I thought you might want to add a new district to the back page of The Call,” says the Rev. David Goss. The Knoxville-based pastoral carer serves at Deer Park UMC in Maryville, where the congregation (joined in Holston’s hands-on mission project by answering food-zeals for Zimbabweans.)

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Cleveland: Like most districts, Cleveland Conference will surpass its goal on hands-on-mission proj-ects for Africa. Cleveland Conference collected $471,000 for Africa, a $100,000 more than its goal of $250. On June 9, volunteers loaded up the sup- plies at Wesley Memorial UMC before departing them to the conference’s collection depot at Fair-view UMC, Cleveland. These supplies will be sent to Africa to be delivered to mission sites.

Johnson City: Holston members were awfully proud recently, when the band playing for a Southeastern Jurisdictional Jubilation event was none other than the house band from East Tennessee State University’s Wesley Foundation. The six-member group was invited to play during services “for Christ.” A June 27-29 Volunteers in Mission gathering at Lake Junaluska, N.C. The band brought a “youthful spark of energy” to the 1,000-member crowd of “mostly middle-age and older adults,” said Holston Children’s Ministry Coordinator Anita Hendelhert.

Kingsport: In 2005 and 2006, a volunteer work team led by Herb Creech built a new bathroom and remodeled the fellowship hall for Pactolus UMC. During the process, the 85-member congregation learned about the houses that Creech’s teams build in Mexico for $1,500 each. In late May, Pactolus had a yard sale to raise money for Creech’s next Mexico mission in October 2007. Total amount raised: $1,561.

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