

## Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Idaho General Board Report 2010

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in South Idaho (CCSI) is made up of 13 congregations with a cumulative average worship attendance of 1100. The geographic designation of the region encompasses all area south of the Salmon River within the state of Idaho and a small area surrounding Ontario, Oregon. Distance in the region east to west is approximately 400 miles. All of our congregations give to DMF and participate in most special day offerings.

In an effort to fulfill and participate in "We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.":

1. We have a long term (over a decade) relationship with Iglesia Misi6n Cristiana de Nicaragua. We work within their "regional structure". Over the years, we have provided Bibles, cows, medicines, physical labor for buildings at their conference center, housing for caretakers, lots of clothing, materials for Christian schools, and have repaired churches. Future trips include the building of a dairy far out in the country complete with dairy cattle and a cultural immersion trip for those who are interested but unable to do the hard physical labor. It is a two-way endeavor; on three occasions we have paid for delegations to come to Idaho. They have been in each of our congregations several times to share stories and experiences of ministry.

2. Youth ministry in the CCSI has taken on a decidedly new clientele. Our congregations (and thus the region) through our camping program are ministering to disenfranchised and marginalized youth, who provide for us a whole new set of challenges and opportunities.

3. We have made several trips to Yakama and are "gearing" up for several more as we begin to rejuvenate a historical relationship. Currently, 2 persons from our region serve on the Yakama Board.

As the region looks to the future and to addressing our current debt, we anticipate significant changes in organization, staffing, and ministry.

Larry Crist, Regional Minister