



# *Lutherans in Medical Missions*

## *August 2019*



### **Reflections of Healing and Hope**

*LIMM's 25 year banquet celebration*

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Time: Social Hour 6:00pm

Dinner 7:00pm

Program to follow

Place: Koburg Hall  
Concordia Seminary  
801 Seminary Place  
St. Louis, Missouri

*Join us as we reflect on Christ's healing ministry!  
Please know that you have helped shine God's love on the world,  
and continue to prepare LIMM for the future!  
Come celebrate with us!*

*Our banquet goal: 25 years, \$25,000, 25 new donors*

*Invitations to follow; tickets will be available online*



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**Lutherans in Medical  
Missions (LIMM)  
works with local and  
global partners to  
share Christ's healing  
in medically underserved  
communities.**

## Welcome to the Board, Lisa!



Lisa Douthwaite has expressed her passion for mercy and healing in the past twenty-five years of nursing experience, including the last ten years as a family nurse practitioner. She received her undergraduate degree in Family Studies from Indiana University, a BSN from Grandview College in Des Moines, Iowa, and a MSN from Graceland University in Independence, MO. This has prepared her for serving domestically in hospitals and private practice, as well as, charitable care in third-world countries. Lisa's work history stretches across a broad range of health care. Her resume includes experience in labor and delivery, neonatal care, open

heart surgery recovery, emergency room care and in physicians' offices. Lisa has given back to her profession by being a preceptor to several students completing their nursing degrees, and she has led volunteer medical mission teams to Haiti, Kenya and Madagascar.

Lisa enjoys spending time with her family. She and Bill, her husband of thirty-five years, currently live in Florida. They have three married children and six grandchildren. In addition to creating memories with her family, she pursues personal fitness and mentors other women in the faith. Lisa says that she is so excited to be part of LImm and believes in the mission of the ministry. LImm is excited to have someone so experienced in medical missions join our team. Welcome, Lisa!

## Nebulizers for Madagascar



LImm and its faithful donors heard Dr. Harison's request for an Omron nebulizer (shown in the picture). Dr. Harison from the Andranomadio Lutheran Hospital wrote, "Grace and Peace to you in Jesus Name...by the grace of God we all are doing well here, busy at the hospital but struggling with political situation which make the hospital in difficulties because the government has started to ask a big amount for taxes. We do not know how it will go, but God will make a way. Please may I ask for help for the hospital...our portable nebulizer which we used for emergency everywhere at the hospital is broken, and this is not available in Madagascar. It is easy to use this small machine because it is just a battery."

Nebulizers are used frequently in Madagascar for shortness of breath, coughs, flu, pneumonia, and asthma. One of our Board members found three of them online for \$120 each. The LCMS Medical Mission team leaving for Antsirabe, Madagascar took them in their luggage and delivered them this month. Dr. Harison thanks LImm for its donation of three nebulizers to the hospital.



## Community Health Education (CHE) heads to Belize

From June 8th-15th, L IMM Interim Executive Director and CHE trainer Sharon Thomas led the women's ministry and CHE training program in the village of Seine Bight, Belize. She was assisted by Dianna Peterson and Hilda Avila to provide 8 training classes in both English and Spanish. The courses taught were both medical and spiritual. Medical classes included *Female Growth/Development*, *Menopause*, *Understanding and Managing Diabetes*, and *Living with Hypertension*. The spiritual classes were *Forgiveness*, *Compassion Leads to Kindness*, *Being a Good Neighbor*, and *Thankfulness*. Along with the lessons, activities were performed around each lesson to enhance the teaching. For example, after the *Thankfulness* lesson, participants created beautiful thank you cards to give to a friend.



Sharon brought along professional photos of the village that the women used to create the cards. Then, each participant created a card to keep as a reminder to be kind to herself and to give thanks for her blessings. Sharon was also able to spend one day teaching in the public school and used CHE lessons on *Female Growth and Development* and *How a Baby Grows* to explain basic health and hygiene principles to the teenage girls. Even though the school is public, she was able to share the Gospel message and pray with the students. Thank you to our donors for your commitment to health education and sharing of the Gospel!



## Community Health Education (CHE) in St. Louis, Missouri

Christian Friends of New Americans (CFNA), another RSO of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, asked L IMM to conduct three one-hour CHE training sessions on *Growth and Development*, *Stages of Development*, and *Sexually Transmitted Infections*. L IMM Interim Executive Director Sharon Thomas answered the call. Students present were both Christian and Muslim from Napoli, Somalia, and India. All classes were interactive; tests were submitted upon completion of each subject taught.



All tests were reviewed in class with additional teaching provided for any incorrect responses (there was only one incorrect answer in three days). At the end of each day, additional time was provided for students who asked to speak with Sharon personally to discuss questions on topics covered in class. Feedback from adult volunteers was extremely positive and plans for future subjects were discussed at length. Sharon commented, "I feel that this was an incredible opportunity to participate with CFNA and that all training objectives were overwhelmingly successful". Many thanks to Sharon for her expertise in health education and thank you CFNA for the invitation!





## The Search Continues for our Next ED

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donate through Paypal or credit card.

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are tax-deductible.

The Lutherans in Medical Missions Board of Directors is still looking for God's ideal candidate for our next Executive Director. This position is the key management leader of the organization which includes the implementation of the policies and procedures approved by the Board. The primary areas of responsibility are administration, fundraising and development, and public relations. This person must be a committed Christian, in good standing of a LCMS congregation, and able to carry out the mission of LIMM with little or no supervision.

The ideal candidate will have a bachelor degree in administration or health-related field, have a passion for missions and health services, and live within the continental United States. This is a part-time (18-20 hours per week) paid position. A complete job description is available on our website ([www.LIMM.org](http://www.LIMM.org)) or contact Sharon Thomas at 815-985-5542 for more information.

## LIMM Medical Mission Legacy

The Lutherans in Medical Missions (LIMM) **Medical Mission Legacy** recognizes planned gifts in support of healing ministries. Through planned gifts such as bequests via your will or life insurance you are helping sustain a robust Lutheran healing mission and supporting medical missionaries into the future! By informing LIMM of a bequest through your will, living trust or naming LIMM as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or IRA you will be recognized as a **Medical Mission Legacy Partner**! You will also be recognized as a **Legacy Partner** if you make a gift to the LIMM Endowment Fund. In future Lutherans in Medical Missions newsletters, you will hear about additional creative and impactful opportunities to join in the **Medical Mission Legacy**. If this is something that interests you, contact Sharon Thomas at the above address/phone number. *Medical Mission Legacy Report is not intended as legal advice. As you consider a planned gift to support Lutherans in Medical Missions, you are encouraged to consult your legal advisor.*

## LIMM Prayer and Praise

- Thanking God for successful CHE instruction in Belize and St. Louis.
- Continued prayers for God's leading as we search for a new Executive Director.
- Pray for the banquet committee as they plan the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.
- Thanking God for our donors, Board of Directors and Administrative Assistant.
- Pray for our short and long term missionaries who serve abroad.
- Pray for those in other countries who endure hardship, famine, and natural disasters.
- Thank God for blessing LIMM for 25 years.

**LIMM participates in Thrivent's Choice Dollars® program. If you have Choice Dollars available to direct, please consider directing to Lutherans in Medical Missions. We will use your Thrivent Choice grant funding for future mission projects.**

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