

GRACE Ministries *of the United Methodist Church*



A Community Outreach Program



We CAN
make a
difference.

Monthly food, clothing
& diaper distribution

Job Training Programs

Children are among the most
important recipients of
GRACE ministries' services

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” ~ Luke 10:27



GRACE Ministries of the United Methodist Church

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The mission of GRACE Ministries of the United Methodist Church is to provide a community outreach program serving low income families living in Northern Virginia.

GRACE: Gathering Resources to Address Community Emergencies

Words of Greeting



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Several years ago, Reverend Ileana Rosas had a dream. Through her effort and the love of many people, that dream (now known as GRACE Ministries) came true. Today, after ten years, GRACE Ministries is growing in an amazing way. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and of Executive Director Rev. Martha Real, and Ministries Coordinator Ana María Lopéz, we can testify of the ways God is working through GRACE Ministries. We are able to provide:

Bread for the Body - Food, clothing, diapers, and other donations are now distributed monthly to over 1,200 families at seven sites around Northern Virginia. GRACE Ministries' dream is to extend this ministry throughout the Virginia Conference.

Bread for the Soul - Since each distribution is preceded by a devotional, those in need receive the message of the good news of salvation and become connected to the United Methodist Church. GRACE Ministries has been key in helping to grow Hispanic and Latino Ministries at Floris, Crossroads, Culmore, and Arlington United Methodist Churches.

Bread for the Future - Through several different job training programs such as Personal Care Aide Training, Commercial Driver's License Training, and Multicultural Nurse Aide Training, GRACE Ministries is helping people to be providers of bread for their families.

We pray that United Methodists all over the Virginia Conference will be touched to pray, to volunteer, and to financially support GRACE Ministries in such a way that more people receive Bread for the Body, Bread for the Soul, and Bread for the Future.

In Christ,

Rev. Lydia Rodriguez
Chair, GRACE Ministries Board of Directors

Overview



MONTHLY DISTRIBUTIONS

The mission of GRACE Ministries is to engage and empower the low-income community in northern Virginia. GRACE Ministries fulfills this mission by seeking to improve the quality of life through monthly distributions of food, clothing and diapers for people from many nations. Health care providers are invited to our distributions to provide health screening which includes free blood pressure checks, blood glucose testing for diabetes, and health resource information/referrals. Public health nurses provide free health counseling to individual clients. During 2009, GRACE Ministries was able to provide assistance to over 14,608 families, representing over 55,521 individuals, of which 25,418 were children.

JOB TRAINING

In order to encourage self-sufficiency and help people find employment, GRACE Ministries offers job training in high demand occupations. All of GRACE Ministries' distribution sites have seen an increase in the number of unemployed persons seeking assistance. The downturn of the economy has made it increasingly difficult to find jobs in northern Virginia. GRACE Ministries has been able to address the need for employment by



offering three different types of job training programs. Each program offers skills training in addition to focused ESL classes that develop the student's ability to understand and speak English.

PERSONAL CARE AIDE TRAINING



Each spring and fall of the past four years, GRACE Ministries has offered Personal Care Assistance (PCA) training classes that prepare students to become home health aides for the elderly and the disabled. Eight PCA classes have been offered, resulting in the graduation of 125 students.

COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE TRAINING

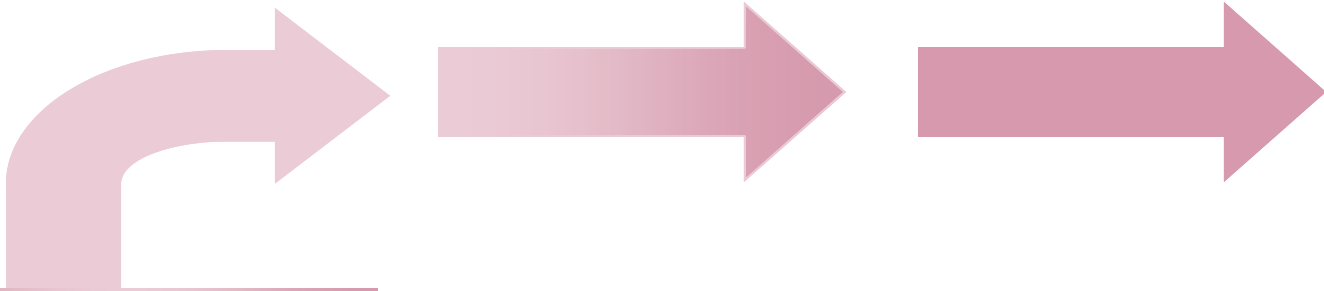


From September through March, GRACE Ministries offers a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) training class for students. Students accepted into the CDL program are immediately hired as paid bus attendants for Fairfax County Public Schools while they are taking the classes. Successful completion of this program and behind-the-wheel training promotes the students to bus drivers. During the past four years, 56 students have successfully completed the program.

