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News from the Chairman of the Board - Sharon Thomas



It has been my honor to serve with Lutherans in Medical Missions for the past 3 years. I am very excited for the direction and focus of this board. The dedicated volunteers are striving to bring Community Health Evangelism and Education (CHE) training to all who wish to learn the LePSAS teaching approach. LePSAS training is learner centered, problem posing, self-discovery, action oriented and Spirit guided. This unique teaching approach strives to meet the needs of the participants, and keep the education topics focused on the needs of those we serve.

I have participated in 20 short-term mission teams, and have had the privilege to participate in CHE training programs in St Louis and Omaha. I have also helped with two CHE training classes in Seine Bight, Belize. We, at Lutherans in Medical Missions, are focused on training and sending qualified and equipped servants to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We have large goals to promote health and wellness throughout the world, and are honored to partner with LCMS Mercy Medical Teams to make an impact on the lives of people in multiple regions of underserved countries, where health care is a luxury, not a commodity. We appreciate each and every donor who has partnered with us to reach our goals. Please continue to support us as we in prayer and financially as we reach out to teach the underserved throughout God's kingdom.



Board Member Feature - Alan Abel

As a former member of the Board of Directors for LIMM, I have some very fond memories of what LIMM is and what it views as its ministry. We are an organization of limited size and resources. As such we are not able to do some of the things which we would like to do, such as opening hospitals around the world with medical teams of doctors, nurses and medical personnel to provide much needed care.

We have taken as a task that of helping to educate medical teams, primarily nurses to provide community health education. Through this community health education, we are able to make our limited resources stretch to serve those in need. In addition, there are other groups and organizations which are doing some of the other things, such as the Mercy Medical Teams, and worldwide organizations such as Mercy Ships which are able to do some of the real heavy lifting.

Personally, I am an Ordained Minister in the LC-MS graduating from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and after 4 1/2 years as a missionary in the Philippines, returned home to go to pre-med and Medical School at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. I am a Board Certified General Surgeon, though I retired on Sept.30, 2016. I am looking at volunteer work which I can do, and have served with Mercy Ships as a General Surgeon on four different trips.

LIMM Supports Ajjal Intergenerational Program at Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Raeda Mansour, Intergenerational Programs Manager, stated the following, "On behalf of Diyar and our members in Ajjal, I would like to express our great feelings of gratitude, for your generous caring and gift. Your caring definitely gives us strength and courage to keep going in creating a space of hope as we believe there is a great need, and also there is a great hope! Your gift will go far, and will be earmarked for all kinds of good things to our seniors!"

Raeda sent this following testimony: G.A. is a 74 years old man who joined Ajjal with his wife who is about 70 years old. G.A. is diagnosed with a Alzheimer's and his family is very anxious about him since he has been lost several times after leaving the house without notifying any of his family members. Since that time they made a schedule to have somebody stay with him at home. He did not like this plan since he used to spend the whole day in his small shop as a tailor. A very active member of Ajjal, who is a neighbor of this family, told them about our program and its activities and encouraged them to bring him to join others. I visited them twice and explained to them that once they bring him, he will be safe and the whole team will take of him and his wife as well. The first time his oldest son brought both his mom and dad and stayed with them until the program ended to make sure that everything was ok. We sent Ajjal's calendar and they pasted it on the refrigerator to be visual to everybody. Two years have passed since this family joined us. He has started enjoying the good companionship and has started to remember some of the people he knew before. He is enjoying the various programs and spending time outside the home with his wife in a safe atmosphere. Their sons are happy with this program directed to the seniors, that provide a holistic approach to mind, body and spirit, that has enabled them to live a normal life, and they don't have to worry about their parents.



Thank you for your 2016 Donations

\$122.30 to Sarah Kanoy for medical supplies/equipment for her medical bag needed in her role as medical missionary.

\$500 LCMS Mercy Medical Teams Grant for RN Molly Christensen to take part in a MMT trip to Madagascar. Molly is now a career medical missionary.

\$400 to CFNA for continuation of Community Health Education (CHE) activities, in partnership with Concordia Lutheran Church

\$765 to RN Sharon Thomas for travel expenses to continue CHE education in Belize

\$404.20 to Rita for program expenses for CFNA Workshop

\$1500 to RN Stephanie Schulte to cover tuition for Wound Certification Course in preparation for ministry as a career LCMS medical missionary in West Africa

\$2,000 MMT Scholarships for trips for students and others with a heart for medical mission ministry

\$2,000 to Tantley Andratahiana, a nurse at Lutheran Hospital in Antsirabe, Madagascar, to attend 2016 Study Tour for Lutheran Parish Nurse International in Brazil.

\$2,000 to Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, Winnebago, Nebraska for "Spirit Led, Spirit Fed and Spirit Driven Family Life Ministry Pilot Program" at Winnebago Indian Reservation

\$556 to Parish Nurse Elizabeth Natura for repair of damages to the first aid station used by Elizabeth and her colleagues in Papua New Guinea.

\$395 to Molly Christensen and Michelle Kuddes to assist with cost of a "Train the Trainer" Five Day workshop in West Africa.

\$3,000 to Lutheran Parish Nurses International (LPNI) for Travel Grants to Parish Nurses from medically underserved areas that otherwise would not be able to participate.

\$3,000 to LCMS SE Asia to Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation (CWEF) for drinking water and other Community Health Projects

\$2,000 to LCMS Mercy Medical Team Grants for students and others to assist with travel costs, etc.



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Camp Warburg Waterloo, IL

The Health Outreach Partnership between Lutherans in Medical Missions and LCMS Mercy Medical Teams makes Community Health Education (CHE) available to all congregations and districts – including yours. Our training provides the tools you need to bring hope and healing in the name of Christ – in your neighborhood and around the globe.

Get Ready: What is Community Health Education (CHE)?

CHE helps communities define needs and address them in a personal way. It's focused on the learner, not the teacher. The purpose is not to transfer knowledge, but to create solutions owned by the community. Each lesson focuses on what is most important – God's word and His great love for us through Jesus.

Get Set: How Does CHE Support Mission Work?

LCMS missionaries work with local partners and ask for CHE to meet the unique needs of the community. After the mission team leaves, the program continues – those who were taught become the teachers.

Go! CHE in Action

Any topic can be addressed using CHE, including community development, physical health, relationships, and Christian living. Through CHE, communities improve, and God is glorified.

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