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Dear LIMM Family,

Even in St. Augustine, autumn is in the air. Mornings are cooler and windows at last are opened. I close my eyes, breathe in the scent of a green apple candle, and imagine I am in Vermont. Better yet, is to close my eyes and imagine Bobbie happily organizing a spectacular autumn celestial event. Heaven must be spinning a bit faster these days. Thank you, everyone, for the cards and donations to LIMM in Bobbie's name. We treasure each message and every one of you. Bobbie loved LIMM and with your prayers and support, we will continue the work she so tenderly nurtured. LIMM is as active as ever and eager to be of continual service wherever God leads.

I especially thank Him for your gracious support, which allowed LIMM to partner with the LCMS Mercy Medical Team Program by covering my travel expenses to Kyrgyzstan in September. The week long journey was in preparation for an MMT Community Health Education (CHE) trip in 2013. Exciting plans are in the works and you will be hearing more about them from MMT and LIMM. CHE has its roots in the 80's and began in Kyrgyzstan in 2003, with a grant from The Lutheran Women's Missionary League and LCMS World Relief and Human Care. CHE builds bridges to the Gospel and is used by LCMS workers and our partner churches all over the world. The Kyrgyz program continues to equip Lutheran women with the tools necessary to improve the health of their families, friends and neighbors. At the same time, relationships are built which lead to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is a vital component of the Kyrgyz National Church and an excellent example of *Witness, Mercy, Life Together* in action. While we were there, we took part in several teaching activities, including demonstrating good oral hygiene to children waiting to be seen by the Mobile Medical Van, which has been part of LCMS medical mission work in the country since 1999. Part of my heart will forever live in Kyrgyzstan. It is my honor and privilege to share this ministry with you now and in the future.

This fall, together in partnership with Concordia Lutheran Ministries (CLM) and each of you, we provided funding for the relocation of two new CHE workers to Chile, a wheelchair project in Western Asia, a MOST Ministries Senior Care Project in Bethlehem and Jericho, International Parish Nurse educational activities and projects in Southeast Asia. These are only some of the areas in which LIMM has been able to link health professionals with mission opportunities this past year. Next year, we are praying for the ability to partner again with CLM and each of you to assist with ongoing CHE training in Southeast Asia and Chile, Parish Nurse education in India, a radio medical ministry in Western Asia, and Training the Trainers Classes in Hong Kong. These are only some of our hopes and prayers for the future. We know the Lord will provide many other opportunities as we continue to seek His Will.

None of this can be accomplished without your financial support. We ask you to prayerfully consider supporting LIMM with a donation. I would love to share our vision for the future with you. Please write, email or call me at any time. It would be a great honor to talk with you.

Till next time, may our Lord generously give you all He sees you need for this season of your life.

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