

Mission Haven

“I go to prepare a place for you” John 14: 3

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Mississippi and Alabama Reps to Mission Haven

“I go to prepare a place for you”. When we hear those words, we think of heaven. God prepares a place for us there and here, too. One such place is Mission Haven which is located adjacent to the campus of Columbia Theological Seminary located in Decatur, Georgia. Its purpose is to provide a temporary home for full-time missionaries when they return to the United States for interpretive leave, or while finding permanent housing when leaving the mission field.

Jesus taught his disciples to go out into the world and take nothing with them. We call it the Great Commission – go out in the world and spread the good news of the Gospel. Our missionaries do just that; they have given all – their time, talent, education, and families - EVERYTHING—to fulfill God’s call. When they return to America, they need a place to live, they need clothing, and their children need to attend school.

Mission Haven is owned and supported by Presbyterian Women of the Synods of Living Water and South Atlantic. Our missionaries are welcomed at Mission Haven. Here they find a place to live, clothing, and loving volunteers who assist them in enrolling their children in local schools, finding medical care, and employment research or support for future missionary assignments.

At my first board meeting in October of 2008, I found Mission Haven to be a warm and inviting place. Yet there was no hiding the fact that even though it was very clean, it needed much in the way of paint and refurbishing. There was a refrigerator that has since been replaced that was purchased in 1979. Some units have original mattresses in them that are forty years old. My heart and spirit were touched by the fact that our missionaries give up so much and come home to these conditions.

We invite you to help us to prepare a place -- a home with fresh paint, comfortable bedding, and up-to-date furnishings -- for our missionaries. I ask you to consider a financial offering, or give of your time and talents to help upgrade the home and facilities, or send your good furnishings there when you upgrade things in your own home.

If you have any questions about Mission Haven, please email me at marynhough@gmail.com, or write to me at Mary N Hough, 104 Durby Lane, Foley, AL 36535. If I can’t answer your question, I will find someone who can. Should you prefer to call, my phone number is 251 981-6109.

Give and it shall be given unto you

Thank you!

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