

Europe

ARMENIA

Projects for Armenia are UMCOR/NGO (United Methodist Committee on Relief Non-Governmental Organization related projects. These are secularly oriented humanitarian projects, working with both Christian and non-Christian faith based communities. [\[#250225 - Armenia Emergency\]](#)

AA Program

Work with UMCOR Armenia staff and local rehabilitation centers using the AA model and resources is needed in Armenia. An individual or small group of UMVIM are sought to work with UMCOR Armenia on this program idea. pre-travel work will be required (through email) to set up the project concept and implementation method including research done with AA in the U.S.

Skills and experience required in organizational development and management in AA programs.

Reconstruction of Medical Clinics

UMCOR Armenia's Medical Program requested UMVIM teams to assist in this project. Teams would work with local community volunteers to help rehab deteriorated clinic spaces.

Skills and experience required include, masonry, spackling (plastering), carpentry, painting, electrical, and plumbing for an old building in disrepair.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA:

Three Locations - Community Interaction

Teams of UMVIM are needed to work with the local community 3 locations by invitation of a local organization in each area. Project work includes cultural exchange activities with children and youth; mini courses in English dialogue, art, drama, music, ecology and volunteerism; community assistance projects to vulnerable families / organizations done in partnership with youth participants of one of the following organizations:

Gornji Vakuf-Usokplje Youth Center
Sanski Most Youth House
Sumejja (A women's organization in Mostar area)

Skills required – general or professional experience with youth / children / community wide programming. Skills for assistance to vulnerable families or individuals will be determined based on the skill level of team members.

BULGARIA

[\[#00223A - Bulgaria In Mission Together\]](#)

Yambol - Construction work (small new church building) with the members of the local UM church. Number of participants: 10-12 Length of time: 7-10 days
Possible time: May to August 2008

Trasteikovo - Building of a new church (building works) Number of participants: 10-12 Length of time: 7-10 days
Possible time: May to August 2008

Veliko Tarnovo - Reconstruction of the old church building (building works)
Number of participants: 10-12 Length of time: 10 days
Possible time: May to August 2008

CZECH REPUBLIC

[\[#00399A - Czech Republic In Mission Together\]](#)

- Bechyne - Cleaning and painting of the church house. Details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible).
- Brno - Teaching English (conversation with students/teenagers) at schools in Blansko and Ostrov. Number of participants: 1 or 2. Length of time: 1 to 20 weeks. Repairing of the sidewalk around the church house in Blansko. Building of a small parking place. Number of participants: 4 to 6. Possible time: to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible).
- Jablonne - Building a new fence around the church property. Details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible).
- Jihlava - Building a room inside an old church used for an outreach to youth (facilities, heating, installation of lights - blueprints available). Number of participants: Small team of experts. Possible time: to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible).
- Mikulov - Cleaning, reconstruction in the newly purchased facility. Details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible). Construction of a new plaster in the yard of the church house and parsonage in Valtice. Details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible). [\[#3020521 - Regional Family Center Mikulov\]](#)
- Plzen - Various projects in the Christian Help Center for drug addicts. Details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible). [\[#3020519 - Holy Hill Chapel in Plzen\]](#)

- Poust (Retreat center of the Church) - repairing a fence, painting a wooden house, leveling the ground and walkways, preparing the place for a summer camp, building tents. Time: April, May, June, September, October. Further details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible).
 - Praha - Horni Pocernice. Construction work in the Christian help center.
 - Praha - Jecna. Youth work in the Majak-Center for youth. Participants: English teachers and/or leaders of youth groups. Details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible).
 - Protivin - Construction work. Number of participants: 7. Further details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible).
 - Trebon - Cleaning of the attic in the church house / Preparing the place for the construction of an apartment. Details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible).
 - Veselka (Small retreat center of the Church) - leveling ground, planting trees, fixing a playground, painting a fence, fixing the fence and window, repairing and painting walls of the house. Details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible).
 - Vimperk - Children summer camp. Participants: teachers or leaders. Details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible).
 - Vrsovice - Painting an outer metal staircase and low roofs, gardening, removing an old plaster and putting a new one on walls of a church property. Details to be discussed (the Czech hosts are very flexible).
- Churches generally express their interest in hosting English teachers as a way of outreach.

