

EMMAUS

LEXINGTON COMMUNITY



Lexington, KY

"Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way...?"

August 2007

EMMAUS IN GHANA

By Judy Seitz

Have you ever wondered how the Emmaus community in Ghana is doing? After all, our own community put a great deal of prayer, effort, and money into the start of the Ghana Emmaus community, and we were as blessed as they were in doing so. But we so rarely get reports about how they're doing!

Well, this spring I had the privilege of working with several international leaders at the Beeson Institute at Asbury Theological Seminary, including a United Methodist pastor from Ghana, Rev. Emmanuel Asare-Kusi. I asked Emmanuel if he's involved in the Emmaus community in Ghana.

He said he is and that he gave a talk during the last walk. I asked him how the community is doing. He said it's vibrant and growing and that it's played an important role in reviving the United Methodist Church in Ghana. I can tell you I had tears in my eyes at such wonderful news.

I then recounted to Emmanuel the story of how the Ghanaian community began here with the dream of Mathias Forson who had been sponsored on his Walk by Ron Crandall. Together, they brought that dream to the community and the board, and with God's leading, we moved forward and committed our resources to beginning a community in Ghana. What a joyful conversation Emmanuel and I had thinking of what God had done in both our countries and communities!

One of the objectives set out by the board for the matching funds, if we can meet our goal, is to work to begin another community in a foreign land, as we did in Ghana. The work included bringing pilgrims from Ghana here to sponsor, so they'd be ready to participate as team members in their first set of walks. We also raised money to send leadership team members from our own community to Ghana as partners in these first steps. This word of encouragement from Emmanuel after all these years inspires me, personally, to persevere in meeting our matching fund goals, so that once again we can spread this means of grace called the Emmaus Walk to another land and people.

MATCHING FUNDS REPORT

The Board reported at the July 9, 2007 meeting that the Lexington Emmaus Community had received \$7,059.66 in matching funds. This goes a long way to the needed \$25,000 needed.

Please join us surrounding this opportunity in prayer. As a community, let's pray that:

- Our Board is led by the Holy Spirit as it develops the plans for these gifts
- Our community responds even beyond the amount of the matching opportunity
- Many are reached with the Good News because of these gifts

If you would like to be involved in the ongoing prayer support of this opportunity, please send us e-mail at normgalloway@gmail.com and we will keep you informed of prayer needs and special prayer events.

GATHERINGS

AUGUST

LEXINGTON, The August Gathering will be August 3, 2007, at St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship. **Everyone bring a dish to share: veggie/side dish, main dish, or dessert. Drinks, plates, cups, and utensils will be provided. Everyone will help clean up, so the work will be light.**

PAINTSVILLE, The August Gathering will be August 10, 2007, at Mayo UMC, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 PM Worship. Fellowship and Food will follow.

SEPTEMBER

LEXINGTON, The September Gathering will be September 7, 2007, at St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship. **Everyone bring a dish to share: veggie/side dish, main dish, or dessert. Drinks, plates, cups, and utensils will be provided. Everyone will help clean up, so the work will be light.**

PAINTSVILLE, The September Gathering will be September 14, 2007, at Mayo UMC, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 PM Worship. Fellowship and Food will follow.

CHILD CARE

The community offers childcare at all Gatherings. We are unable, because of a lack of facilities, to offer any childcare for Walk events at the seminary—Send Off, Candlelight, and Closing. Because of the length of these worship services and the serious nature of them, we ask that sponsors assist their pilgrims in finding childcare elsewhere during these events.

COMMUNITY WEBSITE

The community has a message board at the community website (lexingtonemmaus.org). We hope everyone will use the message board for community information and prayer requests.

COMMUNITY PRAYER MINISTRY

The Lexington Emmaus Community now has a Prayer Ministry. Should you or some one you know have a special need for prayer, please e-mail those requests to prayers@lexingtonemmaus.org. Norm and Susie Galloway are leading this new ministry. All prayer requests will remain confidential unless you ask that it be made known outside the prayer ministry team.

SYMPATHY

Please join us in praying for the family of David Gichuru during this time of loss.

LOVE TO COOK? HAVE A FAVORITE RECIPE? WANT TO SHARE IT?

The Lexington Emmaus Community is exploring the possibility of producing a cookbook of the Community's favorite recipes. The sale of these cookbooks will help us in raising money for the matching funds account. If you have a recipe that you would like included in the cookbook, please bring it to a gathering or e-mail to Beckie Sigmon at beckiesigmon@earthlink.net.

GOD IS COUNTING ON YOU

Then he said to His disciples, "The harvest is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest". **Matthew 9:37 – 38.**

Stop! Think about the men and women you know. Do any of them need a fresh experience with God? Can they benefit from the experience you had on your Walk? Have you thought about sponsoring them on the next Walk?

Please, take time to pray. Jesus asked his disciples to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers into His harvest. As in those days, the harvest is plentiful.

Ask God to lead you to the men and women that need to be on either the men's or women's Walk this fall. Remember, just as you are counting on God. God is counting on you.

BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR FALL WALKS

October 18-21
November 15-18

Men's Walk #97
Women's Walk #98

Registration forms should be sent to:

Lexington Emmaus Community,

ATTN: Registrar, P.O. Box 23554, Lexington KY 40523-3554

Registration forms may be obtained from

the address on the left or our Web site:

www.lexingtonemmaus.org

FUTURE WALKS

2008

March 13 – 16
March 27 – 30

Men's Walk #99
Women's Walk #100

October 2 - 5
October 16 - 19

Men's Walk #101
Women's Walk #102

2009

March 12 -15
March 19 - 22

Men's Walk #103
Women's Walk #104

November 5 - 8
November 19 - 22

Men's Walk #105
Women's Walk #106



Lexington Chrysalis Community

As you start each day, may you Fly with Christ!

The next Chrysalis for boys and girls has been scheduled for President's Day weekend at Asbury Theological Seminary and Wilmore United Methodist Church. The dates are February 16 – 18, 2008.

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Lexington Chrysalis Community

Please continue to be in prayer for our Chrysalis community. God is moving and we are His vessels.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 3 Gathering at St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship
- 10 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship
- 13 Emmaus Board Meeting, St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Gathering at St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 6:30 PM Potluck, 7:30 Worship
- 10 Emmaus Board Meeting, St. Luke UMC, 2351 Alumni Drive, Lexington, 7:00 PM
- 14 Gathering at Paintsville's Mayo UMC, 705 Court Street, Paintsville, 7:00 Worship

Be sure to check the Message Board on the Community Website for prayer requests and other information.

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