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## LAVIM'S GROWING MEDICAL MINISTRY

Interest in medical missions among Louisiana United Methodists and the many volunteers that Louisiana Area Volunteers In Mission serves from other denominations and outside our state is at an all-time high. *In 2004 alone, over thirty-five medical teams were formed.* Many of these teams traveled to Reynosa, Mexico where LAVIM has established a long-term relationship with the San Pablo District, Willie Berman, UMVIM Director for Mexico. In 2004 and in the past, LAVIM medical teams have traveled to Haiti, Bolivia, Venezuela and Honduras.

With new restrictions on team size in place in Mexico, we want to continue to encourage new team dates to Mexico but also want to outline opportunities in other locations. Schedules for these locations typically are longer in duration than our Mini-Medical teams. Travel demands in both round-trip flights and in country, and costs equal the need to stay abroad longer. And, where there is much need, there is much work to be done.

LAVIM invites your team to consider these destinations for your next mission:

**HONDURAS** – Physicians, dentists, pharmacists, therapists, opticians and all other health care workers and educators are needed. Medical professionals must be registered with the Honduran government, so advance notice and preparation are necessary for scheduling a team. Parasitic and respiratory illnesses are found in almost 50% of the population. Medicines can be transported to Honduras and pharmacology is available. Teams should number 12-14 volunteers.

**VENEZUELA** – LAVIM works with El Renuvo Ministries in Maripa. Medical teams travel the Curas River, tributary of the Amazon, upriver for 14 hours and then 4 days downriver stopping at indigenous

villages for mobile clinics. Strong attention is given to vaccines as well as basic exams and care. All areas of medical care are needed as well as educational efforts. Teams are limited to 10-12 persons due to the size of the boat. Donated medicines can be taken in but vaccines are purchased in country. Lodging is primitive and volunteers must master the art of sleeping in a hammock!

**INDIA** – February 17-March 4, 2006, LAVIM will travel to the Clara Swain Hospital in Bareilly in North India, the oldest hospital for women and children in Asia. All areas of medicine are needed; pediatricians and gynecologists as well as general medical professionals are needed. LAVIM will share this team with Hurst Texas FUMC. Participation will be limited.

**BOLIVIA** – Mobile clinics can be arranged for areas around Cochabamba and LaPaz, Bolivia. Teams will transport medicines according to a local formulary. Clinics are often based in remote government-run clinics located in the Alta Plano, working alongside community nurses. Smaller mobile clinics are often scheduled for one to three days from these bases to indigenous communities.

**CAMBODIA** – Clinics are scheduled in inner-city slums and near the trash dump in Phnom Pen. Attention is given to a UM homeless shelter for children. All areas of medicine are needed.

Other opportunities can be developed for Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Senegal, South Africa, Haiti, Guatemala, among others, upon request. Please call the LAVIM offices, Larry D. Norman, Director, for more information.

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"The Board of Directors of the United Methodist Fellowship of Health Care Volunteers (UMF/HCV), the health care component of UMVIM, fully endorses the following UMVIM Guidelines. The Board also strongly recommends working in compliance with the local governmental health authority."

**GUIDELINES for UMVIM Teams**

*An UMVIM team is one that serves locally, nationally, or internationally where it is invited, works in a ministry endorsed by the host Methodist church, partner church or agency, or Non-Government Organization (NGO), and serves in cooperation with the local host group. The intent of these guidelines is to insure that the presence of the team will not interfere with the authority and integrity of the church leadership, hereby strengthening and upholding the local church. The team will have an UMVIM trained leader who provides training for the team, insures completion of proper forms and insurance coverage and is in communication with annual conference and jurisdictional UMVIM leadership.*

**PRESIDENT’S LETTER**

December’s tsunami claimed more than 200,000 lives. This disastrous loss of lives has captured the world’s attention and has stimulated an outpouring of governmental and private charitable aid.

Let’s put the tsunami death toll in perspective-- according to WHO (the World Health Organization, 2003), these diseases cause the most deaths per year:

Disease	Annual Death Toll
ischemic heart	36 tsunamis
stroke	27 tsunamis
pneumonia	19 tsunamis
HIV/AIDS	14 tsunamis
COPD	14 tsunamis
diarrheal diseases	9 tsunamis
TB	8 tsunamis
malaria	6 tsunamis
lung cancer	6 tsunamis

WHO estimates that the annual number of deaths in developing countries due to smoking is equal to 5 tsunamis. If current trends continue, by the year 2020 developing countries will lose 35 tsunamis annually due to smoking. Each smoker who dies will lose an average of 22 years of life compared with average life expectancy.