ESTONIA

[\[#13526A - Salary Support for Ministers\]](#)

Gulf of Finland - Camp Gideon

Located on the Gulf of Finland, this camp serves Methodists from Estonia, Finland and the Baltics. Renovation is needed for dormitories.

Kuressaare - Kuressaare Methodist Church

Roof needs to be cleaned & rust-proofed; 3 inside rooms need renovation, paint, etc. Additional building nearby needs work. No VBS – children attend Camp Gideon.

Parnu - Agape Church

Finish rooms on the lower floor. Plastering, sheetrock, painting, flooring and tile work needed. [\[#14042A - Agape Center\]](#)

Tallinn - Tallinn Children Center Lighthouse - Lighthouse.pdf

Completion of renovations to a house to be used as children's center. Needs include painting, plastering, light construction work, etc. Dentists also needed.

Tallinn - Tallinn Christian Care Center

A shelter for men, widows & orphans; soup kitchen, clothes distribution, ministry with children & youth. Associated with newly organized Tallinn Koidu Methodist Church

FINLAND

Jumijarvi campsite - Jamsa: Repair of camp facilities.

This church camp is located in the center of Finland and is used for youth camps and adult camps. It is situated in a beautiful forest by a small lake. An old farm, purchased in 1962, it is cared for by the UM Youth Organization.

The kitchen/dining hall, dormitory, and bath house/sauna are 30-40 years old all in various stages of disrepair. Painting, replacement of weatherboard, painting window trim is needed. Tools are available on site. Materials are provided by the church in Finland. Teams can be housed on site. Translation is provided and a local supervisor will guide the work.

FRANCE

Entrepierras - <http://www.pierresvivantes.org>

Entrepierras is a center in southeastern France that provides rest, counseling, debriefing and spiritual retreats for pastors and missionaries.

Small, four person skilled teams are sought to assist in increasing the accommodation space for missionary families for rest and counseling. Also needed is creation of space for a small library, a prayer/counseling room and storage space.

Landersen Methodist Vacation/Conference Centre Vosges Mountains
[\[#14693A - Landersen, The Methodist Camp and Retreat Center\]](#)

Prepare center for the opening of the summer season - annually in the spring. Includes removing storm windows, painting, flowers, erect tents, clean playground.

www.landersen.com

Mont-de-Marsan

Repairing the roof, refurbishing of a flat for future pastors, refurbishing of the front of the presbytery, repairing the bell and entrance door, making outside more attractive (planting trees, reshaping of the garden), freshening-up the worship chapel. Participants: 10 people

Length of time: 10 days
Time: April to September

GEORGIA, REPUBLIC OF
[\[#250305 - Georgia Emergency\]](#)

Programs at Youth Houses Tbilisi or Zugdidi Youth Houses - Organize a team to provide Recreational, Cultural, and Peace Building programs over a 2 week period at Tbilisi or Zugdidi Youth Houses. Art, Drama, Music, English Dialogue, Story Telling and Peace Building activities are excellent mission project work with the children and youth of Georgia at the Tbilisi or Zugdidi Youth Houses. Skills Required: Youth Workers, Sunday School Teachers, Music and Drama experience (including puppets), Art and Arts & Crafts experience, People who love youth. A good opportunity to include UM Youth in a Mission Trip. Time Frame: Summer (June - August)

HUNGARY
[\[#250305 - Hungary In Mission Together\]](#)

Alsozsolca - Construction works in the Gypsy congregation

[\[#3020676 - Ministry with Roma People\]](#)
[\[#3020681 - Roma Mission and Community Center\]](#)

Budapest-Pest

Renovation of the basement for the purpose of fellowship activities mainly for youth, covering the small land behind the church with concrete, children's program as an outreach in the neighborhood of the church Number of Participants: 10-12

Accommodation in a nearby hotel/pension or in the church headquarters in Obuda

Pecs

Renovation of the outside of the church (plastering, painting), children's program Number of participants:10-12 Length of time and time: to be discussed
Remarks: Accommodation in a nearby pension

Szeged

Renovation of the small house in the backyard for fellowship purposes, especially for children and youth Number of participants: 8-10 Remarks: Accommodation in a nearby pension/hotel

In most of the cases financial support would be needed to do these works. New partnership would be a great help.

