

# Advent Mission Opportunities

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of others this holiday season? There are many ways you can serve by sharing your gifts of time, talents, resources and love.

- We'll help the Salvation Army at its Christmas Center (2446 S. Hydraulic) on Thursday, December 17, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. People are needed to guide parents through the center as they pick up gifts. "Bag Runners" are needed to help retrieve family gift bags for parents and carry gifts to cars. "Stocking Stuffers" are needed to restock gift tables. If you'd like to help, contact **Dian and Steve Edwards** at 259-3885 or 682-6200.
- On Saturday, December 19, we'll head over to the Wichita Children's Home from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to help them get ready for Christmas. We'll greet people who are donating gifts to the children staying at the home. If you'd like to help, contact **Nina Gunter** at 683-9366.
- Each year we "adopt" families who need assistance at Christmas. You can share a donation in the weekly offering and note that is it for our Adopt-A-Family ministry.
- We also will have a special offering for Youthville during our Christmas Eve services.

## "Christmas Around the World" Open House to Benefit Open Door

Bishop Scott Jones, his wife, Mary Lou Reece, and the Pneuma Sunday School class of First United Methodist Church invite you to tour the Jones' incredible collection of more than 200 nativity scenes from around the world, a perfect reminder of the reason for the season. This event will be held Sunday, December 13, from 2-5 p.m. Your donation of \$25.00 per person will benefit United Methodist Open Door. Please purchase in advance by sending your check payable to United Methodist Open Door, PO Box 2758, Wichita, KS 67201. For further information, please contact United Methodist Open Door at (316) 265-9371, or visit [www.umopendoor.org](http://www.umopendoor.org).

## Costa Rica Mission Trip 2010

We are in the final stage of planning our **Costa Rica Mission Trip 2010**. The dates of the trip are January 6-14, 2010. Cost will be around \$1100. The trip is open to all East Heights' members and friends. It is an amazing mission as we seek to be in ministry with our brothers and sisters in Christ. **We still have a few spots available.** If you have questions or would like to know how you can become a part of our Mission Team, please contact **Paige Nelson** or **Beth Strickler** at 682-6518.

## The Passage – A New Group Serving and Growing at EH

By Sandra McKinney

The Passage is a small group of young adult Christians who want to grow spiritually. We meet weekly in the evening for worship, study, and fellowship. We offer encouragement to one another and Christian accountability.

Our first study was "Chase the Lion," by Mark Batterson. This study encouraged us to chase the God-ordained opportunities: confidently stepping into the unknown, taking risks, seizing opportunities, and pursuing dreams. We are currently studying the Book of Colossians and using a curriculum written by one of our own. We also enjoy local mission work. In November we went to the Wichita Children's Home one evening to play games with the teenagers in the Emergency Temporary Shelter. Everyone had a wonderful time and we plan to go back. We look forward to helping with yard work in the spring for members of East Heights and serving at The Lord's Diner or Overflow Shelters.

We began this August by meeting in homes of those in the Faith Matters Sunday School Class. They graciously hosted, prayed for, and encouraged us as our group started. God has truly blessed us through these saints. Our group could not have begun without them.