What do we do about this? We give what we can. We volunteer as we can. And we pray to God to enable us to help provide compassionate care for the needy in this world.

Mike Sluss, MD, President, UMF/HCV

**The Lord God said, “Come to the edge.” And we said, “But we might fall.” The Lord God said, “Come to the edge.” And we said, “But it is dangerous.” The Lord God said, “Come to the edge.” And we said, “But we are afraid!” The Lord God said, “Come to the edge.” And some came to the edge. God pushed them, and they flew!**

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**Our purpose is to invite and enable professionals and other interested individuals to nurture and witness to their Christian faith through ministries of healing of body, mind, and spirit, as servants of Christ, providing health care to a world in need.**

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## FROM THE JURISDICTIONS NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

We start off the year being able to celebrate! Volunteers In Mission has expanded once again – it is sending and receiving teams from across the planet – wrapping its arms around the world.

Many have answered Christ's call to be "doers of the Word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22) and in the process have transformed lives and been transformed themselves. **Celebrate!!**

We get to celebrate:

Passage of General Conference legislation authorizing and promoting UMVIM Awareness Sunday

Guidelines in church charge conference reports for reporting mission teams and participation

More teams going out than ever before

Individual volunteers serving in greater numbers for longer periods of time

New mission commitments to countries that were not receiving UMVIM teams

Youth and Family project sites

NOMADS in great numbers serving at over 135 work projects

Two classes of Global Justice Volunteers

Primetimers events filled to capacity

*Medical teams going out from all five jurisdictions meeting health care needs globally.*

But..... what more can we do or what more can be done? With the talents of so many still captured within their own spirits and churches failing to reach beyond their doors – *we still have a lot to do!*

What would our world look like if everyone in our United Methodist churches volunteered just 2 hours a week in a community service agency and one week in a national or international project? Can you even imagine the impact – the UMC would be transformed! The evidence is already in. The Cuban Methodist church, as a requirement of membership, asks for a tithe of income and time.

Outreach is thriving, churches are growing, and over 500 home churches have been planted in the last ten years! Gloria a Dios y Dios te bendiga!!

Can Volunteers In Mission lead our UMC to renewal by the Holy Spirit? I believe it can.

We must celebrate but not be complacent.

We must challenge but not make engaging in mission a challenge.

We must open our hearts, open our minds, and open our doors so that the Holy Spirit can come in.

Our response must be in the form of mission and outreach. We can do extraordinary things through HIM

who has given us extraordinary gifts – gifts that must be shared to be fully experienced.

I'll look for you in the mission field – along with the crowd that you will be bringing with you!

In His service,

Greg Forrester, UMVIM NEJ Coordinator  
Consultant for Individual Volunteers, GBGM

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## OTHER WAYS TO SERVE

Tom Brian, DDS

Sometimes I question how much good we do in sending short term medical/dental groups to developing countries. Our intentions are good, I think. We want to share God's love with others using our skills and resources. However, the question has been asked if we were to send the money that a trip costs to a responsible person or group, would we not benefit that area more? This is a complicated question, and I do not know all the answers.

However, after having done short term trips for a while, I began to look at ways to help other than just filling and extracting teeth. First we started bringing children from Honduras back to the United States for medical treatment. Then I saw a need for these children to have an education. Most of them were orthopedic patients, and they would return to Honduras partially disabled, unable to do the kind of physical labor that is required for sustenance farming. To attend school beyond the sixth grade, these students must live in Puerto Lempira, (the central town on the Miskito Coast) and most do not have a place to live while there.

So the vision of a place for them to live has developed into a reality with the House of Hope. This is a 5000 sq. ft. building with 16 dorm rooms, bathrooms, a kitchen and large eating area. A Christian couple will oversee the house and check the progress of the children's school



work.

The House of Hope will also serve as temporary housing for mothers who bring their children to the only hospital in that area. Their babies are often malnourished and need milk until they are healthy enough to return home. They cannot afford to pay the transportation by boat or truck to go back and forth to their villages, so they stay in the House of Hope.