LATVIA

[\[#00235A - Latvia Mission Initiative\]](#)

- Camp Wesley - assist in the construction of a new camp facility for the Latvia United Methodist Church . The camp is located near the Baltic Sea not far from Leipaja. Work teams are needed for the next several years. The construction season is May through September. High School and older teams can be accommodated.

[\[#15160N - Wesley Camp & Retreat Center\]](#)

- Matras - painting and exterior work on the United Methodist Church . Materials need to be provided by the team but can be purchased in Latvia . Teams are also needed to do interior work on rooms being utilized by the Tasi United Methodist Church .

- Liepa - Construction teams are needed for renovation of an old building to provide space for church and youth center.

For more information on these projects contact Gary Fowler, Latvia VIM Coordinator, 2021 Chesterfield Dr. Maryville , TN 37803 phone 865-681-2594 e-mail: gsfowler@chartertn.net.

LITHUANIA

[\[#12168A - Lithuania Mission Initiative\]](#)

- Birzai church - Renovation of an old building, which used to be a recruiting center for the Soviet Army, into the Birzai (pronounced "Beer-shay") United Methodist Church in Lithuania. Work has begun and progresses well! Church will also provide room for humanitarian ministries, a daycare, Sunday school classrooms, soup kitchen and ministries related to alcohol and drug addictions. More teams are needed.

[\[#13545A - Lithuanian Help Center\]](#)

- Saiuliai church - construction of a new sanctuary for a growing congregation. A contract is being let for the foundation, walls and roof; it will be up to VIM teams to install windows and finish off the interior. Join and support this work begun by Davidson (NC) UMC and Centreville (VA) UMC. In addition to entry requirements as described for Birzai Lithuania , passports must be valid for three months beyond the duration of the visit.

In order to enter Lithuania all non-EU persons must possess a medical insurance policy contracted for payment of all costs of hospitalization and medical treatment in Lithuania . Currently, border officials are accepting a simple ID card from a US insurer as proof of the necessary insurance, although according to the law, they can require additional information regarding the policy. Travelers unable to prove that they carry the requisite insurance will have to purchase a short-term policy at

the border. This costs about \$1.00 US per day. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.ltembassyus.org>.

MACEDONIA

[\[#00220A - Macedonia In Mission Together\]](#)

Monospitovo

Repairs to the parsonage (plumbing, sealing walls, painting) Participants: up to 6 persons

Length of time: 7 to 10 days

Strumica

Help with meals on wheels program (food preparation/delivery, clean-up, dishwashing)

Participants: 1-3 Length of time: 5 to 10 days

Kochani

Making a garden/yard at the church in the city of Kochani Participants: up to 6 persons

Length of time: 7 to 14 days

Children camps / youth camps / Vacation Bible School

[\[#14047A - Christian Education Resources and Supplies\]](#)

Present a leadership seminar for youth Participants: 1 or 2 persons

Length of time: 4 to 6 days

Time: after July 1 and before September 1, 2008

Vacation Bible School

(work with children from age 3 to 14: games, songs, crafts, sports, drama, pantomime)

Participants: 1 to 6 persons Length of time: 7 days

Time: early July 2008

Present English workshops in villages for children to improve their English skills (games, songs, fun activities, dialogue practice) Participants: 1 to 8 persons

Length of time: 7 to 10 days

Time: between June 10 and September 1, 2008

POLAND

[\[#00408A - Poland In Mission Together\]](#)

