



Lutherans in Medical Missions February 2023

LIMM Provides Grant to “Circle of Love”



A “Circle of Love” team of 4 medical doctors, 2 nurse practitioners, 1 physical therapist and 3 pharmacists travelled to the Golden Triangle where Thailand, Laos and Myanmar come together. They held a medical clinic for 3 days in Chiang Saen where 488 patients were treated, then spent another 3 days in the Christian village



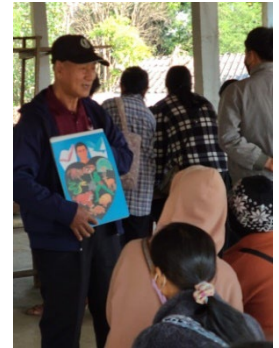
of Huay Jor where an additional 1115 patients were treated for a total of 1603. 4,525 prescriptions were filled and 1,251 steroid injections given for knee, shoulder and carpal tunnel pain due to the hard work done in rice fields. There was also a lot of ulcer pain with GI reflux and worms. Tape worm infestation



was a problem as culturally the people like to eat raw meat. Uncontrolled high blood pressure and diabetes are common. Also present are upper respiratory infections, sore throats, and sexually transmitted diseases. Eye glasses were distributed to assist the nationals with reading & needlework.



Twenty pastors from Laos assisted with translation and two evangelists gave the Gospel message to all the people. Over 250 people professed faith in Jesus Christ. Ancestral worship is a common practice and in times of trouble, many people offer sacrifices to their ancestors. They tie strings around their wrists and necks to signify this and their ties with Buddha. On becoming a Christian, they cut off the strings. Prayers for healing were said with every patient. Thank you, LIMM donors, for sending “Circle of Love” to the Laotian border!



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

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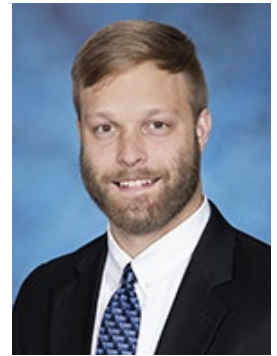
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LIMM Welcomes New Board Member

Luke Mugge is a native of Ohio, being born and raised in Toledo where his parents, William and Kristine Mugge, still live. He was baptized and confirmed at Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church in Perrysburg. He and his two brothers, Nathan and Justin, were homeschooled through high school. Luke attended Hillsdale College in Michigan graduating with a degree in Biochemistry with minors in biology and music. After completing two years of research in Cincinnati, Ohio, Luke attended the University of Toledo College of Medicine. He graduated in 2019 and matched into a categorical training position for Neurosurgery at the Inova Neuroscience and Spine Institute in Northern Virginia just outside of Washington DC. Luke currently attends Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Virginia.



As a neurosurgery resident, Luke has extensive experience with end-of-life care and in high acuity diseases of the brain and spine. Luke has a strong interest in complex spine and deformity pathology. He will be completing a fellowship in Phoenix, Arizona next year. He hopes to use his medical skills in any way on future mission trips.

Outside of medicine, Luke is a member of the choir at Immanuel where he uses his musical background. Luke also enjoys sports like ultimate frisbee, volleyball, soccer, and weightlifting. He travels often and much of his travel involves visiting his large extended family. Luke has a strong commitment to God, family, community, and health and is eager to work through the LIMM to promote these values at the international level.

Medical Mission Legacy

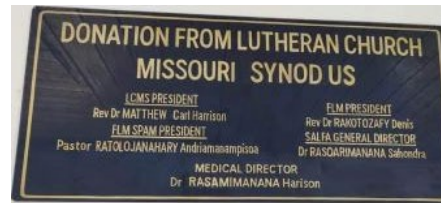
One way to honor the memory of a loved one who has passed away or to honor a loved one still living is to make a donation in their name. If you would like to give a gift in memory or in honor of someone, you may mail it to LIMM and simply indicate if it is a memorial or honorarium and the name of the person you are honoring. We will include all memorial and honor gifts in our quarterly newsletter.

If you would like to leave an impact far beyond your life, consider giving to our endowment fund by naming LIMM in your will/trust or as a beneficiary of your life insurance. Another option to secure the long-term mission of LIMM is to name us as a percentage beneficiary of your IRA or other retirement plan assets. You will also be recognized as a Legacy Partner if you make a gift to LIMM's Endowment Fund.

This Medical Mission Legacy Report is not intended as legal advice. As you consider a planned gift to support medical missions, you are encouraged to consult your legal advisor.

Medical Equipment for New Recovery Room

The Andranomadio Lutheran Hospital in Antsirabe, Madagascar has been a long-time recipient of numerous LMM grants. Last year, they found themselves in a dire situation of forced government closing or adding a recovery room to their existing medical campus.. Of course, Chief surgeon Dr. Harison chose the latter. Because of recently establishing relationship with LCMS, the hospital was able to get the necessary monies to build the recovery room structure, but the hospital did not have enough money to purchase needed medical supplies and equipment. Thanks to our generous donors, LMM was able to give them the needed funds to finish the project.



Dr. Harison writes: "Please receive our greetings in Jesus' name from Madagascar. On behalf of the Andranomadio Lutheran Hospital, its board, all the workers and myself, we would like to give thanks to LMM for your precious contribution for helping us with our ministry in Madagascar. May God give back to you everything you have done for us."

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- ❖ Thanking God for our faithful donors who believe in the mission of LIMM.
- ❖ Thank you, Lord, for the large donation from Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, MI.
- ❖ Praise God for \$10,000 from Concordia Lutheran Ministry towards the Belize Feeding program.
- ❖ Praying for revival in the United States; that its people and leaders seek God.
- ❖ Asking God to open doors for additional grant opportunities.
- ❖ Lord, you continue to be faithful in giving us new donors and new board members. Thank you!
- ❖ We pray for wisdom and boldness for pastors, church workers and missionaries as they speak God's truth in a broken world.
- ❖ Lord, continue to give direction to LIMM's Board and Staff.
- ❖ Praying for endurance and safety for persecuted Christians around the world.

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