

To Pastor and Mission Committee

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Sharing Our Witness – Enriching Relationships
Sowing the Seeds of Christian Love in Southeast Kentucky

We wish to thank the Churches of the West Ohio Conference for their support of the SOWER project in 2008 with your prayers, financial assistance and presence (volunteers). 40 SOWER VIM volunteers helped to complete a house for Jessica P. and her children Chenoa (8) and Brenham (4) who have been living with an uncle in a very old trailer for the last several years after her divorce. Jessica works part time as she has some medical issues as a result of an automobile accident in the fall of 2007. She and the kids are thrilled to be in a new house.

With the completion of Jessica's house planning is underway for house number 10 in '09. The VIM Project needs to get at least the majority of the approximately \$36,000 it costs for materials pledged before a late January 2009 to be able to commitment to building this next house. The SOWER VIM Leadership Team is requesting that the churches of West Ohio prayerfully consider supporting this worthwhile project financially with a pledge of support prior to the January '09 decision time. Those that have served on SOWER work teams understand how much the volunteers get out of the experience as well as the level of need in the Henderson Settlement service area. As an example of the need, the last available data put the average annual income for a family of four in Bell County, KY at ~\$22,000. The average income in the Henderson Settlement Service area of southwestern Bell County is well below this figure.

Build weeks have been put on the Henderson Settlement schedule in May, July, and August of 2009. The Build Schedule, Frequently asked Questions about Henderson Settlement/The SOWER VIM Project, and a registration/donation form are included in the following pages of this document.

Please send all pledges [any checks should be made out to the West Ohio Conference UMC], volunteer registrations or questions to:

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In Christ's Service,

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