Chodiez

Construction work

Gliwice

Camp for children from 9 to 12 years from alcoholic families

Participants: 10

Costs: \$4,500.00

Ilawa

Vacation Bible School for children

Time: Summer 2008

Construction work /Installing a playground for children

Participants: at least 5 people

Katowice

English language camp

Participants and time: to be discussed

Kielce

Drama/Pantomime for Polish Methodist Youth

Project cost: USD 4,500.00

Worship/Gospel Workshop for Polish Methodist Youth

Project cost: USD 4,500.00

Kielce and Chalupki

Construction work, improving homeless shelter in two locations

Participants: at least 5 people

Project cost: USD 5,000.00—15,000.00

Wroclaw

Construction work (new sidewalk in front of the church)

Participants: up to 10

Project cost: \$3,500 for material, \$2,000 for labor and accomdations/food

Zaborze and Wola Morwicka

VBS / Olympics for about 150 children from 8 to 14

Participants: 12 to 14 people, 2 team leaders

Project cost: USD 4,500.00

ROMANIA

The Romanian Methodist Council - Ploesti - Methodist Mission in Romania

-Construction of a local church building in Ploesti. Also opportunities exist for VBS with local street children. A parallel medical mission could be held for the local poor and the gypsy population. The local church members will work alongside the teams in the construction.

Global Hope Orphanage - [\[#15087A - Global Hope\]](#)

-The projects work directly with children in the orphanage system, repair and painting projects, minor or major construction projects, work at a Christian Youth Camp, or work at the Recuperation Center for children. Teams have also traveled to Arad to provide training for Sunday School teachers and to support the work of the Protestant churches in the area. When pastors travel with a mission team, they will often preach at area churches, with translation support. A typical team will be made up of 5-12 workers depending on the project.

www.globalhope.org

Deborah House Center, Villiage of Giarmata

Christian homes for girls who are orphaned or abandoned, and/or rescued from abusive circumstances

Activities during week include:

Work projects at Deborah House and for the Village of Giarmata, crafts/Bible stories/Christian witness/fellowship with Deborah girls & staff, spending day at Recas public orphanage/school for special needs children - witnessing, fellowship and singing with the children

Participants: Up to 10 persons

Length of time: 10 days

Time: Summer 2008

RUSSIA

The Russia Initiative

[\[#11510A - Russia Mission Initiative - Russia and Belarus\]](#)

The Russia Initiative began in the winter of 1991-92 under the leadership of the General Board of Global Ministries. Its primary purpose was to deliver food to Russia's Moscow Region. Following that project the GBGM established a Russia Initiative that expanded beyond aid programs to include the re-establishment of Methodism in the former Soviet Union. The Eurasia Annual Conference was established in 1997, with expansion to four annual conferences in 2003.

Many American United Methodist congregations have participated in Supportive Congregations (Salary and Program Support) and Partner Churches (Development of programs where no Methodist presence exists) programs. UMVIM teams have also been an essential part of the Russia Initiative. Many teams have worked in Russian orphanages, homes for the elderly, hospitals, etc., and successfully realized many other helpful projects.

More than 6000 American Methodists have visited the former Soviet Union since 1991. As a result, participants have seen new visions for mission and found renewal in their spiritual journeys.

visit the website of the Russian UNITED METHODIST CHURCH at www.umc-eurasia.ru/

CURRENT PROJECTS

RUSSIA - South Russia Annual Conference

Black soil district - VORONEZH AREA - REVIVAL UMC

The goal: Building of the fence along the borders of the church's land.

The length is 206.5 meters (678 feet). Metal door and metal gates are planned in the front side. Their length is 6.5 meters (21 feet). For the rest 200 meters (656 feet) metal gates will be installed.

The total cost of the project, including purchase of materials is \$6,800

Moscow - UM Theological seminary

Necessary work:

1. Painting and wallpapering approx. 500square meters dormitory corridors and staircases.

Material and supplies cost \$ 1,500

2. Carpenter work Adjustment and installation of door

Installation of built-in closet

Material and supplies cost \$ 1,200

3. Plumbing Installation of sanitary pump units in 4 student bathrooms.

Material and supplies cost \$ 4,000

4. Different outdoor façade work painting.

Material and supplies cost \$600

[\[#12174A - Moscow Seminary - Operations\]](#)

[\[#12176B - Moscow Seminary - Scholarships\]](#)

[\[#12173N - Moscow Seminary - Endowment\]](#)

RUSSIA - Eastern Russia and Central Asia Annual Conference,

Ural district - FIRST UMC IN EKATERINBURG

The purpose of this project is to create a child care in the church for children from 1,5 years old. The church has rooms for that – eating room, sleeping room, play room, restrooms, and others.

