



United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth

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“What can U.M. ARMY do to help?”

It was a simple question but she couldn't find the words to respond. She began to cry and took us inside her home. Her roof was so leaky that every pan and bowl in her house was set up to catch water. She was undergoing cancer treatment and pretty much alone in the world. A few weeks later, with a hardworking team of youth and adults, the new roof was completed at no charge to the homeowner. “You are my answer to prayer.” She told them.

Last summer, U.M. ARMY was the answer to 97 prayers for people living with the need for a dry roof over their head. We also built nearly 400 handicap access ramps and responded to countless other homeowners who were praying for assistance in many different ways.

The need for U.M. ARMY to help is so great. For 37 years, we have answered the call to help “the least of these.” Our established chapters throughout Texas (Tx Conf, Rio Tx, & NxNW TX) and the Northeast, US (CT, MA, MN, NY, NJ, NH, PA, RI, & VT) are working hard year round to listen and respond to where God is calling us. God is asking for us to *HELP MORE!*

We are excited to report growth of our ministry. The Texas Conference of U.M. ARMY recently expanded their borders to include the state of Louisiana. Our newly established NxNW Tx Chapter is growing because of a \$10,000 grant from our National organization. The Junior High program is growing in Rio TX and this year they will add a Family Camp. Finally, our U.M. ARMY National organization is working to bring our mission opportunities to other underserved regions of the country. This summer we will pilot our mission weeks in Florida and Virginia. We are also working in Ohio, North Carolina, Georgia and surrounding states to listen and learn how we might serve in those areas as well. But growth requires funding.

U.M. ARMY needs to raise \$100,000 to fund our growth initiatives. We know that won't be easy but we believe in what we are doing. Every member of our National Board of Directors has already made a financial contribution toward this goal. We are committed to good stewardship and excellence in the ministry and mission of U.M. ARMY.

Your gift of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 or \$10,000 can make all the difference... because it provides resources that make an immediate impact; insures more people will be helped in the name of Jesus Christ and provides outstanding opportunities for young people to grow and respond as Christian leaders.

Most importantly, you will help U.M. ARMY live out Jesus's greatest commandment to, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all

your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)

Please consider some of the needs below and make as generous a gift as you can. Your donation will be the answer to prayer as you *Help Us Help More!*

Scholarship one participant - \$275
Average Sized Handicap Access Ramp \$1,250
Food for a week - \$3,800
Building materials for a week - \$8,000
Establishing a New Chapter \$25,000

Thank you for your help of financial resources and of your prayers.

Trusting God,



Brian K. Smith
U.M. ARMY, Inc. Executive Director

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