MULTICULTURAL CERTIFIED NURSE AIDE TRAINING PROGRAM

February 2010 was the launch of GRACE Ministries' third job training class, which will lead to students becoming Certified Nurse Aides. Graduates of this program are prepared to take the Virginia Board of Nursing exam and become certified as nurse aides. There are currently 22 students from 14 different countries who will receive 130 hours of training over a period of 18 weeks. Graduation is scheduled for June 26, 2010.





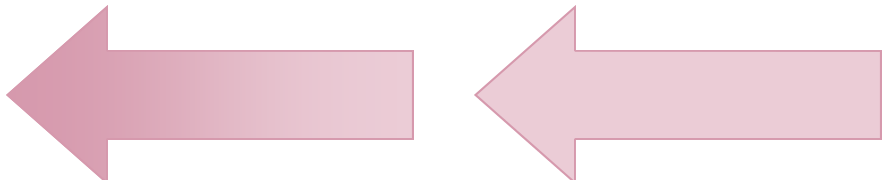
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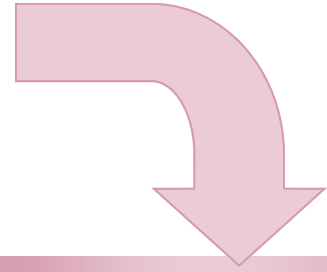
GRACE Ministries was started by Rev. Ileana Rosas in 1999, at Culmore UMC in Falls Church, Virginia. Over the past ten years, a network of churches offering distributions of food, clothing, and diapers has grown to include six more United Methodist Churches: Arlington UMC, Floris UMC, Crossroads UMC, Mount Olivet UMC, and Centreville UMC. In 2009, we celebrated the opening of a seventh site at St. Stephen's UMC in Burke (Fairfax County). As we look to the future, GRACE Ministries will continue to address immediate needs of individuals and families without losing sight of the long range goals of self-sufficiency and empowerment. Our GRACE Ministries sites offer a place where families can experience Christian hospitality and love. In the midst of this recession, we find that GRACE Ministries is needed now more than ever. GRACE Ministries will continue to serve all people who come to our church doors by offering them a place of affirmation, support and encouragement in their time of need.

THE ETHNIC CHURCH IS STRENGTHENED AND LEADERS ARE DEVELOPED

There is both richness and blessings in the diversity of the people served by GRACE Ministries. Although many of our families come from Latin American countries, GRACE Ministries also serves people from the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and the Philippines. We welcome low-income families from the United States, including African American, Anglo and other ethnic groups. GRACE Ministries provides a place for people from many nations to love one another, serve one another, and to accept diversity as a gift.

Leadership is an important part of the vision of GRACE Ministries. Each of the seven church food distribution sites is directed by servant leaders from both the local church and from the surrounding community. Working together, these leaders organize



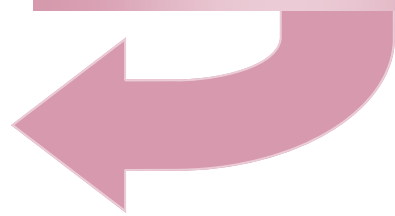


each monthly food distribution. Food is ordered from the food bank, diapers are purchased, and clothing is collected and sorted. Health care providers are invited to assist our many families.

Through the GRACE Ministries devotions and distributions that are led by leaders at all of the church sites, people from the local communities are attracted to the love and GRACE of God and are invited to attend worship services at our seven church sites. Four of these church sites also offer worship services in Spanish: Culmore, Arlington, Floris and Crossroads.

