

Maggie Styers Missionary Chapter



Mission outreach at the local, regional, national and international levels

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Missionary interest at Fairview dates back to 1895-1908 as contributions were regularly made to missions. On November 9, 1909 the Young Women's Missionary Society was formed with twenty members with the goal of keeping foreign missions before the congregation. On February 7, 1912, the present organization for missions was established and called the Women's Missionary Society. One of the first projects was choosing a missionary pastor and helping to pay his salary. Pastor Sriman of Surinam was chosen and supported from 1913 to 1920. In 1921, Reverend George Heath was chosen from Nicaragua. The Heath's missionary ministry was supported for more than 30 years and a set of chimes was given in 1956 to the Second Moravian Church in Kingston, Jamaica where the Heath's were married in November, 1907. In 1935, the missionary chapter was reorganized and named the Monnie Southern Missionary Chapter. In June, 1970; the Reverend Joseph H. Gray was adopted as a missionary while serving as Superintendent of Honduras missions. His son, the Rt. Reverend Sam Gray became the next missionary family of the congregation in 1980. In 1988, the chapter was renamed to the Maggie Styers Missionary Chapter in honor of Mrs. L.S. Styers who served as president for 30 years.

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In addition to paying for salaries for missionaries, equipment was purchased including generators, water purification systems, planes outfitted for missionary service, etc.; Bibles, Passion Week manuals and the Moravian Daily texts were translated into Miskito language. Maggie Styers Missionary Chapter continues to support mission work, but now supports mission outreach at the local, regional, national and international level. In the last six years, the chapter has provided \$71,885 to support City of Dwellings Homeless Shelter in Winston-Salem, the Forsyth Prison Ministry, Sunnyside Ministry, Laurel Ridge Mission Camps, Samaritan's Purse, Oaks Indian Mission on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, Savannah Georgia Fellowship, Cuban Moravian ministries, Sierra Leone school, scholarship for one of our school graduates to further his education in the medical field to provide needed healthcare in our five villages, Czech Republic High School and to a Ukrainian family that has relocated to Winston-Salem. Gifts to the chapter are welcomed and are used for a variety of mission outreach projects."