brownsville DS Cecil Bellew, Dyersburg DS Mickey Carpenter, and Communications Director Cathy Farmer on the trip. Willis met with pastors Walt Asher, Garrett Sweeney, Gene Rollins, William Copeland, Phillip Cook and Robert Craig. Dillrose's "album" captures something of the emotion of the day.

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Paducah District celebrates Missions and Missionaries

PADUCAH, Ky.—Both retired and deployed missionaries and their host families met at Broadway United Methodist Church on Friday, April 21, for a meal to kick off a weekend of Mission Celebration in Paducah District churches.

Planning and coordinating the district wide effort, according to Ken Wray, publicity chairman, were chairperson Myra Cleaver, Beverlyann Jetton, Dr. Jerry Jeffords, Sharon Gross, Ada Herndon, Melinda Paul, Joyce McClain, Cynthia McNitt, Kaye Poyner, Heidi Subheimrich, Robbie Wallace, Bobbie Wray and Bill Carr.

Throughout the weekend churches in the district welcomed the missionaries to functions ranging from United Methodist Women's meetings to cluster meetings to Sunday school classes to Sunday morning worship services.

The final celebration was held in Sedalia, Ky. at Burnetts Chapel United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, April 23.

The immersion in mission was intended to increase awareness in the district of local, conference, national and international mission opportunities.

Wray said it was a pleasurable and inspirational weekend. "Paducah District people got to learn first hand the experiences that these missionaries and deacons have had—as well as some of the hardships these people have had to deal with

Heart attack claims life of Mark Masters

By ELLIOTT WRIGHT

Mark Allen Masters, a staff member of the mission agency of The United Methodist Church, died suddenly of a heart attack on May 14 while visiting missionaries in Nepal.

Masters, 48, was regional executive for mission personnel in Europe, North Africa, Middle East, and South & Central Asia of the General Board of Global Ministries. He himself served as a missionary in Africa and the Solomon Islands. His wife, the Rev. Kathleen Masters, also works for the mission board.

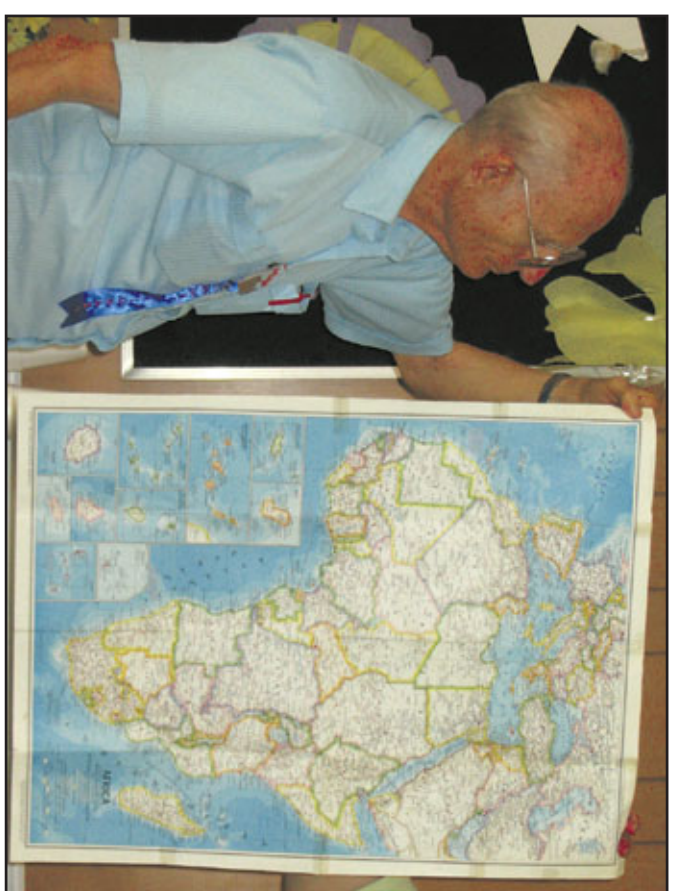
Masters died at Tansen Mission Hospital while visiting Dr. Elma Joelson, a missionary surgeon who had just returned from a short leave. When he reported not feeling well, physicians sent him to rest at a guest house and quickly followed with a visit. He died shortly thereafter.