In summary, we can affirm that GRACE Ministries continues to serve as a bridge between the people we serve and our congregations. The love that GRACE Ministries leaders share each month moves the people we serve to want to learn more about our God of love. GRACE Ministries distributions start with a time of devotion. The joy of singing together and hearing the good news of GRACE brings hope to our participants. The power of the Holy Spirit is present and touches the hearts of our people. GRACE Ministries continues to bear fruit as we see new families coming to worship with our congregations.

Our faith communities have grown in numbers, in discipleship and in spirituality. We have seen lives transformed and families blessed as the Spirit of God moves through GRACE Ministries. Ultimately, we know that the food and clothing we provide will only last for a short time, but the love of God, planted in human hearts, will last forever.



Stories of GRACE

Culmore UMC in Falls Church, Virginia

Voices of GRACE

“The first place where the pastor took me was the church. I saw how faithful, kind, and strong women lifted up heavy boxes of canned food. I saw how happy they were as they worked together, thinking about giving a family a full, nice bag of food.” (Volunteer)

“Someone told us that in the church they give free food. We went there and we received two bags of different kinds of food. We did not have anything, so that was a lot for my family. It was a blessing for us.” (Family)

“I feel very happy when I help to bag the food for the people. If I can receive food too, it helps me a lot. I wish we could help all people always.” (Volunteer)

This location is the first site of GRACE Ministries! Seventy-two families were served at the first distribution, which was held at the



Woodrow Wilson Library in Culmore. Today, the Culmore site serves about 168 families each month. Each family receives a brown paper bag which is filled with products donated by the USDA (spaghetti, beef

stew, canned fruit, dry milk, tuna, beans, and others) and a white plastic bag filled with extra products provided by Culmore supporters (oil, rice, paper towels, salt). Every family receives both bags. Culmore is thankful for the churches and individuals in the local area who also donate clothing and diapers for distribution.



Volunteer Information:

First Friday of each month, 9 AM – 3 PM: Set up for Saturday morning.

First Saturday of each month, 6 AM: Doors open for number distribution to those in line. Everyone is invited to a devotional time. At 7 AM, the distribution begins. To volunteer, contact the site director.

Contact Information:

Culmore UMC, 5901 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041

703-860-5131

Site Director: Ana María Lopéz, anamaria869@yahoo.com or 703-979-7527/703-979-1650, x306

Stories of GRACE

Arlington UMC in Arlington, Virginia

Arlington UMC was the second GRACE Ministries location, opened in November 2001 by the Pastor of the Arlington Latino congregation. GRACE Ministries provides food, information on health issues, job training and most importantly, spiritual support, to the growing Latino population in this community. The number served has grown quickly



from its first 75 families to about 168 families each month. Families receive two bags: a brown paper bag filled with products donated by the USDA (spaghetti, beef stew, canned fruit, dry milk, tuna, beans, and others) and a white plastic bag filled with extra

products that are donated by the Arlington site (oil, rice, paper towels, salt). Some clothing and diapers are also available to those in need.



Volunteer Information:

Third Friday of each month, 9 AM – 2 PM: Set up for Saturday morning distribution.

Third Saturday of each month, 6 AM: Doors open for number distribution to those in line. Everyone is invited to a devotional time. At 7 AM, the distribution begins. To volunteer, contact the site director.

Contact Information:

Arlington UMC, 716 S. Glebe Rd., Arlington, Virginia 22204; 703-979-7527, www.arlingtonumc.com

Site Director: Ana María Lopéz, anamaria869@yahoo.com or 703-979-7527 or 703-979-1650, x306

Voices of GRACE

“We were walking close to the bank and a woman gave us a ticket number telling that we could pick up food for free at the church, when we all 7, my 5 children and my husband, arrived to the church, there were no more food, but the pastor told us to wait and when he brought a bag of different products, it was like God had descended from heaven to give us food. God press us but never abandon us.” (Family)

“You have helped *me*. I like to give back what I receive.” (Volunteer)

“As a volunteer, I am rejoiced to share some of my effort to serve people in need.” (Volunteer)

Stories of GRACE

Floris UMC in Herndon, Virginia

Voices of GRACE

“GRACE Ministries means a lot to me because there have been many times when I have had nothing. It was a relief to receive this help on days when there was no money or source of income in my house.” (Guest)