There is a need to repair the eating room:

1. repair of the ceiling (plastering, primer, painting)
2. repair of walls (tile, plastering, painting)
3. repair of the floor (leveling, putting on linoleum)

Cleaning and painting of airways.
The cost of materials: \$2,000

RUSSIA - Eurasia Annual Conference

Voronezh - Conference Camp

*Several local Russia United Methodist congregations, with assistance from their American Supportive Congregations, have secured facilities and most are in need of repair. In addition, the Eurasia Annual Conference recently purchased a former sanatorium (health resort) in Voronezh, Russia. The property, needing much repair, is to be developed as a Conference Camp and Leadership Training Center. UMVIM teams are needed in both programs and are invited to contact the RI office for information about ministry sites and logistical assistance.

*We plan to repair the sleeping building and cafeteria. The amount of work is very huge. We need bricklayers, painters, plumbers, and electricians.

*There is a plan to make a repair of building #1: Organize the place to eat, installation of the fire alarm system, repair of the fire staircase and installing the windows, construction of balcony, repair of the well and purchase of the cleaning equipment, repair of the boiler room, change of the parts, purchase and installation of generator.

*Repair of cafeteria: repair of sewerage of the 1st and 2nd floors, reconstruction of the restrooms on the first floor.

*Sports town for children: repair of the pavilion, roof, sauna, sink, small homes, walls, windows.

*The cost of materials: \$ 7,500

[\[#15179A - Camp Voronezh\]](#)

[\[#3020471 - Camp Voronezh - Camp for Handicapped Children\]](#)

[\[#3020472 - Camp Voronezh - Center for Women who Suffer from Violence\]](#)

RUSSIA - Northwest Annual Conference

Western district - UMC IN PSKOV

*The goal: Finishing of the inside rooms in the 2-story church building and basement floor. The total space is 350 sq.m. (3,766 sq feet) including the ceiling.

*Basement floor: 89 sq.m.(957.64 sq feet) is for cafeteria and sports gym.

*1st floor: corridor: 18 sq.m.(193.68 sq feet), two rooms with space of 28 sq.m. (301.28 sq feet). Replace the temporary staircase to the second floor.

*2nd floor: corridor 23.4 sq.m (252 sq feet), three rooms (15.8sq.m +20.2sq.m +21.7sq.m = 170 sq feet + 217 sq feet + 233 sq feet), restroom- 5.4sq.m (58 sq. feet).

*The walls of all the rooms are done with sheetrock, floor is wooden.

*Necessary work: plastering of walls and ceiling, prepare for painting, then painting.

*Strong wooden staircase is needed.

*The cost of needed material is \$8,000.

*All these rooms are used for Bible study groups, youth meetings, prayer meeting. Also, there is guest room and one room for the watchman (member of our church).

*Needed are people skilled in work with wood, plastering, and painting. Volunteers will have rooms to stay and all necessities in the church. The church will take care of them and provide transportation.

RUSSIA - Mytischy United Methodist Church

Church building needs repair, as it is more than 70 years old. Need funds and labor for repairs. Need professionals for installing tiles and heating devices. Team can consist of 3-6 people. Team will stay at church in one big room (40m squared) and one small room (15 sq. m) with kitchen and shower. Church members will help with repair work. Food preparation can be arranged if needed.

