

United Methodists at Work: Changing people's lives with compassion and caring

When David Sanford was hired in June 2004 as the executive director of GraceMed Health Clinic in Wichita, he found the clinic was in worse shape than the board of directors had explained to him.



Instead of closing the doors, a conscious decision was made to rededicate the clinic to God and to provide care in the name of Jesus Christ. Sanford saw amazing things happen after that transforming decision.

Sanford also knew he needed to find a strong business manager and a strong director of nursing to turn things around. Hiring new people



who have a strong relationship with Christ has helped give GraceMed the new culture and mission that Sanford envisioned.

For more on GraceMed, visit www.gracemed.org.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement, believed that works of mercy played a vital part in our efforts to move on toward perfection in Christ. He taught that people must be Christians in word and in deed as expressions of the love of God. Wesley himself taught and wrote about good health practices and even dispensed medicine from his chapels.



United Methodists in the Kansas West Conference are active in mercy ministries of health and wellness through the work of GraceMed Health Clinic and the Western Kansas Mexican American medical clinics in southwest Kansas. These sites receive funding through your Mission and Ministry commitment to carry on these ministries of compassion and caring.

Through the work of the General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodists carry on mercy ministries of this type around the globe as well through the generous financial support of local United Methodist churches like yours.

Global Ministries- Health and Welfare Ministries: <http://gbgm-umc.org/health/>

Medicine Box project: <http://gbgm-umc.org/health/medbox/medhome.stm>