“I went to a clinic and found a flyer with information about GRACE Ministries. I am divorced with 2 children and have been getting help for two years. What I receive helps me to save money that I can use to pay for other necessities.” (Guest)

“I am doing a little better financially now because I have a stable job. I have stopped receiving food because there are others who need it more than I do. I serve as a volunteer now because this is the best way to give back for what one receives.” (Volunteer)

Floris UMC opened their site after visiting and working at the Arlington location. From its first distribution in June 2004 to the present, the number of families served each month has

grown from 66 to 250. Food, clothing, diapers, baby items and children’s books are offered. Health care providers and Fairfax County Family Services provide health screening, health counseling and referrals to appropriate county agencies. In February, 2005, Floris created a weekly gathering for singing, prayer and bible study, and today, Floris has a weekly Saturday evening Spanish-language worship service, under the leadership of Jacqueline de Los Rios.



Volunteer Information:

Serve on the first Friday evening or Saturday morning of each month. To volunteer, go to www.florisumc.org and click on “Serve Locally.”

Contact Information:

Floris UMC, 13600 Frying Pan Rd., Herndon, Virginia 20171, 703-793-0026

Website: www.florisumc.org / Site Director: Jake McGlothlin (jmclglothin@florisumc.org)

Stories of GRACE

Crossroads UMC in Ashburn, Virginia

The first food and clothing distribution for the Crossroads GRACE Ministries site was in September, 2005. The site now serves 125-150 families each month, representing over 600 individuals. Guests can receive food, clothing, diapers and books at each distribution. Through its relationship with GRACE Ministries, Crossroads UMC was able to birth the Crossroads Latino UMC in 2007. Some of the leaders in the Latino congregation first came to be served as part of GRACE Ministries. Now God is working in their lives and they are serving Him.



Volunteer Information:

Third Friday of each month: Bag food and sort/fold clothing.

Third Saturday of each month, 6:30 AM: Doors open for worship.

Registration begins at 7 AM with families receiving food and clothing at 8 AM.

Contact Information:

Crossroads UMC, 43454 Crossroads Dr., Ashburn, Virginia 20147

703-729-5100 / Website: www.ecrossroadsumc.org / Site Director: Glenn Colucci

Words of GRACE

"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

-Matthew 24:35-36 (NRSV)

Stories of GRACE

Mount Olivet UMC in Arlington, Virginia

Voices of GRACE

“This is a real hands-on ministry in which our whole family can participate.” (Volunteer)

“If our guests can walk 3 miles in the worst blizzard of the century, I can be here to serve them.” (Volunteer)

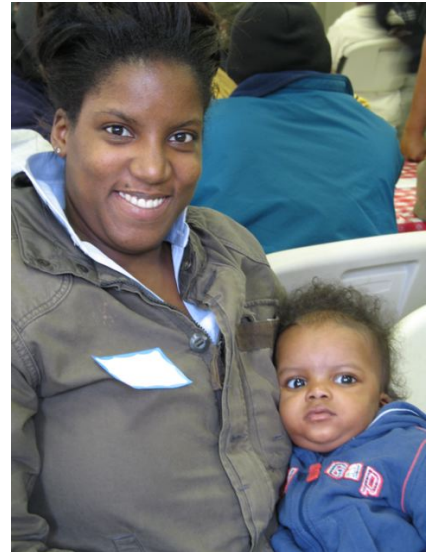
“I know I am truly being the hands and feet of Jesus.” (Volunteer)

“The bus pass helps me get to college every day.” (Guest)

“My medicine costs a lot, the Giant card helps.” (Guest)

“This is the only time during the month, when I do not feel invisible.” (Guest)

The Mount Olivet site of GRACE Ministries had its beginnings as a more “efficient” way of helping those in need by providing help just once a month. But God had other plans! The few hours once a month is now a ministry of 200 church members serving over 200 households each month. The Fellowship Hall is packed with people that have become our friends as we share a monthly meal together, lend a hand and a listen to the struggles they face each day. Their days are filled with anxieties and concerns that are hard for members of our congregation to grasp. These people are our neighbors and now they are our friends. But it didn’t begin that way.



Volunteer Information:

Third Saturday of each month. Doors open at 3:30 PM, distribution begins at 4:30 PM. Items distributed include but not limited to: USDA and other bagged groceries, \$10 Giant card, 1 week bus pass/rail pass, hot sit down dinner for all.

