

LIMM LINK

Linking Health Professionals with Mission Needs



Increased Communications Needed Among Mission Partners

LIMM 2007 Needs and Resources Forum Attended by 65 People

Congregational leaders, former medical missionaries, short-term volunteers, pastors, and mission leaders shared stories of mission service at the Third Annual LIMM Forum held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, MO, March 30 and 31, 2007. **LCMS World Mission and LCMS World Relief and Human Care** partnered with LIMM in presenting the event.

LCMS World Mission's Executive Director, Rev. Robert Roegner, gave the opening speech. "LCMS World Mission desires to be the place the church comes to for mission opportunities." Later in the Forum **Bruce Wall** and **Erin Alter of World Mission** announced the need for 5 short-term medical teams to serve in the fall in **Kyrgyzstan**, and one long-term volunteer couple, a nurse and theologically trained person, to serve in **Ethiopia**.

Carol Broemmer, RN and **Hans Springer of World Relief and Human Care** told of their initial efforts to support the Lutheran Church of Kenya. Now the organization is planning short-term medical teams to **Indonesia, Kenya, and Guatemala** in the Fall of 2007.

Pastor Chuck Schlie of Messiah Lutheran Church, St. Charles, MO shared his search to learn "how to do missions." His congregation later teamed with **MOST Ministries** to conduct

eye glass and dental clinics in Central Europe, Asia, South America, and Africa. Current mission involvement includes work in **Uganda** and **China**.

Congregational lay leader **Sue Dick of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ellisville, MO** told of

the church's work in **Belize** and their partnership with **CALMS-Central American Lutheran Mission Society**. **Kevin Pieper, Don Reimer, and Paul Althoff of Salem Lutheran Church, Tomball, TX** outlined a business approach to setting up an organization to send medical teams to **Honduras**.

Chaplain Ralph Buchhorn reported that his ongoing work in the **Hurricane Katrina** area continues to expand with new staff and volunteers serving the people through partnership with area congregations.

Marcella Nuffer, RN told of her first impressions while on a recent short-term medical trip to the south of **Sudan**. **Former LCMS Missionaries to Papua New Guinea, Roy and Judy Schache**, shared impressions of their return trip after many years away to do repairs at the hospital and unload containers of supplies waiting to be processed.

Bishop Andrew Elisa of the Lutheran Church of Sudan led the group in Bible study and prayers. He shared the struggles of a young church body to meet the needs of the people served by the church: "We need vaccines, we need malaria treatment, and we need mobile capability to reach the suffering people who are



Honorees: Rev. Vern Gundermann representing Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, Mo, and Dee and Bud Warner were recognized as faithful supporters of LIMM. Jack Pfizer, not pictured, was also recognized for his pro bono contributions to LIMM.

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LIMM Assists in Providing Portable Dental Chair for Den- tal Mission Teams

LIMM Board of Directors approved a \$925 addition to the **Beach Fund Gift of \$575** to partner with **St. Paul Lutheran Church-Canfield, Chicago** to purchase a portable dental chair to be used by congregations conducting dental clinics in areas where there is little or no dental provision. **If your congregation wants to use this chair for a dental mission please contact LIMM.**

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waiting, also, to hear the Good News that their sins are forgiven in Christ."

Rev. Glenn Merritt, Disaster Relief, World Relief and Human Care and Andrew Fitzgerald, Volunteer Services, Lutheran Hour Ministries drew the conclusion that more communication is needed between all groups delivering medical care.

LIMM Partners with Lutheran Church Charities **Partnership Based on Common Style and Service**

Tim Hetzner of LCC and **Bobbie Lautenschlager of LIMM** have forged a partnership that will positively affect each organization.

Hetzner states, "We are 'brokers' of people with needs, LIMM are 'brokers' of people who want to help meet medical needs; together we can effectively match personnel and resources with medical mission projects."

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In the closing program, **Rev. Alan Abel, former LCMS Evangelistic Missionary to Philippine**, now a medical doctor, urged congregations to get involved and partner with mission groups. "As individual congregations, we have the ability to do what God wants us to do to proclaim His love."

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communicate with larger numbers of people with more efficiency," reports Lautenschlager.

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Pictures from Kyrgyzstan

(Right) - Nathan Hanneman, Christian Graves, and Natalia Harmon with Kyrgyz friends

(Below) - Christian and Nathan say goodbye at the medical van

(Bottom Right) - Rita Nickel, Natalia and two Kyrgyz teens

