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Dear Friends of Lutherans in Medical Missions,

Thank you for your continued support of LIMM. Funds have been granted to mercy medical events in many areas of the world that are served by international Lutheran congregations and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

**The Community Health Education Program in partnership with Concordia Welfare and Education Foundation, Thailand:** On March 10-11, 2012, health training was held with Community Health Education trainees at Uttaradit Province. On May 29-31, 2012, a training session was held in villages in Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai provinces. This month (June) training participants will conduct a basic health care clinic at a local school. Monthly community health care meetings are attended by 40-50 people. This project has been a great tool for the local church to share the Gospel and demonstrate God's love to the community. LIMM support was \$4500.

**Lutheran Christmas Church of Bethlehem and MOST Ministries:** A grant of \$9000 has been awarded to MOST Ministries to assist with a workshop for Palestinian volunteers led by Palestinian Lutheran Parish Nurse Raeda Mansour. The 3-day, 2-night workshop will serve 7 staff members and 17 volunteers of the Senior Care program of the DIYAR Health and Wellness Center in Bethlehem. The Center focuses on wellness, preventative health, and psychology for the elderly as it reaches out to nearby Muslim villages. The event will be held in early October in conjunction with a MOST Ministries team. Contact LIMM if you wish to join this team.

**Community Health Education Training for Carlos and Lorena Liska to serve in Chile:** Carlos and Lorena from Argentina received "Training the Trainers-Level 1", a 30-hour course given at the Ibero American Church of Christ, in Tacna, Peru, on February 21-25. Twenty six people from Chile, Bolivia, U.S. A., Argentina and Peru took the training. The main topic was *Community Health Evangelism or Comprehensive Community Transformation*; all workshops were focused on disease prevention and education (physical and spiritual) of the community. Biblical basis was the Great Commandment in relationship to the Great Commission--to love God and our neighbor. The Liska family will be assigned to assist the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chile (IELCHI) in developing Community Health Education programs in the Tsunami devastated area of South Chile. LIMM support was \$2000.

**Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez, New Chairman of the Board of Directors:** Dr. Sanchez, associate professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Director of its Center for Hispanic Studies of the Werner R. H. Krause and Elizabeth Ringer Krause Chair for Hispanic Ministries, has been named the Board Chair replacing retiring chairman, John Speckhard. Dr. Sanchez has been on the board of LIMM since Feb. 2008.

**Deaconess Intern Olga Groh named as new LIMM Board Member:** Olga Groh, a school teacher and professional Christian counselor, previously served in several capacities in Latin America as staff of LCMS World Mission. She currently lives in Kanas City, Missouri.

**On a personal note:** I have done well with my targeted therapy treatment with Tarceva for my lung cancer with the tumors shrinking 30% in three weeks. I will be able to continue my work with LIMM without interruption. Praise God for His care for me and for your continued support of both LIMM and me personally.

Blessed summer,

Bobbie Lautenschlager