

REBUILDING HOMES: REBUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Central Congregational Church
14 Titcomb Street, Newburyport, MA

Exhibit of Chilean *arpilleras*

Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

To support families left homeless by the February 27th earthquake



Arpilleras are exquisitely detailed, hand-sewn, three dimensional textiles pictures, illustrating stories of the lives of women. These works of art originated in Chile, where women political prisoners who were held during Pinochet regime used them to camouflage notes sent to helpers outside.

- Featuring music by Chilean folksinger Sergio Reyes
- Songs by the Central Church Women's Gospel Choir
- Presentation by Professor Marjorie Agosin of Wellesley College, poet and author of several books about human rights in Chile.
- Chilean handcrafts will be available for sale

The event is part of a campaign "*Lifting Up Hope*" by the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ to help our ecumenical partner, the Pentecostal Church of Chile, rebuild homes for 300 families who were left homeless by the earthquake.

This exhibition was recently shown at the Consulate General of Chile at the United Nations in New York City. It is on loan by the curator to support the "*Lifting Up Hope*" campaign.

A freewill offering will be accepted.