

Presbytery of Des Moines
2011
RURAL PARTNERSHIP OFFERING

May, 2011

Dear friends:

For over three decades, the Presbytery of Des Moines has answered the call of rural congregations and communities and global neighbors with our own special offering. And since this offering was established in 1978, Presbyterians have supported some very creative ministries with a rural focus within the presbytery and around the world.

Materials for the **Presbytery of Des Moines 2011 Rural Partnership Offering** are ready for distribution. Your giving supports the presbytery's partnerships with rural neighbors here in Iowa, and with mission partners in El Salvador and Egypt.

Please download the promotional materials from the Presbytery web site:
www.presbyteryofdesmoines.org.

- Bulletin insert master copy (or newsletter insert)
- Bulletin cover or poster
- Rural Partnership Offering history
- Rural Partnership Offering Grant application (reproduce as needed)

Hard copies will be mailed on request. Offering envelopes are available from the Presbytery office; let us know how many you need.

The **Rural Partnership Offering** is administered by the presbytery's Social Ministries Task Force with only a minimal expense incurred for printing the envelopes. Grant requests are considered throughout the year at regular meetings of the task force. We encourage you to share information and grant applications with others who are working to strengthen rural communities.

If you would like more information about the offering or the grant process, please contact the Social Ministries Task Force through the Presbytery Office at 515-276-4991.

Sincerely,

Social Ministries Task Force
Presbytery of Des Moines

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor,
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.**

Luke 4: 18-19