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**Lutherans in Medical Missions Awards \$15, 000 grant to
Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation, Hong Kong**

Funds to provide extension of Community Health Education program

Bobbie Lautenschlager, executive director of Lutherans in Medical Missions, announces that LIMM has awarded a gift of \$15,000 to Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation (CWEF), Hong Kong to fund extension of the Community Health Education program, Cambodia as part of its outreach in that country.

Lautenschlager stated, "LIMM is pleased with the development of the CHE program in Cambodia, and we are blessed to be able to increase our funding by \$5000 this year. These funds will provide CHE training for new CWEF staff Kalia Lo and Iantha Scheiwe and allow for the expansion of the program to other areas of Cambodia where Lutheran congregations are established."

Lo, who has a master's degree in Community Health Education, is the new CWEF manager for the Cambodian program. Scheiwe has newly been made the director of Operations for CWEF Asian outreach. Betty Roon, RN, volunteer expert consultant for LIMM, will make her third trip in October 2009 to take the advanced CHE training with Lo, Scheiwe, and CHE Health Director Dr. Y. Lima, and to help plan for the extended CHE services in Cambodia.

LIMM grants \$30,000 each year for the support of medical mission programs internationally. Past grants have aided work in the countries of Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Papua New Guinea, Sudan, and Guinea, West Africa.

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