



We are Building Blessing Cabins in Chile!

The devastating earthquake, tsunamis and aftershocks which ravaged Chile have left between 1.5 and 2 million people homeless. The Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ has had a longstanding partnership with the Pentecostal Church of Chile. Among the membership of this church, there are now an estimated 300 families whose homes were completely demolished by the earthquake and don't have a relative with whom they can live.

With the help of Global Ministries, the Massachusetts Conference hopes to provide emergency housing for these families in need. **The cost of a one-room house called a *Blessing Cabin* is \$1,500.** These emergency shelters can be lived in as is, upgraded as the family is able, or passed on to another in need. Master builders, architects and electricians from around the country have donated their time to construct these shelters as quickly as possible. The costs are low because they are built with volunteer labor. But money is needed to purchase materials.

Bishop Ulises Muñoz Moraga, leader of the Pentecostal Church of Chile will be an honored guest at the Massachusetts Conference Annual Meeting taking place June 18th and 19th. At a special worship service, Bishop Moraga will receive the gifts of Blessing Cabins which are being made possible through fundraising in churches throughout the conference.

Thank you members and friends of United Church in Walpole! Through your generosity we have exceeded our goal, and our gift will be received along with the gifts from other congregations in our Conference.



*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare and not harm,
to give you a future with hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11