



Lutherans in Medical Missions

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LIMM Provides LPNI Study Grant

Lutheran Parish Nurses International (LPNI) has been offering annual study tours since 2010. The destinations have included Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, Palestine and the U.S.A. Marcia Schnorr (LPNI Chairperson) states that the “purposes for the study tours are to learn more about the history of Lutheran churches, pastors, and nurses in areas where parish nursing is an unfamiliar concept. It is a highlight each year as a way to share parish nursing with others, provide a service and/or an educational exchange, and to encourage new parish nurses as they initiate this new health ministry in their midst.”



LIMM has offered one or more scholarships to underserved practicing or potential parish nurses each year. International travel costs still make it difficult or impossible for some of the deserved scholarship recipients to afford the experience. This year’s destination was Alice Springs located in central Australia.

Susan Neff said, “My recent study tour to Central Australia was educational and distinct from most of the tours I have attended. We learned about the Aboriginal people, their culture, customs, and relationships with the early Lutheran missionaries. The pastor in Hermannsburg provided an overview of funerals and grief care as well as bush medicine. We visited the Flying Doctors Medical Service that assists people who live in remote areas, hundreds of miles from Alice Springs, and the School of the Air which boasts “the largest classroom in the world.”



Jennifer Khoo summarized her experience in the following way: “The Alice Springs’ study tour was an eye-opening trip for me. I was able to hear from others how they started the Parish Nursing in their churches. The sharing from local nurses has increased my knowledge and understanding of my role as a Parish Nurse. I do see a need and place of the parish nurse, and for a start, I plan to join the church visitation team especially in visiting to the home-bound members of my church.”

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

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LIMM Sends Grant to New Ministry in Mexico

In 2019, Mary and Dan DeMers first learned of Messiah Lutheran Church, located in the small village of Rosario, which is 50 miles southeast of Mazatlán, Mexico. This congregation was established in 1890, and was the first Protestant church in the area. The current pastor, Luis Rojas, was born and raised in Rosario. He is married with three children. He works in the local school as a music teacher because the church doesn't have the resources to pay him.



At the time Mary and Dan first attended Messiah Lutheran Church, the congregation numbered around 15 people. One day, Mary asked Pastor Luis what he thought would happen if we put a sign up on the church that advertised, "Every Sunday! Free English classes!" He responded by asking her, "Oh Sister, how many students can you handle?" She then asked him, "Oh Pastor, how many new members can you handle?" Last fall they began their 3rd year of English classes. The congregation has now more than doubled with an average Sunday attendance of 35-40. Attendance for English classes is generally between 25-30. The students range in age from 6 to 64. Each student is given a FREE bilingual Bible and dictionary. Through generous donations from friends and family, we've been able to supply each student with all the tools they need to have a successful learning experience.



It didn't take long before Mary witnessed the suffering of both children and adults with chronic health issues in this village. As a child of God, with more than 50 years of Registered Nursing experience, she couldn't "turn a blind eye". The response has been amazing with people bringing their children to her for assessment. Some children and/or adults simply need "comfort care"; others need more definitive care which she's been able to access FREE through local physicians and dentists in Mazatlán who are eager to help.



The grant money from LIMM is being used to build a multi-purpose room where the old church building once stood. This space will be used for English classes, Sunday School, congregation dinners/meetings, and a free weekly walk-in medical clinic. On the Sunday that the announcement was made to the congregation about the new facility, the response was a combination of tears of joy, clapping, shocked faces and shouts of "Alleluia"! Mary adds, "From your brothers and sister in Christ at Messiah Lutheran Church in Rosario, we express a heartfelt THANK YOU, and that would be an understatement!"



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