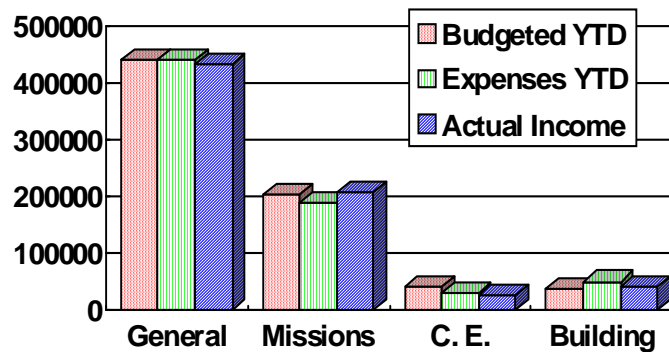


# 2009 Final Financial Report

## Giving & Expenses

	General Fund	Missions Fund	C. E. Fund	Building Fund
Budgeted YTD	442,750	203,267	40,500	37,937
Expenses YTD	439,913	189,310	29,598	50,803
Actual Income	433,041	208,777	25,809	40,006



### Cash Fund Balances as of 12/31/09:

General .....	\$7,316
Missions .....	\$50,146
Christian Education .....	\$12,832
Building .....	\$10,164
Parsonage Sale Proceeds (remaining) .....	\$52,511
New Building .....	\$9,790
Benevolent .....	\$3,110

**Dear Friends:** (A portion of a letter from Bruce Johnson, President SIM USA. The complete letter is on the Missions bulletin board in the Missions Center) The SIM staff always enjoys interacting with *The Bluffton Team*, but I also want to recognize the contribution of the whole church family at Ebenezer and those from the Bluffton community who have donated time, money, and even cows to your ministry to SIM. We pray the Lord will continue to guide and bless your church in fulfilling God's plan to reach the nations for Christ!

**Greetings to our dear friends at Ebenezer:** It is with very grateful hearts that we write to you once again to thank you for your ministry of love to SIM. We were so blessed by the team of 21 people that came and gave so much of themselves. We were also blessed as we watched them unpack all the food they brought from Bluffton. Much of this was donated by many of the folks who could not come here. Each deed of love is appreciated! We just want to say a BIG THANK YOU to each and everyone who made this possible. Some of you prayed, some of you gave, and some of you came! You are all special and we praise the Lord for you. – *Love, Les & Verla Unruh*

**Dear Friends at Ebenezer:** Thank you so much for your gifts to our ministry account in December. As we looked at our report this month we were overwhelmed with God's faithfulness in providing for our needs. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and for your gifts to our family! – *Lee & Michelle Sonius*

**Dear Ebenezer Church Family:** Thank you for the Valentine's Day care package. The card of encouragement and the other goodies were a delight to receive. I appreciate you thinking and praying for me as I complete my last semester of graduate school. – *God bless, Andrew Bixel*

**The Mennonite Memorial Home Fund** has available a scholarship to individuals interested in entering the field of nursing or advancing their degree in nursing. For more information please see the bulletin board in the Missions Center.

### ► UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES ◀

- Mar. 1** Evening Sew (5:00 p.m., CMC)
- Mar. 2** All Day Sew (9:00 a.m., CMC)
- Mar. 6** Senior High & Agape Class (7:00 p.m., Lima Rescue Home)
- Mar. 7** Welcome to Ebenezer Lunch (11:30 a.m., CMC)  
Constitution Revision Information Meeting (5:30 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Mar. 14** Sign-ups begin for VBS volunteers  
Congregational Meeting to vote on the Constitution Revision (6:00 p.m., Sanctuary)
- Mar. 15** Wild Game Committee Meeting (7:30 p.m., FH)
- Mar. 27** Wild Game Night (5:00 p.m., CMC)
- April 25** VBS Teacher Training (9:00 a.m., 116)
- May 2** VBS Teacher Training (9:00 a.m., 116)



# EBENEZER

## Emissary Weekly

February 21, 2010

### Opportunities of the Day

- 9:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Fellowship  
Sunday School (2-year-olds – High School)  
Membership Class (Library)
- 10:00 a.m.** The Good News Hour (2-3-year-olds, Room B10 & 4-5-year-olds, B17)
- 10:15 a.m.** Worship Gathering – Pastor Dick (CMC)
- 11:30 a.m.** Drivers for Power Team Meet (FH)
- 5:00 p.m.** Men's Bible Study (School house)  
VBS Committee Meeting (Library)
- 6:45 p.m.** Financial Peace University (103 & 104)
- 7:00 p.m.** Evening Fellowship Service/*When Perseverance Prevails* – Nehemiah 6:1-9 (Sanctuary)  
Cherub Choir (Age 2-Kindergarten, B10)  
Disciple Singers (Grades 1-6, 118-119)  
Junior & Senior High Small Groups Meet

**The Constitution Revision Information Meeting** that was scheduled for tonight has been postponed to Sunday, March 7, at 5:30 p.m.

**Happy Birthday!** Today is Mary Avon Sommers 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you would like to send a card to Mary her address is: Hilty Memorial Home, P.O. Box 359, 304 Hilty Drive, Pandora, Oh 45877.

