

Here are a just a few of the ministries funded by Carol & Bob's gifts to Hope UMC, which in turn gifts the Maumee Watershed District & West Ohio Conference with 100% of their apportionments.



The Friendly Center is a faith based neighborhood center empowering neighbors in North Toledo with resources to transform their lives. *Recipients of a 2008 West Ohio Community Center Grant.*



Elberon UMC "For the Kids" revitalization in a crisis neighborhood in Cincinnati. Providing music, VBS and other resources for area kids. *Recipients of a 2008 West Ohio BCCD Grant.*



A UMNS photo by Mike DuBose.

United Methodist Chaplain Ernest P. Jay West prays with a troubled soldier in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky. *Chaplains are funded by the UMC General Board of Higher Education.*



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Ashford, age 13, describes the difficulties of daily living after being left orphaned by AIDS. Some 968 children rely on the Nhoweyembwa Orphan Trust in Dandara, Zimbabwe, to care for their basic needs. *Funded by UMC General Board of Global Ministries*



A UMNS photo by Kathy L. Gilbert.

One-year-old Joshua Flores receives free treatment for tuberculosis at United Methodist Mary Johnston Hospital in Manila, Philippines, located in one of the poorest and most densely populated areas in the world. *Funded by UMC General Board of Global Ministries.*



Why We Give

...or how two retired United Methodists on a fixed income support 9 Interns, 15 College Students, 17 Campus Ministries, 26 Community Centers, 34 Congregations, 52 Hospitals, 92 Colleges & Universities, 339 Military Chaplains, 809 Missionaries, and 119,865 Volunteers in Mission in Ohio and around the world.



Meet Bob & Carol, members of Hope United Methodist Church in Whitehouse, Ohio for the past 50 years. Bob is a retired school principal and Carol is a homemaker who supplemented the family income giving piano lessons in their home. Together they raised four children.

Carol and Bob have been active members of Hope UMC and the community. Bob has served on the church trustees, taught Sunday School, and is an usher and liturgist. Carol is a leader in UMW, helped initiate and run the area's Mobile Meals program, and chairs the Congregational Care Committee.

Unless they are out of town visiting their 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, on any given evening you'll find Carol and Bob at a local Anthony Wayne Schools sporting event, and on Sunday, you'll find them at Hope UMC.

Because of the giving support of people like Bob & Carol, and the leadership of their pastor, Rev. Tom Hoover, Hope UMC has been a 100% apportionment giving church for years.

As Carol is apt to mention at any Church Council meeting, (or any other opportunity that arises) "Apportionments are not a tax—they are my opportunity to support UM ministries & missions in Ohio and across the globe that I can't reach myself. Our gift is such a small gift, but when combined with other United Methodist gifts across Ohio and the nation, provides so much."