Contact Information:

Mount Olivet UMC, 1500 North Glebe Rd., Arlington, Virginia 22207 / Website: www.mtolivet-umc.org
Site Directors: Monte Campbell (eslim@earthlink.net or 703-271-8341), Jim Coates (jim.coates@comcast.net or 703-532-2123), Marilyn Traynham (mtraynhaym@mtolivet-umc.org or 703-527-3934)

Stories of GRACE

Centreville UMC in Centreville, Virginia



In recent years, the Centreville community has become more ethnically diverse. GRACE Ministries offered a wonderful way to reach out to our low-income immigrant neighbors to offer not only food, clothing, and diapers, but also to offer a welcoming

place of hospitality where the guests could share a time of fellowship, where their children could have a special play time and where they could enjoy a time of worship. GRACE Ministries opened its doors at Centreville UMC in September, 2008. Approximately 200 families are served each month. The guests receive clothing, diapers, linens, toys, children's books and food.



Voices of GRACE

“After coming to GRACE Ministries for many months, relationships have grown between the guests and those who serve. Some guests, like Alas and her teenage daughters Maryum and Marena from Iraq, are working on Friday evenings bagging food and hanging clothing donations. Domingo, a Guatemalan day laborer, helps to close the worship time on Saturday morning by offering a song and prayer. Through GRACE Ministries, people from around the world come together to serve and be served, relationships are built, and communities are strengthened.” (Volunteer)

Volunteer Information:

Set up Friday, 4-8:30 PM

Distribution Second Saturday of each month, 6:45 AM – 12:30 PM; Registration: 8:00 – 10:30 AM

Email: GRACEMinistries@Centreville-UMC.org

Contact Information:

Centreville UMC, 6400 Old Centreville Rd., Centreville, Virginia 20121 / Website: www.centreville-umc.org

Site Director: Barbara Shaiko bshaiko@centreville-umc.org / Church Telephone: 703-830-2684

Stories of GRACE

St. Stephen's UMC in Burke, Virginia

Voices of GRACE

"I like it a lot because there are people here who help when others don't seem to have interest." (Guest)

"It's good because it's the work of mercy, a mandate of God." (Volunteer)

"Continue the good works that God blesses." (Guest)

"The first month I did this, I was able to see a young woman try a jacket I donated, and smile when it fit perfectly. I have never witnessed the results of donating before first hand." (Volunteer)

"I joined GRACE Ministries before I was ever an actual member and being involved in such a wonderful initiative has reaffirmed our decision to join the church." (Volunteer)

In the fall of 2009, members of St. Stephen's realized that they wanted to be the church people could go to for help. Their GRACE Ministries site opened in May, 2009, welcoming 47 families. Their average is now approximately 140 families each month.

Distribution opens at 7 AM with a brief praise service. Among some of the services offered during distribution: breakfast, children's crafts, health information and blood pressure screenings ; clothing and shoes for men, women, and children; children's items (high chairs, strollers, etc); diapers, food (USDA food and food donated by our church), household goods and toiletries (with



donations from the local Giant), produce and other items (donated by Food for Others). St. Stephens also offers ESL classes during the week.

Volunteer Information:

Distribution is the fourth Saturday of each month. To volunteer, please contact: Nancy Dubiell (703-323-0736; ndubiell@aol.com) or Cathy Liverman (703-764-1820; cathyLiverman@gmail.com). Volunteers help sort and organize clothes, set up tables, bag and organize food donations, and register, visit with, and assist guests.

Contact Information:

St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Rd., Burke, Virginia 22015

