

Charlotte District E-Pistle

Colleagues:

Pat and I are personally grateful for your strong efforts to address hunger in our region and around the world through participation in the 2007 CROP Walk. The *Charlotte Observer* has not printed a follow-up story, but the CROP office reports to me that (according to the C/M Police Department, we had from 4,000 to 5,000 walkers. As far as the funds, that will come in over the next couple of months as recruiters make deposits and matching funds are processed. Last year on October 24th our balance was approximately \$45,000 and this year we already have approximately \$75,000. We hope this is a positive sign.

We did bring to the stadium a Charlotte District banner. But, due to our late arrival from the Homecoming at Calvary UMC, Pat and I remained outside the stadium and gathered several UM groups at the beginning of the walk. I guess it is a bit unrealistic for us to start the walk as a sort of Methodist herd. Our purpose was to increase participation and visibility while having a lot of fun. I think we accomplished all of that--thanks to you.

Let us continue to pray for all the malnourished people who may be assisted by our efforts last Sunday.

Grace and peace,

George