

10,000 HOURS OF SERVICE

The Home and World Mission Board's 10,000 Hours of Service initiative was extremely successful. This community of faith not only met this ambitious goal but exceeded it, with a reported 10,736 hours of service (an average of just under 117 hours per day!!) from February 28 to May 31.

You may be curious as to what types of service were completed. About one-seventh, (1,486 hours), were serving another individual. Most commonly reported were: helping and/or visiting the elderly; helping a neighbor or friend with either a project around the house or yard work; making a meal for others; driving someone on errands, to the doctor, etc.; as well as helping others during the power outage (remember that?).

About one-sixth, (1,751 hours), were in serving in the church a wide variety of ways such as: serving on a Board or a committee; teaching or helping out with Sunday School or one of the church's programs for youth; helping maintain the church both inside and outside; as well as hosting Fellowship Hour and receptions.

Finally, by far the most hours, over two-thirds, (7,499 hours), were in service to others through numerous non-profit organizations or groups, some big, some small, some local, some national and even a few international in scope. Many will be very familiar such as Big Brother, Big Sister, the Bobcat Bolt, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cross Roads House, Avis Goodwin, Durham Public Library, Knitting for Peace or knitting baby blankets, RAIN or volunteering in the local schools, to name just a few. Others may not be as familiar and included Amy's Treat, NAMI-HNH, NH Peace Action, Our House for Girls, Second Start Tutoring and St. Charles Home.

Your response to the 10,000 Hours of Service initiative was wonderful, both in the number of hours and in the wide variety of organizations. We hope you found meaningful ways to serve, and more importantly, will continue to find meaningful ways to serve. Thank you to all who participated.