

## Lutherans in Medical Missions February 2022

## A Note from our Executive Director



In looking back on 2020-2021, I am deeply moved by the incredible support Lutherans in Medical Missions (LIMM) has received from our faithful donors. We had ambitious goals for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, and sensed God asking us to trust Him when He says, "I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it" (John 13:13-14). We started praying for 25 new donors and \$25,000 to continue bringing glory to our Lord through this work. In order to sustain our ministry, we knew we needed new donors as excited about medical missions as our current ministry partners.

I must admit that I had my doubts, after all we're in the midst of a global pandemic, many people are out of work, and in-person mission projects have had to be scaled back. But God not only provided the new donors, He also exceeded our request for funds. Once again, it reinforced to me that **we can never out-give the Lord!** God is faithful and still in control of this ministry! As such, we believe the Lord desires to continue our vision and achieve LIMM's 2022 goals.

What are our goals and dreams you ask? LIMM exists to "Create a vision for medical ministries as a critical witness in the effort to bring the reality of God's love to all people, recognizing each individual as body and spirit in need of the restorative power of Jesus Christ." Our mission is to "work with local and global partners to share Christ's healing in medically underserved communities." In keeping with the aforementioned, the following goals were presented to our board:

- 1. Provide emergency funds for hospital equipment, and emergency funds for medicine to Lutheran ministries in underserved areas, such as Madagascar. (Up to \$10,000)
- 2. Provide funds to expand the feeding program in Seine Bight, Belize (Up to \$8,000)
- 3. Expand CHE (Community Health Education/Evangelism) to new communities. (Up to \$5,000)
- 4. Provide two nursing travel scholarships to parish nurses serving in poverty-stricken areas to attend the International Parish Nurse Symposium. (\$5,000)
- 5. Provide funds for missionaries serving in the field for special ministry projects. (TBD)
- 6. Provide funds for emergency disasters affecting our ministry partners. (TBD)

Because of a generous grant from Concordia Lutheran Ministries (\$16,000 from the Angel Tear) and your incredible donations, LIMM is able to fund several of its goals. In 2022, our ministry will see more children enrolled in the Belize's feeding program, provide emergency medications and surgeries to the people of Africa, assure that parish nurses in third world countries get educational opportunities, and give to mission partners in need. God is in control of LIMM, and we are here to serve HIM! Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your love! YOU are the driving force behind this ministry... without YOU, we would not exist! I am excited to watch the Lord continue to grow our ministry as we serve His people in 2022!

Sharon

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