Website: www.ststephensfairfax.org

Site Director: Pastor Melissa Porter-Miller / Church Telephone: 703-978-8324

More Faces of GRACE



Job Training Programs

Personal Care Aide (PCA) Training

- A 10-Week certification training program for home health aides
- Program trains students on how to care for the elderly and/or disabled
- Two-part training: PCA training and ESL training based on the PCA curriculum
- Classes meet Thursday evenings 7-9 PM and Saturdays 9 AM-2:30 PM (9 AM-Noon for PCA and 12:30-2:30 PM for ESL)
- Training topics include: Personal Care, Infection Control, Body Mechanics, Feeding, Overview of Aging, Dementia, How to take blood pressure and other vital signs, How to work with people with disabilities, Doing necessary documentation, End of Life care and Nutrition
- Training includes writing resumes and job seeking skills
- Training provides class members with Adult CPR certification
- Great first step to more advanced training in the medical field. Many go on to take Certified Nursing Assistant training and other medical skills training
- Free childcare
- Classes held at Floris UMC, Herndon, September-November
- Pre-registration in July



training

Job Training Programs

Multicultural Certified Nurse's Aide (CNA) Training

- An 18-Week, 130 hour certificate training program
- Graduates can work in nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities and home health care agencies
- Two-part training: CNA training and ESL training based on CNA curriculum
- Classes meet Thursday evenings, 6-9 PM, and Saturdays, 9 AM – noon for CNA and 1-3 PM for ESL class
- Training includes 2 week clinical practicum (24 hours/week)
- Classes includes resume writing and job seeking skills
- Training topics: Cultural Aspects of Care, Workplace Safety, Basic First Aid and Emergency Care, Vital Signs, Personal Care Skills, Caring for Clients with Special Needs, Healthcare System and preparation for certification test
- Great first step to more advanced training in the medical field
- Classes held at Floris UMC in Herndon each spring



programs

Job Training Programs

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Training



- 16-week training program to prepare to take the Commercial Drivers License Test and become school bus drivers for Fairfax County Public Schools
- Meets five days a week, two hours a day between bus runs (10:30 AM - 12:30 PM)
- ESL classes based on CDL requirements - 3 times weekly
- CDL classes based on bus skill requirements - 2 times weekly
- Students are hired as a school bus attendants by the school system while taking the class

- Students are paid for the time they are in class
- Must pass CDL Permit test while in class
- School system provides additional “behind the wheel” training after the class
- Once CDL license test is passed, students become school bus drivers
- School bus drivers for Fairfax County make nearly \$17/hour with full benefits
- Classes held at Floris UMC, Herndon (November – March each year)
- Pre-registration begins each July



Stories of GRACE:

CDL Class – Reflections by Wendy LeBolt

Five men and five women sit shoulder-to-shoulder in a front row pew in the Sanctuary at Floris United Methodist Church in Herndon, Virginia. Representing six different countries and three different continents, they laugh and joke with each other. Our honored guests are not UN Ambassadors, but graduates who are celebrating the completion of their commercial driver's license training program (CDL), which has prepared them to pass the CDL test and become Fairfax County school bus drivers.

Eight months ago they were strangers: unemployed or underemployed, without benefits, with intermediate English skills, all seeking some way to better provide for their loved ones. They represent the top 10% of candidates who sought to become FCPS school bus drivers. A title of the applicants, you might say.

The life stories that brought these people into our midst are as diverse as the individuals themselves: a restaurant that closed, a wife who needed health insurance, a forced lay off, a co-worker who recommended us, children who need to be with their mother, a beloved cat, a single-parent of teenagers. Upon graduation and passing the on-the-road testing, each is guaranteed employment with benefits through Fairfax County. "Which do you think is more important to them,

the pay or the benefits?" I ask Vivian Jalali, CDL coordinator at Floris UMC. She thinks for a moment before setting me straight. "Neither. It's the opportunity."

Opportunity is also what this day represents to Dean Tisdadt, the COO of Fairfax County Public Schools. The CDL\ESOL program represents the "best of government" in the "connection of public and private sector." He expresses the County's intention to continue the support of this program, the budget notwithstanding, because what it's accomplishing is clear. It provides the dedicated, capable bus drivers he needs while making the difference in the lives of individuals and families in the community.

Many of the students stand to address the graduation audience. Bahia, a Moroccan immigrant who became a U.S. citizen last year, says, "You've given me a chance to be what I've always wanted and to be what my family needs." She says her husband laughed when she said that she "dreamed of being a bus driver." Bahia was determined to have a job where she could always have her young children (now ages 3 and 5) with her. She is grateful to have qualified for the program. She signs her thank you letter, "Future Bus Driver, Bahia."

