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The Mission Society helps equip Michigan church for strategic outreach

Interactive workshop: Making a difference in and around our community

SANDUSKY, Mich.—Members of Countryside Free Methodist Church will gain a greater understanding of local, national, and international outreach this winter when The Mission Society, which sends Christian missionaries worldwide on ministry assignments, presents a Global Outreach Weekend to the congregation, Feb. 25-26.

"God has chosen the local church as his instrument to spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. 'Jesus' parting words to his disciples were that they witness for Him throughout the world," said Roger Wright, Midwest regional director for church ministry of The Mission Society. "The challenge is encouraging Christians to leave the four walls of the church to reach their neighborhoods and world with God's love and hope. This "GO" lifestyle is essential both to advance the gospel and increase the spiritual health of the local church."

The Global Outreach Weekend, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 25, is designed to help Christians understand the biblical basis of worldwide missions and challenge them to become personally involved in outreach. *This missions workshop will train and empower the mission leaders in the nuts and bolts of mobilizing their congregations to reach their friends, local community, and even impact communities in other countries. Going forward, as the principles taught during the weekend are implemented they will become more effective and strategic in missions.*

This weekend includes a six-hour seminar, as well as ministry to the entire congregation in Sunday worship and Sunday School.

Countryside Free Methodist Church (<http://www.countrysidefm.org/index.htm>) is located at 912 W. Sanilac, Sandusky. Dave Coleman is pastor. Those interested in participating may contact Beverly Mancuso at 800-478-8963 ext. 9046.

Founded in 1984 in the Wesleyan tradition, The Mission Society (www.themissionsociety.org) exists to mobilize and deploy the body of Christ globally to join Jesus in His mission, especially among the least-reached peoples. To that end, The Mission Society recruits, trains and sends Christian missionaries to minister around the world. Its church ministry department provides seminars, workshops and mentoring for congregations in the United States and abroad, helping equip churches for outreach in their communities and worldwide. Its vision is for the Kingdom of God to advance among all peoples, bringing about redemption and reconciliation through Jesus Christ. At present, The Mission Society has more than 200 missionaries in 37 countries.

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