

## **Mission Central 2010 Annual Report**

2010 was a year of growth and transition. The beginning part of the year, in early January, we prepared a shipping container to go to Sierra Leone with much needed materials for the work and ministry in that area of the world. And then, as you know, the earthquake hit Haiti in January. Within 24 hours we were able to send out 20,000 health kits, and nearly 100,000 in the coming days and weeks following that disaster. Also, during the following weeks and months we sent layette kits, birthing kits, and school kits all working through UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

We continue to reach out in mission locally and to the world through our many hundreds of partners responding to disasters, alleviating need, and providing education opportunities. Some of our larger partners are:

- Bethesda Mission, which services missions in the Harrisburg area and also collaborates with ministry partners up and down the east coast of the United States.
- Project CURE, which collects and ships through our warehouse hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of serviceable medical equipment for use around the world.
- Radiologists Without Borders which receives and ships imaging equipment (including a 16 slice MRI machine) to doctors around the world in desperate need of diagnostic equipment.
- Computer Ministries, which is a licensed Microsoft refurbishing center that's housed here in our warehouse in Mechanicsburg.
- New Digs, a local crisis ministry that helps folks in need with household items.
- Riley's Toys. Riley Hebbard felt the need that the children in Africa should have toys to play with just as she had, so she had that burden laid on her heart to collect and distribute toys, and we help her with that through Mission Central.
- Rosebud Sioux Project, which ministers to the Sioux Indians in South Dakota, shipping much needed materials to them throughout the year.

This just highlights some of our partners. There are too many to list, yet they are all worthy of mention.

Mission Education continues, spearheaded by Wanda Jacobs and the Education Committee, and has done a stellar job. She's a member of our Board of Managers and heads the committee that provides education opportunities for us throughout the year. We hosted several of those this past year, and in the coming year, 2011, she and her committee are going to highlight our partners who work in Africa, in places such as Ghana, Sierra Leone, and Zimbabwe.

Within the first quarter of 2010 we surpassed our \$1.4M shipments that we had in 2009. In 2010 we had nearly \$10M in materials shipped through this warehouse through not only Mission Central's direct work, but also with our partner ministries, a seven-fold increase over the previous year! We've done this all with a small, dedicated staff and thousands of volunteers over the years that have helped us, all while experiencing staff transition this year with expectations to add staff in 2011. Much of this is possible because of our 22 member HUB network and our

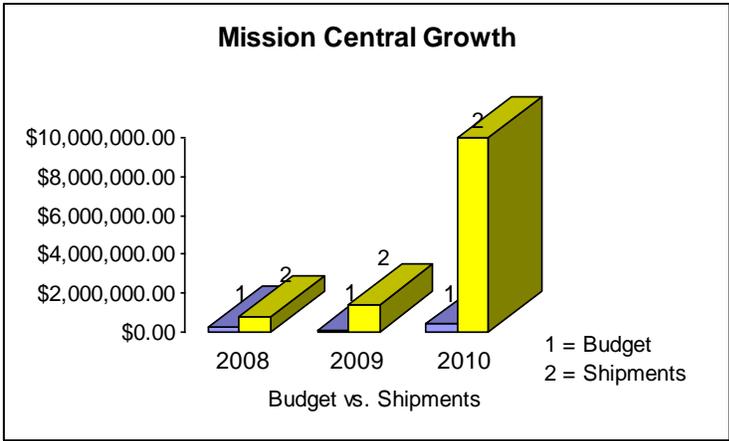
major ministry partners. Furthermore, we are unique in that we very often as staff and volunteers do not actually see, touch, or speak with those whose lives are dramatically changed because of our efforts. Sometimes we do hear the personal stories of how a local couple in need without insurance was able to get some much needed medical equipment through Mission Central or how someone without purpose in life now discovers that purpose through working at a local Mission Central HUB. We are blessed to hear these stories and hope you continue to share them with us and more importantly to tell others! Mission Central is truly that place where thousands who are called can become the hands and feet of Christ for the world.

I invite you to go to our website [www.missioncentral.org](http://www.missioncentral.org) to keep up on the latest information that's happening here in Mechanicsburg, and you can also support us financially there. I challenge you to join in telling the story of God's love and faithfulness that God has bestowed upon Mission Central. Tell your family and your friends; tell someone new who's never heard the story of Mission Central. We, as the current church, can be thankful for those who had the vision to create this amazing space where we can be the hands and feet of Christ to the world. We are eternally grateful to those who witnessed the vision and heeded the call to step out in faith and make it possible for ministry to become missions of hope.

Finally, I invite you to join us in stepping out in faith in 2011 as we continue to serve God through disaster response, mission outreach and education. The needs for our ministry platform are ever increasing, our budget has increased by 25% for the coming year, yet God still calls us. Mission Central is indeed that place where you can keep your promises of faith through service. You can join us by supporting us financially, by volunteering, by donating much needed materials. You know the burden that God has laid on you, and we invite you to come here and see if we can help you facilitate carrying out that call God has placed on your life for the year 2011 and beyond. As we begin the second decade of mission and ministry through Mission Central and our HUB system, we are poised to be a leader for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Rev. Rob Visscher  
 Mission Central Executive Director

Did you know? MC Daily Operational Cost:  
**2010:** \$1,356.00 per day  
 Expected **2011:** \$1,580.00 per day



**MISSION CENTRAL GROWTH**

Year	Budget	Shipments
2008	\$287,130.00	\$850,000.00
2009	\$461,295.00	\$1,400,000.00
2010	\$423,152.00	\$10,691,563.00

**Another way:**  
Shipment Value to Budget Expense Ratio  
 2008: Shipments **2.96** x our budget  
 2009: Shipments **3.04** x our budget  
 2010: Shipments **25.27** x our budget