



**Southern Ohio District
Church of the Brethren**
Working Together . . . Empowering Disciples

July 2014

"We are God's Servants Working Together"

Pictures of flooding in the Midwest and tornadoes in the south fill our news broadcasts. In Southern Ohio, we seek to help out in any way possible. On August 23, at 3:30 PM the Southern Ohio District will gather at the Troy Church of the Brethren to assemble school kits for Church World Service then join in a celebration of what God has done as we work together. This event supports our District conference theme taken from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 "We are God's Servants, Working Together". Monetary donations will be needed so that we will be able to purchase supplies for the kits. If you would like to contribute to this project, you can mail your check to Southern Ohio District, 2293 Gauby Rd., New Madison, OH 45346.

Camping and Retreat Golf Outing August 9, 2014 at Beechwood Golf Course

All profits of this year's golf outing is designated for the Camp Scholarship Fund that will be used to help individuals to attend Camping Programs in the future.

Prizes will be awarded for a variety of golf achievements determined by the Golf Outing Committee. The committee's goal is to make this a fun day for renewing or creating new relationships. You do not have to be a great golfer to participate. Everyone is invited who desires to support the camping program and campers.

The Camping Ministry in Southern Ohio District has proven to be a vital ministry that has a lasting effect on all who attend. The relationships developed at camp have a life long presence that help individuals in establishing strong family ties, leaders in communities, workplace and the church. Camping has also been a part of many individual's calling to the pastorate or some other leadership role in our churches.

A Weekend with the Hills: Sharing About Kulp Bible College

*Sunday, July 6, 6:30-8:00 at the
Beavercreek Church of the Brethren*

Join us in welcoming Dr. Rebecca Samuel Dali as she discusses Non-violent Responses to Violence In Northeastern Nigeria

We have read with sadness and a sense of frustration at the kidnapping of the girls in Chibok and the frequent attacks on the villages in northeastern Nigeria, killing residents and burning their homes. To give us some insight to the struggles in Nigeria, we welcome **Dr. Rebecca Dali**, a member of Ekklesiyar Yanuwa a Nigeria (EYN the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria), who will share her experiences as founder of Centre of Caring Empowerment and Peace Initiatives (CCEPI) in helping the families of northeastern Nigeria. At the Headquarters and Kulp Bible College of the EYN, Dr. Dali and the staff of the CCEPI,



with the help of Church of the Brethren mission workers, distributed 4,292 articles of clothing, 2,000 kilograms of corn, and buckets and cups to 509 refugees who had lost at least one member of their family and were forced to leave their homes because of attacks by the Boko Haram. In May, Dr. Dali visited with the families of the abducted girls in Chibok, bringing relief supplies for those who lost homes, listening to their concerns and frustration and offering prayers and support.

Please join us as we welcome **Dr. Rebecca Dali** and listen to her inspiring words about her work with widows, orphans, and vulnerable children and seeking to empower the down-trodden.

Brethren Disaster Ministry Updates

Volunteer Opportunities:

July 6-12, Tom's River
Contact Burt and Helen Wolf at or 937-902-3475.

BDM Ice Cream Social Fundraiser

Saturday, Aug. 2--4:00-7:00

Happy Corner Church of the Brethren
Food, Ice Cream, Music, Silent Auction

Did you know that folks who volunteer on a Disaster Ministry trip do so at no out of pocket cost to the individual? All travel, lodging, food, etc. is paid from the Disaster Ministry Budget.

Did you know that BDM is self-funded? This important ministry receives no money from the District Budget.

Did you know that BDM's only fundraiser is their yearly Ice Cream Social? Southern Ohio Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) is holding their 8th Annual Ice Cream Social Fundraiser on Saturday, August 2nd at Happy Corner Church of the Brethren. The event will be from 4:00--7:00PM. There will be great food, great fellowship, and lots of ice cream! Come enjoy music by Happy Corner, Eversole, and Eaton COB musicians. There will be a silent auction which will include a plaster cast of the Lord's Supper. Bring the coins you've been saving, or pick up a coin collection jar for the upcoming year. Mark your calendar and plan to attend! All proceeds benefit S. Ohio BDM, as we serve disaster survivors.

Church World Service Kits

With the news of the recent storms both in the US and beyond, Clean Up Buckets are in great demand. Another major bucket assembly will occur later this year, and supplies will be purchased between now and then. Funds for buckets are needed on an ongoing basis, and may be given through the Southern Ohio website. Checks may be sent to: District of Southern Ohio Church of the Brethren, 2293 Gauby Road, New Madison, OH 45346

For more information on what is happening in Southern Ohio as well as more details on these events contact your church office, the Southern Ohio District (sodcob@brethren.org) or you can always visit our website: www.sodcob.org. In addition to this publication, we also email a monthly newsletter. To request a newsletter simply email your request to the same email address. If you would like to add your event to either the website, this publication, or the monthly newsletter please email your information to sodcob@brethren.org before the 15th of the month.