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To Partners, Friends, and Donors of Lutherans in Medical Missions,

At the L IMM Board meeting, July 25, 2012, Roberta Lautenschlager, CEO of L IMM, was granted an open-ended medical leave of absence while undertaking treatment for stage four non-small cell lung cancer.

Marguerite (Rita) Nickel, RN, a former L IMM Board member, was appointed by the Board as the Interim Executive Director for the organization.

Rita, an RN and Health Educator with experience teaching Community Health Education internationally, had been an active board member with L IMM since her appointment in 2010. She has the knowledge, ability, and passion to take over and continue L IMM's programs.

Besides covering ongoing projects with L IMM partners in Chile, Hong Kong, Philippines, Eurasia, India, and Palestine, Nickel will be leading an LCMS Mercy Medical Team (MMT) to serve in Kyrgyzstan in September. This will be the first joint LCMS MMT conducted with Lutherans in Medical Mission partial funding and leadership.

We ask for your prayers for Bobbie's healing, for Rita's new leadership of L IMM, and for all the projects conducted in the healing name of Jesus. We thank you also for your faithful support and partnership in the Gospel.

Blessings,

Leopoldo (Leo) Sánchez

Chair of the Board, Lutherans in Medical Missions