Masters had called his wife to wish her a happy birthday the night before he died.

A member of the Memphis Conference, Masters graduated from Martin Methodist College. He also studied at church-related American University, from which he received a master's degree in development management. At the time of his death, he was a candidate for a doctoral degree at Vanderbilt University.

He and his wife, along with their two sons, Christian and Matthew, spent six years (1988-93) as missionaries in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific. This was followed by two years working with new mission personnel at the Mission Resource Center, Atlanta, after which he served as a missionary in Uganda and Zambia.

Master's body was to be cremated in Nepal and the ashes returned for burial in Memphis where his mother lives. The funeral will be at St. Luke's UMC, the family church, where Masters' father was once pastor and where he and his wife were married. Contact the Rev. Kathleen Masters at 1420 Woodfield Drive, Nashville, TN, 37211. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the United Methodist Advance for Support of Missionaries. Outside the Hill, St. Luke Aldersgate, Symonsia, Trinity. •



David Butler, a retired missionary who served in Algeria and Tunisia, discussed his work in the North African nations.

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HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY TASK FORCE TO MEET AT UTMARTIN ON JUNE 26

Hunting season is fast approaching, so it's time for the Task Force on Hunters for the Hungry, a Program Ministries initiative, to meet. Dr. Jim Byford, task force chairman, has called the meeting for June 26, 6:00-7:30 P.M. in Room 206 B-C in the University Center at UT Martin. Dinner will be provided. Call Cathy Farmer, 731-664-8480 for more information.

CLERGY REQUESTED TO WEAR ROBES TO ORNATION SERVICE
The Rev. John Meeks, registrar for the Board of Ministry, requests that all clergy be present for the 2006 Ordination Service at Annual Conference and that they wear black clergy robes or albs and red stoles. Clergy will gather backstage at 6:30 p.m. at The Carson Center for the processional Sunday night June 4. "All clergy will be processing in and sitting together as a sign of support for those being ordained in the Memphis Conference," Meeks wrote. The procession will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

DON'T FORGET KATRINA & KAMINA

Offerings to underwrite Kamina and Katrina will be received at the 2006 Annual Conference. (Continued on page 8A)

Rise! Shine! Glorify God!

By BETH BROWN
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United Methodist Women

Fifty-two United Methodist Women from across the Memphis Conference journeyed to Anaheim, California recently for the United Methodist Women's Assembly.

Some 7,000 women attended this quadrennial event with the theme, "Rise! Shine! Glorify God!" Our journey to "Assembly" was a journey to deepen our faith, celebrate our global mission work and enjoy Christian supportive fellowship.

We were blessed with magnificent worship that embraced music and dancing from various cultures and included a Latin Christian Band, the Tongan Women's Choir and Youth Dance Group, the Ewha Alumnae Choir of Korea and Japanese Taiko drummers.

The event's international flair of music, Bible study and worship offered an excellent backdrop for us to hear the mission stories of how our mission dollars are impacting the lives of women and children positively.

On the morning of May 6, over 300 United Methodist Women participated in a five-kilometer Walk for Missions which raised over \$30,000 for ministries with women, children and youth. Another \$25,000 was donated for missions through the World Thank Offering.

One of the highlights for us was the Sunday sermon of Jan Love, the chief executive of the Women's Division.

Jan challenged us to "make every day a mission day by practicing love, mercy, kindness and justice in our neighborhoods, our nation and the world."

She told us that on her recent trip to Latin America she learned we are called "Mission Mamas" in Latin America. Yes, because of decades of mission



52 Memphis Conference United Methodist Women joined about 7000 other women at the Anaheim Convention Center in California for the UMW Assembly. Under the theme, "Rise, Shine, Glorify God!" the women look part in worship and workshops, exhibits and education, community building and contemplation.



(L-R) Beth Brown, Memphis Conference President, with Kim Corffing from COSROW.

The Assembly wasn't all study and worship. There was time built in for the fun Memphis Conference United Methodist Women bring to all their endeavors. new commitments to personal and social holiness, prepared to glorify God through our daily witness and mission giving with new names— Mission Mamas!

We have returned home with

our Christian Mission Education event at Lambuth University. This will afford us our next opportunity to gather as Memphis Conference United Methodist Women to Rise! Shine! Glorify God! •