SERBIA

[\[#00229A - Serbia In Mission Together\]](#)

Pivnice

Construction of a playground adjoining a kindergarten

Participants: two teams at 8-10 participants each

Time: July and early September 2008

Accommodations in the church, possibility to participate in church activities and to do some sightseeing

[\[#14725T - Kindergarten and Playground\]](#)

Vrsac

Repairing the roof of the church building

Participants: 7-9

Time: 8-10 days

Accommodation in the church; possibility to participate in church activities and to do some sightseeing

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

[\[#00236A - Slovakia In Mission Together\]](#)

Bratislava

The Director of Education of the UMC in the Slovak and Czech Republics need assistance in refurbishing/moving. The new flat will need painting, light construction work, and there is a need for assistance in moving the family's belongings from the old flat to the new. Participants: 5

Costs: \$700

Getting the parsonage flat ready for the new DS, painting, some light construction

Participants: 5

Costs: \$1,500

Landscaping, wood working for cupboards, painting, light concrete work in a Roma (Gypsy) community

Participants: Up to 7

Costs: \$2,000

Bratizlava-Petrzalka

Summer sports camp with Christian hip hop music. The group will work with a team from the Petrzalka church to organize a Christian camp in the High Tatres Mountains for 50 young people. They will engage in Bible study, sports, music, games, and fun activities.

Participants: up to 7 people

Costs: USD 3,000.00 (including some costs for housing, food and scholarships for the youth)

Youth Team for Summer Camp

The group will work with a team from Petrzalka UMC to organize a Christian camp of 4 days in the High Tatres Mountains for underprivileged youth from the Roma community. They will engage in Bible study, games, sports, music, hiking.

Participants: 5-7

Costs: \$1,800 (including housing, food and scholarships for the teens)

Michalovce

Day camp/Bible camp for children from 6-12 years

Participants: 10 people

Length of time: 7-10 days

Costs: \$675 (including costs for supplies and some scholarships)

Partizanske

English camp for teenagers from 14-18 years. This camp will focus on the new pastoral couple getting to know the young people from the city and start establishing relationships with them.

Participants: 5 people for a group of 20 teenagers

Cost: \$700 (materials and scholarships)

Construction team for refurbishing a garret in the pastor's apartment

Participants: 7-10

Costs: \$15,000

Playground reconstruction and landscaping of a garden

Participants: 5

Costs: \$3,000

Piestany

Vacation Bible School with teaching English

Participants: 10-12 persons

Costs: \$600 (scholarships) + teaching supplies, crafts, and sports equipment for baseball and basketball (to be supplied by team)

UKRAINE

[\[#14053A - Russia Mission Initiative - Ukraine and Moldova\]](#)

Chernivtsi UMC

This UMC is in the process of trying to construct a church building. The process has stalled because they have run out of money. They have no partner church (Supportive Congregation through the Russia Initiative) in America at this time. Church members have sold apartments, cars and sacrificed other personal belongings to pay for the land and building materials. Most of the building they have done themselves. They would welcome a VIM team who could come over, evaluate what has been done, buy local materials and help with the construction of the church. There would also, of course, be opportunities to participate in the ministry of the church as well.

Bila Tserkva UMC

In addition to being Supt., Rev. Bill Lovelace has been appointed Pastor of a new church in this city. Most of the church members are connected in some way with handicapped persons, either themselves or a relative. They meet in the Center for Children with Cerebral Palsy. The center is an old kindergarten, which was given by the city in April 2002 and is not handicapped accessible. Needs are: an elevator or ramp to the second floor, handicapped accessible toilets in the building repair of the heating system, and general repair work. A VIM team could assist in this work.

Kerch UMC

This church in the Crimea on the Black Sea, is one of the first UMCs started under the Russia Initiative, and they celebrated their tenth anniversary in 200 Northern New Jersey helped them buy a building, but it is in need of repair work both inside and out, and furniture. It would be great if they had an autonomous heating system. A VIM team that would come, evaluate and participate in repair work would be wonderful.

Kiev UMC

This newly formed UMC has a ministry with Kiev street children under the guidance of Rev. Helen Lovelace. A medical missionary team is needed to help with these street children, who are in risk of super-resistant tuberculosis, hepatitis and AIDS. They also have extensive dermatological and dental needs. A medical VIM team would be greatly appreciated.

[#14054A - Kiev Street Children Ministry](#)