

May 2012

Outreach News

Centre Congregational Church ♦ 5 Summer Street ♦ Lynnfield MA 01940

Food of the Month in the Missions Pantry



Peanut Butter and Jelly

All donations go to
Haven From Hunger

Outreach Heroes: Middle School Youth Group

We thank Barbara Langill, the **Middle School Youth Group**, and everyone who donated items to help the animals at Nevins Farm-MSPCA. Together we're making a difference for the neglected and abandoned animals who need new homes.



Outreach Hero: Linda Ladd

Have you visited the Centre Church web site recently? Thanks to **Linda Ladd**, the site has easier navigation and lots of new information about what's going on in our congregation.

The Outreach Team is particularly grateful to Linda for including new summaries of the organizations supported by Centre Church through our outreach and missions giving. Thank you, Linda!

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Britney Gengel and the Be Like Brit Orphanage in Haiti

Britney Gengel grew up in Rutland, Mass. In many ways she was a typical teenage girl but her humor, passion, and deep sense of caring for those less fortunate set Britney apart.

It was her compassion for others that brought Brit to Haiti, just a day before a catastrophic earthquake that claimed an estimated 230,000 lives. Britney had spent the day visiting an orphanage where she and fellow students from Lynn University met the Haitian orphans they had travelled so far to help. Just a few hours later, Britney, three of her fellow students, and two professors were dead. Britney was only 19 years old.

Britney's dream did not die with her. Shortly before the earthquake, she had sent a text message to her family.

"They love us so much and everyone is so happy. I want to move here and start an orphanage myself."



In Britney's memory, her family established a nonprofit organization, **Be Like Brit**, to serve the children of Haiti by establishing a safe, nurturing, and sustainable orphanage in an environment where they can grow, learn, and thrive.

Centre Congregational Church sent a donation to help build the orphanage. Please take a moment to read the thank you note we received, pinned to the Outreach bulletin board.

Thank you for supporting Outreach!