**Scheduled Surgery:** Joyce Ginther, Tuesday, February 23, at Blanchard Valley Hospital.

**Missionaries of the week:** *Joe & Jeanie Stucky* serve in **Brazil** with **Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission**. They are thankful for good health that God has granted them for another year. They have been able to continue ministering both at the Christ Is Life Church and Alpha school. One big accomplishment for Jeanie was to finish revising the English book she wrote three years ago for Grade 1 English class at Alpha. They are making plans for home assignment in the US this year. Please send a note to Joe & Jeanie. Their e-mail address: [ijnstucky@gmail.com](mailto:ijnstucky@gmail.com).

## Attendance and Giving

### Attendance on February 14:

Sunday School & ABF	(9:00 a.m.)	315
Worship Gathering	(10:15 a.m.)	433
Evening Fellowship Service	(7:00 p.m.)	168

### Giving on February 14:

	<b>\$13,536.07</b>
Benevolent Fund	185.00
Building Fund	470.00
Christian Education Fund	559.22
General Fund	6,601.85
Missions Fund	2,870.00
New Building Fund	30.00
Haitian Relief Offering	2,143.00
Voice of the Martyrs Offering	677.00

**Attention Drivers for Power Team:** There will be a short meeting following the Worship Gathering in the Fellowship Hall.

**Power Team Committee:** Plan to meet here at the church tomorrow night at 6:00 to set up for the Power Team.

**Miracle Camp Summer** registration forms are being passed out today in the Sunday School Classes. Anyone in Grades 2-12 may attend camp. The forms are to be returned by Wednesday, March 17, and may be placed in the box marked for Miracle Camp in the Mail/Copier Room. **Dates for camp:** Middle School 1 – June 13-19, Grade School 1 – June 27-30, Junior High 1 – July 4-10, Senior High – July 11-17, Grade School 2 – July 25-31.

**Women's Ministries All Day Sew:** This year we had many families in need of assistance and Ebenezer Mennonite Church has provided many comforters to these families. We only have a couple of comforters left and we need to re-stock the Sharing Room. Please come and work together even if it is only for a couple of hours. It is a wonderful ministry to help people and also provide comforters for our missionaries. This special time of working for our Lord Jesus will be held Monday, March 1, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 2, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please bring a hot and cold dish for a potluck luncheon on Tuesday. Everyone is invited!

## Opportunities of the Week: February 22-28

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. Walking Program – CMC

<b>Monday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	MOPS (FH)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Power Team Committee (CMC)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Constitution Revision Committee Meeting (103)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:15 a.m.</b>	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast (FH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Game Time (FH)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Power Team (CMC)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Power Team (CMC)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Power Team (CMC)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Power Team (CMC)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Membership Class (Library) Sunday School & ABF (Various classrooms)
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	The Good News Hour (ages 2-3, B10, 4-5-year-olds, B17)
	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Worship Gathering (CMC)
	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Men's Bible Study (School house)
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Disciple Singers (118-119)
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Power Team (CMC)

### It's in our hands – 2010 Census

**Congregational Meeting:** All reports from 2009 and budgets for 2010 were approved on Wednesday night.

**Attention Newcomers:** The Outreach Committee invites you to a Welcome to Ebenezer Lunch, Sunday, March 7, at 11:45 a.m. in the Crossroads Ministry Center. Please join us to learn more about our church, ministries, and family. We look forward to seeing you.

**Lost and Found Table** has been moved to the Missions Center. Please stop by and pick up your left behind items. Thank you!

### ~ Helpers for Sunday, February 28 ~

**Nursery:** Mike & Kathy Biery, Susan & DeAnna Bixel,  
Jason & Kim Fritsch, Joy & Alexis Moser

**Good News Hour:** Emma & Hanné Burkholder, Mikaela Diller,  
Kayla Geiger, Diane Sharrock, Ann Spallinger, Renea Zimmerman

### ~ Today's Greeters ~

Paul & Jean Reichenbach – Missions Center  
Larry & Ginny Moser – Crossroads Ministry Center



**Attention All Students!** On Friday, February 26, a midnight showing of *To Save a Life* at the Shannon Theatre, February 26. Cost is only \$3.00.

### Senior High and College Age Students

We are going to the Lima Rescue Home, Saturday, March 6. If you are interested in contributing your talents (musical ability, scripture reading, preaching etc.) to this ministry please let Pastor Wade know. We will leave the church at 6:15 p.m. so we will be there by 7:00 p.m. Plan to go out to eat afterwards.



## 3 DAYS TIL POWER TIME!

We, the committee, are excited that what we have been working on is finally here. Come out and hear the awesome testimonies of these Christian men.

TODAY is the last day to sign up and be part of this wonderful event. There are still food items to donate. Come by the table in the back of the Crossroads Ministry Center and see what they are. Don't forget to invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member.

We will be picking up the Road Manager, JR, in Detroit and the other members, Jamie, Matt, Jerome, and Willie, in Columbus on Tuesday. Cody Parmen will be driving in from West Virginia and Dave Sherwood will be driving in from Pennsylvania. Please pray for safe travel.

NOTE: THE POWER TEAM is a group of not only strong men but Christian men. Their goal is saving the lost. Last year they had 67 crusades, reached 165,706 students in schools and had 27,344 decisions for Christ.

Be watching at the end of the service to find out which pastors will be on the BED OF NAILS. Thank you for voting.