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2005 Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study

2005 will mark the third edition of the wildly popular *Children's Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study*. This resource is designed as a personal devotional guide for third through sixth

graders and will help children learn more about:

- being followers of Jesus Christ
- the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its mission
- children around the world.

The 2005 *Children's Mission Yearbook* includes scripture and prayers, games and puzzles, recipes, a “word of the week” and many new activity ideas! Each year it contains new mission stories, photographs of one domestic presbytery and of one overseas mission locale. This resource invites young readers to explore how we are Christ's disciples in the greater story of God's redemption song. The *Children's Mission Yearbook* can also be used in church school, children's worship and midweek gatherings.

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2005 Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study

Used by thousands of Presbyterians daily as they uphold the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in intercessory prayer, the *2005 Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study* features hundreds of stories and photographs of people in mission in the United States and around the world; minutes for mission on Lord's Day pages; prayer lists that include synod and presbytery staff, General Assembly staff, General Assembly Council members, Presbyterian partner churches and people in mission; daily lectionary and Sunday lectionary with suggested hymns; synod and presbytery maps; demographic profiles to help readers learn about countries where the PC(USA) has mission partnerships; and selected scripture passages from the lectionary for each day.

The theme of the *2005 Mission Yearbook* is “Sing to the Lord a new song” (*Psalms 96:1*). Special features of the 113th edition of the *Mission Yearbook* include a personal message from Rick Ufford-Chase, moderator, 216th General Assembly (2004); an essay by John Detterick, Executive Director of the General Assembly Council, that introduces readers to the *Mission Yearbook* and themes in this edition, and a full-color in-depth reflection by Rev. Dr. Leonora Tubbs Tisdale, themed “Experience the Holy in an Unexpected Place.”

The *2005 Mission Yearbook* is available at \$8.50 each for 1–9 copies, \$7.50 each for 10 to 49 copies or more, plus shipping (PDS 70-612-05-450). To order, call Presbyterian Distribution Service, 800/524-2612.



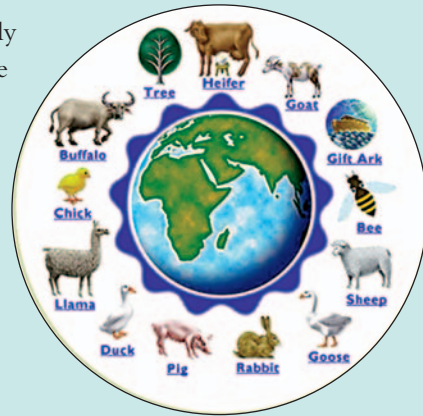
You Can Lead a Donkey to Water . . .

. . . and it will carry home a full day's water supply for you. You'll have enough to cook supper, bathe your children and water your livestock and garden.

Before Maasai women in Engalaoni, Tanzania received donkeys from Heifer International, every day during the July to November dry season, they walked 12 miles to the nearest waterhole. Then they walked 12 miles home carrying heavy urns of water on their heads. They had little time for other daily tasks. Many suffered from neck, chest and back strain. "We were always in poor health," says Esther Augusti. "Many of us had difficulty breathing because of the weight of the water."

Esther discovered that donkeys can carry four times as much water as a woman and travel at a faster pace. They are gentle, so children, or even husbands, can take turns leading them. Donkeys also help plow and carry loads to market. Each woman is happy to pass on her gift animal's first female offspring to another woman in need; she is free to sell future offspring so that she can get money to send her children to school.

Heifer International is a 60-year-old hunger relief organization that helps families in need by providing them with livestock and training. Presbyterians participate in this effort through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. To find out more, visit www.heifer.org, or call 800/422-0474.



Mary Magdalene Project 25th Anniversary

In January 1980, United Presbyterian Women's Opportunity Giving Fund gave the session of West Hollywood Presbyterian Church in Hollywood, California, a \$30,000 grant to begin a ministry with street prostitutes in Hollywood. The Mary Magdalene Project (MMP) was born. June 2005 marks the 25th anniversary of this "newest ministry to the oldest profession."

Hundreds of prostituted women and their children have benefited from the Mary Magdalene Project. The program has evolved from a six-month alternative to incarceration to a two-year immersion in social and life skills training, parenting classes, GED studies and programs in 12-step support, job training, therapy and relapse prevention.

According to Rev. Hayman, "The average age of a woman coming into the program is 31. She has probably been involved in prostitution since she was 14 or 15 years of age. Prostitution is all she has ever known. Coming to the Mary Magdalene Project is a life-changing endeavor." All of the women who come to the MMP are survivors of child abuse or neglect, 85 percent are survivors of incest and almost all of them have been sexually assaulted as adults. Seventy percent of the women who come in to the program have an average of three children, but only five percent of these women are caregivers to their children.

"It goes without saying that we have learned far more from the women in the program than they have learned from us," said Rev. Hayman. "Perhaps the greatest lesson learned from the past 25 years is that women do not want to be street prostitutes and if the Mary Magdalene Project can provide them with viable alternatives to life on the streets, they will take that opportunity and create meaningful and healthy lives for themselves and their children," she said.

To learn more or donate to the Mary Magdalene Project visit their Web site, www.mmp.org, or contact The Mary Magdalene Project, P.O. Box 8396, Van Nuys, CA 91409; 818/988-4970.



Presbyterians for Restoring Creation National Conference

On June 9-12, 2005, Presbyterians for Restoring Creation will hold its fourth national eco-justice conference in Silver Bay, New York. Workshop leaders, plenary speakers, musicians and storytellers will lead participants in exploring biblical and theological foundations for responsible human living in God's creation. Dr. Vandana Shiva, speaker, scholar and activist in global movements for economic, gender and ecological justice, will be one of the plenary leaders. Participants will learn of global water concerns, share strategies for education and action and celebrate the 10th



Dr. Vandana Shiva

anniversary of Presbyterians for Restoring Creation.

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