Other students add their voices. Salve, greets us in all the languages

of the collective audience, then tells us "her self-confidence has soared" and "that's a word I learned in class." Mohammed has "no words" to express the changes he has felt and seen, but they are a "great memory engraved in my heart." It is an "experience I will share with my children and my grandchildren." Jovial Youngki Hong - "call me Young" - says, "by God's GRACE I was chosen" for the program. He is "thankful for the different countries and different religions learning from each other." After assuring us he is from **South** Korea, Jae admits this class was the first opportunity he'd had to sit around the table with 5 Muslims. "They are all like us," he said. "All countries here. No difference. Brothers and sisters. I am pleased to meet them."

In his graduation speech, Jae told his teachers and classmates, "I will never forget all of you during my lifetime." Then he addresses his hosts here at Floris UMC. He says this experience caused him to wonder "who these people were, these United Methodists, who have a love of unknown people, of immigrants not familiar with English." It led him to ask 'who is this John Wesley?' And to answer, "You are true examples of Good Samaritans. Open to all people. Thanks to John Wesley and all his followers."

Gifts of GRACE:

Transformation at Crossroads by Rev. Flor Norris

Rev. Flor Norris, Associate Pastor of Crossroads UMC in Ashburn, Virginia, provides the following reflection:

GRACE Ministries continues to be a wonderful gift from God. It is a place where we come together and build relationships and community.

Our intention is to be able to serve our neighbors in a way that they will not just remember us, but also know that the food and clothing they are receiving is not the only gift they are getting. The gift of GRACE is that though God's love and infinite grace, we come together as His body to be part of a transformational experience.

Crossroads Latino United Methodist Church, a multi-site that started in October 2007, was birthed through GRACE Ministries. The relationships we have built through GRACE are beautiful and as we grow as a church GRACE is being transformed. Our vision is to have a more relational food and clothing distribution, offering one-on-one prayer with our neighbors, getting to know their names, their needs, their struggles, their joys and victories and inviting them to become part of our Crossroads family.

We have a family of four: a mom, dad, and two beautiful girls who started coming to GRACE to receive food and clothing back in 2008. Since then they have got connected and started serving at GRACE every month. It was such a gift to see them coming to not just to receive, but to serve God's community. The four of them were a blessing for all of us; but my big surprise was to see them come and join us for worship on a Saturday night. They participate almost every week and have taken our baptism class called "Foundations" to prepare for such a wonderful celebration. On April 10, 2010, we baptized the youngest of the two girls. It was a time of joy for our Crossroads family.

Some of the leaders from our Latino congregation initially came to GRACE to receive, and God has worked in their lives and they are now serving Him with their lives as an offering.

We have many stories to tell about GRACE and the transformation we have witnessed as a church. I know God's love will continue ministering through and to our community of GRACE.



GRACE Ministries Clothing Distribution at Crossroads UMC in Ashburn, Virginia.

Lives Changed by GRACE

PCA Graduates



CNA Training—2010



Grace Ministries of the United Methodist Church Commercial Driver's License Class

March 26, 2010



GRACE Ministries of the UMC
Annual Demographic Report 2008

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total Annual
Households	2414	2283	2327	3308	10332
Individuals	8961	8679	8746	12912	39298
Children	4161	3952	4078	6272	18463
Volunteers	800	762	922	1340	3824

* 1st & 2nd Quarters, five sites

** 3rd & 4th Quarters, six sites

GRACE Ministries of the UMC
Annual Demographic Report 2009

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total Annual
Households	3398	3562	3395	4253	14608
Individuals	12862	13468	12674	16517	55521
Children	6101	6280	5777	7919	26077
Volunteers	1364	1423	1381	1603	5771

* St. Stephens UMC- Seventh site- info included in May (2nd Quarter)

Join Us in Serving Our Neighbors!

SERVE ...as a volunteer at a food and clothing distribution

SUPPLY...funds to help us purchase food or clothes

SPREAD...the word by telling a neighbor about GRACE Ministries

START...a new GRACE Ministry site at your local church.

SHARE...by donating clothing, diapers or food for a monthly distribution.

SPONSOR...a student in one of our job training programs.

Our cost per person is...

\$550 for a 10-week Personal Care Aide Class

\$850 for a 16-week Commercial Driver's License Class

\$865 for an 18-week Certified Nurse Aide Class.

SUPPORT...this outreach ministry through your financial gifts and pledges.

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