



Lutherans in Medical Missions May 2022



A Note from our Executive Director

As I look back on the past few months, I marvel at the incredible work that the Lord has allowed LIMM to accomplish. Several grants have been dispersed, and new donors have come on board. We have been able to share the work of LIMM with many new ministry partners as well. I was privileged to attend two LCMS District conferences in March: the Northern Illinois District and the Southern District. It was great having board members with me as well -- Linda Jurgens in Illinois and Andrea Ferguson in Louisiana. Sharing the work of LIMM was very exciting and well received. Andrea was also able to talk about LIMM at the LWML conference in Louisiana in April. We had several Pastors and church members sign up to receive our newsletters, and for this we are very grateful.

Our give away, a framed photo captured at Mt. Kilimanjaro titled *Be Still and Know* and bottle of wine, was presented to our random winner, Rev. Willis Schwichtenberg from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Freeport, IL. Pastor "Switz" sent me a note telling me that the wine was to be enjoyed at Easter Dinner, and the photo is hanging in his office at Redeemer. In his note, Pastor shared his life verse which is Isaiah 41:10: *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand"*. This verse touched me as I read it. Fear is universal. All of us deal with things that scare us and knowing that we have a GOD who promises to strengthen, be there with us, to help and hold us, gives us peace. I know that God is in control and as we work to share this ministry with global partners, I have assurance that if we are serving Christ, He will be there to meet LIMM's needs.

Thank you for being part of our ministry, and supporting LIMM. If you have any prayer needs, please email, or message us on our Facebook page. Also, if you know of any ministry projects that meet our goals, feel free to tell them about LIMM, and send them to us for grant possibilities. We are here to serve.

Blessings,
Sharon



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works with local and global partners
to share Christ's healing
in medically
underserved communities.**

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LIMM Awards First Time Grant to Girls4Ghana

LIMM was excited to provide a \$1500 first-time grant to Girls4Ghana. The goal of Girls4Ghana is to provide help and hope for underprivileged young girls in Africa who have limited resources or limited access to resources that can meet their basic sanitary needs. This non-profit organization educates and trains women on menstrual health, and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancies to support the development of mind, body and soul. Hopefully through education on self-care, these girls will stay in school and focus on their education in order to become productive and successful members of their community. Last year Girls4Ghana served 1250 girls from 17 different schools across 4 regions of Ghana.



Growing up in a village in Ghana, founder Dina Amoo faced many challenges due to lack of education and resources. At the age of 2, her father moved to the United States where he lived for over 10 years in hopes of better opportunities.

This left Ms. Amoo, her uneducated mom and four young brothers to fend for themselves with no way to obtain financial support. Pre-teen females in African villages find their monthly menses to be an unmanageable situation causing them to miss school and work because of the lack of feminine care products. For this reason, Dina was 20 years old before she graduated from high school. The risk of disease and even death due to lack of knowledge of feminine hygiene is a constant concern. Sometimes girls cut up their clothing or use newspaper to make sanitary pads. After moving to the U.S. to be with her father, Dina completed her Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Arts degrees in nursing. Ms. Amoo traveled back to Ghana and discovered that girls were still struggling with the same issues that she grew up with. Dina knew she had to do something about it, so she formed Girls4Ghana to educate girls on women's health. Thank you LIMM donors for making this grant possible...Dina greatly appreciates your gift!



Belize Mission Society Receives Angel Tear Grant

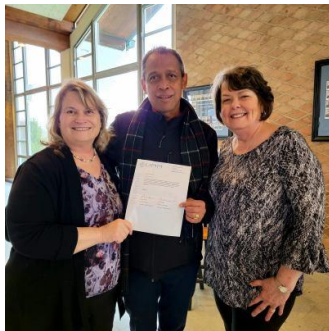
Imagine you're a young child and starting school each day without breakfast and you know there's very little food at home for lunch. It would be difficult to focus on education when your thoughts continually drift to how hungry you are. For less than a cup of coffee a day or \$30 per month, a child will be fed at least one nutritious meal per day.



Belize Mission Society (BMS) has fed over 65 students daily since 2008 with the help of village leaders and school administrators. The program is managed by two local women who love the village kids. Children are selected based on need. In addition to a hot meal at school, the boys and girls can receive school uniforms and have their school registration fees paid. BMS Executive Director Cathy Dulgar says, "God has blessed me with your partnership in mission for caring for our friends in Belize. Thank you so much for all you do to help with funding a Pilot Program in Georgetown and continued support of the 60+ students in Seine Bight." Thank you Concordia Lutheran Ministries for enabling us to give \$6,000 to these kids in Belize! Their happy faces make it all worthwhile!



LIMM Replaces Cautery Unit Destroyed by Storm



Executive Director Sharon Thomas and Board President Linda Jurgens travelled to Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana to present two cautery machines to Dr. Harison and his wife Domoina. One machine was donated by Medtronics, and the other LIMM purchased from Drs. Toy Store. The unit LIMM sent to the Lutheran Hospital in Antsirabe, Madagascar in 2021 was damaged by a power surge last March during a cyclone. The



cautery unit is essential for controlling bleeding in surgical patients. Without the cautery unit, any major surgery cannot be performed. LIMM also provided additional grant money for emergency medical supplies and needed medicine. Domoina and Harison were in the States along with a delegation of church leaders from Madagascar. They met with the LCMS Church Committee on Theology and Church Relations to explore establishing an official relationship with the Synod. The Staff at the Lutheran Hospital of Madagascar are thankful for the continued support of their ministry in Antsirabe.



LIMM Attends Two District Conventions



LIMM was well-represented earlier this year at two LCMS Conventions. In March, Executive Director Sharon Thomas travelled to Slidell, Louisiana to participate in the Southern District Convention. The Southern District is comprised of Lutheran believers in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Louisiana. Sharon was joined by Andrea Ferguson who lives in DeRidder, Louisiana to man the LIMM booth and share information about the work of LIMM. The Northern Illinois District also had its convention in March at Concordia University - Chicago in River Forest, Illinois. Sharon worked as event photographer and Board Chairman Linda Jurgens manned the LIMM booth. In addition to great exposure for our ministry, we had opportunity to network with other LCMS RSO (Recognized Service Organizations) to see how we can partner



together. LIMM met several potential donors and had many requests to receive our newsletter. Thank you Sharon, Andrea and Linda!

Prayer and Praise



- Pray for revival in our country...that our people and leaders would seek the Lord first.
- Thank God that Mercy Medical teams are starting again post-COVID.
- Ask the Lord to open doors for additional new granting opportunities.
- Thank God for those returning to church post-COVID.
- Thank the Lord that despite COVID, job loss, increasing food and gas prices, LIMM has remained financially strong.
- Pray for Ukraine and Christians around the globe experiencing conflict and strife.
- Pray for those struggling with cancer/illness and their caregivers.
- Thank God for social media where Christians can still get together for fellowship, meetings and to hear the Word.
- Ask the Lord to reveal the next step for our ministry.
- Pray for strength and wisdom for church leaders, missionaries, and lay leaders who must navigate proclaiming Jesus in an increasingly hostile world.
- Thank Him for the opportunity to serve others.
- Please, God, restore broken relationships and severed families.
- Thank the Lord that He is in control and can do the impossible.
- May we continue to trust Him and remain faithful!

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

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