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# MASTER Provisions

*Clothes-Minded  
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Over 100 individuals and 43 churches offer regular support to provide a solid financial base for MP operations. Some individual donors prefer not to be publicly recognized, but we do formally thank the following churches that stand beside us financially regularly:

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## MP FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1/1/09 through 11/30/09

### INCOME

Regular Support	\$272,330
Missions Trip	14,667
MASTER Care	42,158
Special Gifts	36,417
Misc Income/Reimb	30,467
Special Event Income	12,634
Shipping Reimbursements	231,001
<b>TOT INCOME</b>	<b>\$639,674</b>

Container Shipping	216,484
Vehicles/Transportation	65,074
Travel	13,162
MASTER Care	30,800
Special Event Expenses	5,046
Niger Vehicle/Gifts	10,918
Salary/Benefits (6 empl)	220,437
Miscellaneous	3,095
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$635,280</b>

### EXPENSES

Office/Comms/Ins/Gen Adm	40,867
Whse/Work Grps	29,397

<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,394</b>
Praise the Lord!! THANKS!!	

# NMC AT PEORIA



**Great fellowship at the MP booth!**

The majority of MP's staff attended the annual National Missionary Convention at the Civic Center in Peoria, IL from November 19-22. Our 4 main activities at the NMC were: 1) chatting with people while manning the booth; 2) networking with others and building relationships/partnerships; 3) participating in worship services; and 4) managing the annual clothes pack. The mega clothes sorting activity took place on Saturday, November 21 as we worked to pack clothing for our initial shipment to help Ghana (West Africa) Christian Mission. We had dinner with Enoch Naydor, director of GCM, on Thursday night. Enoch let us know the "dos and don'ts" of packing for Ghana and how the clothing will be used to create jobs and support the mission work of GCM.

Besides creating jobs, proceeds from the new clothing ministry in Ghana will support a radio ministry, medical

evangelism and development of a Youth Center. We finished 150 large bags for Ghana at the NMC and the rest were packed in Florence, KY. MP was one of the 3 featured Youth Service Projects that have become an annual part of the NMC. Please continue to pray for Walter Birney, retiring Executive Director of the NMC, who battles Parkinson's Disease.



**God blessed us with a wonderfully sunny day for packing clothes!**

## **EVADE 48 UPDATE**

\$22,787 has been received from 145 donors as of December 1. If you have not participated, please consider a \$48 gift by the end of the year to help us reach the \$48,000 campaign goal and meet 6 strategic ministry needs!!

## **MEDS FOR NIGER**

God has blessed us with 10 people to serve on MP's initial Medical Evangelism team to work in Niger (West Africa) from January 11-23, 2010. Doctors Dave Mayer (Monticello, KY) and Sally Sidman (Danville, IL) along with Nurse/Practitioner Lora Elam (Monticello, KY) and Medical School student Brian Mayer will be joined by RN's Kathee Pizzi (Indianapolis, IN) and Mary Lou Butorac (Lima, OH) to form the team nucleus. Helping hands will be provided by Pat Hale (Rockville, IN), Helen Mayer (Monticello, KY) and MP's Dave Mayer and Roger Babik. Roger and Dave will begin the journey 5 days earlier in order to have camp set up by the time the rest of the team arrives.

Common ailments will

be parasite infections, skin infections, dehydration, diarrhea, malaria and malnutrition. Few, if any, of the patients will have received medical care or been exposed to the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are excited about this adventure and thankful to 2 churches (Rockville, IN Christian Church and Second Church of Christ (Danville, IL) that donated \$5,000 to purchase pharmaceuticals, OTC meds and supplies. Pharmacist Scott Bowsher of JR Pharmacy in Rockville was instrumental in acquiring the medical supplies at manufacturer's cost. All supplies and meds will be hand carried into Niger. Please pray for our effectiveness in using medical practice as a tool for evangelism in a remote tribal area of Niger in partnership with Niger Christian Mission.

## **VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRES – 2009**

- Team Effort- provided 1,400 volunteer hours during the month of July
- Ryle H.S. Football Team- loaded 10 containers
- Anderson Hills United Methodist - packed clothing on 9 Saturdays
- Cincinnati Christian University students (led by Craig Shady of Bluffton, IN) - loaded 4 containers
- Marvin Hennemann - offered hundreds of hours to build racks, fix bicycles and drive a forklift at the NKY warehouse
- Phil Steele - invested many hours in a semi-tractor to haul containers
- Bob Snyder, Dave Mayer Sr. and Mark/Susan Haag - collected, sorted and packed many tons of clothing and shoes for Kosova/Ukraine/Honduras

## **CONTAINER CRUNCH**

**It's been an exciting fourth quarter, 2009, at MP! And, especially hectic during two separate two-week periods. The last two weeks of October and the first two weeks of December saw 5 containers loaded during each period. The October flurry finished projects destined for Honduras, Kosova, Niger, Ukraine and Zimbabwe while the pre-Christmas crunch will end up blessing thousands of people in Cameroon, Ghana, Honduras, Kosova and Ukraine. So, an incredible ten containers were loaded for destinations in 7 countries in a 4-week period!**



**A 40 ft.x8ft.x9.5ft. Container we use.**

## **CLOTHING COMMENT by Roger Babik**

2009 – another great year of mission service! God allowed us to share clothes, food, other supplies and the Gospel with needy people in 9 nations. New partnerships were launched in Romania, Cameroon and Ghana. We led mission teams to Niger and Ukraine. Successful completion of the 4th quarter Capital Campaign, EVADE 48, will prepare us for continued international growth and put us on solid financial footing entering 2010. Over 200 churches and thousands upon thousands of individuals teamed up to complete 35 container projects, taking our 16-year total to 440 containers shipped to 17 countries. Our staff offers continual THANKS and praise to God for the thousands of volunteers He has raised up to offer prayer, financial support and help with clothes donation, sorting, packing and loading. Quite frankly, we would not operate and extend touches of compassion and the Gospel around the world without you. Please pray that we would follow God's call and yield to His wisdom each day as we enter a new decade of service! Thanks and may God's peace and joy be yours daily during the Christmas season!

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