

SHARING BRINGS JOY



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING®

2010 Mission Report • Sharing Brings Joy

When a refugee family in Ohio didn't know why their power went off, an electrician offered to check it out. He saw that the circuit breaker hadn't connected properly, so he snapped it into place. The lights came back on — and the mother and children applauded.

"I didn't do anything special," he said. Nevertheless, he was pleased that he'd been able to help.

Most of us know the experience of feeling good after helping someone else. We share of our gifts, and both we and those we help feel joy.

"Sharing brings joy" — that's the theme of this year's One Great Hour of Sharing® offering.

As we share of our gifts, we live into the world as God intends it to be. Our acts of sharing are transformed into actual mercy and justice. But, no one church or agency can meet all the needs alone. So the United Church of Christ, through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, engages in partnerships worldwide.

This 2010 OGHS Mission Report tells how we engage in such partnerships. These would not be possible without your generous sharing of your gifts.



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Pakistani women and children wait for food.

JOIN OGHS LIVE!

2011 LENTEN GATHERINGS

From the comfort of your own home or church,
Join our Global Congregation for
5 Wednesday evening sessions.

DATES: March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 and 13

TIME: 7:15-7:45 p.m. ET

WHAT: Live chat sessions with international partners

RESOURCES: Available at: www.ucc.org/oghs

SUGGESTED OGHS OFFERING DATE: April 3, 2011

MARK THE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

“I am amazed at the high efficiency and strong support from UCC. Every time there is a disaster, UCC is always among the quickest to act and support.”

SHE HONGYU,
AMITY FOUNDATION, CHINA