

## Millennium Development Goals

The highlights of the Millennium Development Goal (MDG's) Grant for 2010-2011:

- Participation in the MDG's is one part of The Baptismal Covenant.
- Two new deacons and two first time lay person have been added to the committee.
- Churches are able to donate extra funds for overseas outreach and mission.
- Checks were sent directly from the diocesan center to the awarded recipients'.
- The Missional Spirit is one highlight in parishes and congregations in our diocese.

The activities of the grant further the work of the diocese and strengthen parishes and congregations:

- Parish and church MDG involvement is one outward sign of The Baptismal Covenant.
- Nine parishes and congregations were awarded \$3,750 in grants.
- Nine parishes donated \$31,895 in matching funds.
- Eight different projects in seven different countries benefited from the grants.
- The parishes and congregations built energy and enthusiasm in their missional work.
- Clean water, schools & education, nutrition, prenatal care, and shelter were given to those around the globe.
- All eight MDG goals were met in the nine applications.
- Raised awareness of human needs outside our borders.

The plans for the ministry for 2012:

- Educate all parishes and churches of the needs addressed in the MDG's and how it relates to The Baptismal Covenant.
- Add two more lay people, one each from the central and metro deanery to the committee.
- Fill the vacant deacon committee position from the metro deanery.
- Raise the awareness of all parishes and churches of the importance of the MDG's.
- Increase the number grant applications from parishes and congregations in our diocese.
- Highlight parishes and congregations in diocesan center publications of overseas outreach and mission related to the MDG's.
- Develop a diocesan MDG brochure for parish and congregation use.

The measure of success in 2012:

- A doubling of applicants.
- Report the energy and enthusiasm of parishes and congregations participating in the MDG's.
- Publication of the brochure.
- Adding members to the committee.
- Learning about new ministry being done by parishes and churches relating to the MDG's.

How does the ministry reflect The Baptismal Covenant?

- The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Jesus Christ.
- Allows parishes and churches to share fellowship, gifts, and prayers.
- Parishes and churches discuss and address the ills of the world, seeking to restore justice for those in need.
- The Church uses resources to show love for our neighbor.