Another need I saw was for the transportation of children who could not be treated at the local hospital. They needed to go to the teaching hospital in the capital, Tegucigalpa. However, there are no roads going from the Misquito Coast to the western part of Honduras, and a \$200 airplane ticket is economically an impossibility. A fund was established to provide transportation for these children.

In the dental field I have been working toward training someone to clean teeth, educate people on prevention and make acrylic removable teeth. Fillings and extractions are still needed, and we do as many of these as possible, but the above mentioned things can be done year round without our being there.

I would encourage others to send in articles about things they are doing to help and teach the people that they are serving, so we can learn from one another.

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## CONSULTANT'S CORNER

### DENGUE FEVER

A New Epidemic of an Old Disease

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Dengue Fever is the most common vector borne viral illness. Dengue or break bone fever has shown a remarkable resurgence during the past 20 years. The causative agent is a Flavivirus, a genus that also includes the viruses that cause West Nile fever and yellow fever. It is estimated that 100 million cases of dengue occur annually. The dengue vector is the *Aedes Aegypti* mosquito. *Aedes* is day biting and tends to inhabit urban areas in humid tropical lowlands, including the Caribbean, Central and South America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Southeast Asia.

**The clinical course:** After an incubation period of 5 to 10 days, the typical case of dengue starts with an abrupt onset of fever to 104+ F (40 degrees C), along with severe headache, pain behind the eyes, and sometimes vomiting. Body aches and arthralgia are often severe and debilitating, giving rise to the name break bone fever. The bones  
**Page 4** don't actually break. They just feel like they are

going to at any minute. Rashes may occur at two phases of the illness: an early, faint generalized rash at day 3, and a more definite measles-like truncal eruption when the fever breaks after 5-7 days of illness. There is often enlargement of the cervical lymph nodes.

Infants and small children typically have less fever and often do not appear ill. This illness pattern is self-limited, with total recovery within two weeks, and only supportive care is indicated.

**Diagnosis** may be difficult in the early phases of the illness, since the symptoms are flu-like, and relatively non-specific, often resembling malaria. Serologic diagnosis of dengue is possible, but only after the initial 7-10 days of illness.

Unfortunately a small percentage of cases (1-5%), go on to develop a more severe phase of illness called dengue hemorrhagic fever, (DHF). These patients are sicker from the beginning, and after several days develop signs of hemorrhage from multiple sites associated with low platelets, inability of the blood to clot, and enlargement of the liver.

A percentage of patients with DHF will go on to develop vascular collapse and shock, called Dengue Shock Syndrome, DSS, which has a mortality rate of 50% or more if untreated. DHF/DSS requires in-hospital intensive care, fluid management and transfusions, which can markedly reduce mortality. For reasons that are not completely clear, the incidence of DHF/DSS is markedly higher in Southeast Asia, particularly in children. Because of the threat of bleeding, it is important to avoid the use of aspirin in any form if dengue is suspected.

Who is susceptible to this more severe DHF/DSS reaction to dengue? There are four closely related but distinct serotypes of the dengue virus, each causing a virtually identical clinical disease pattern. Each episode results in a complete lifelong immunity to that particular strain, but no protection against the other three serotypes. In fact, if infection with one of the other strains then occurs, the immune system overreacts, causing a more severe illness, decreased platelets, and in the most severe cases of DSS, widespread leakage of fluid and blood from the small blood vessels, and death from shock if untreated. To emphasize this point, the severe DHF/DSS reaction occurs only in those who already possess immunity to another strain of dengue from a previous infection. As short-term missionaries we are much less likely to develop DHF/DSS because we have usually not had a previous episode of dengue.

Why has there been such a widespread dramatic increase in the incidence of dengue in the past 20 years, particularly in Latin America and Southeast Asia? There have been many epidemics recorded in the past, but they have not persisted over years. When it was recognized that the *Aedes* mosquito was the vector of both yellow

fever and dengue, a widespread campaign of spraying and elimination of breeding areas markedly reduced the mosquito population. This campaign was discontinued in the 1970s when the incidence of yellow fever dropped precipitously. At present there is no concerted effort at Aedes control in the world's endemic areas.

The Aedes mosquito is an urban dweller, breeding in small pockets of standing water.

Many epidemiologists feel that the dramatic urbanization, overpopulation and attendant poor sanitation in Latin America and SE Asia during the past few decades is the largest contributing factor to the increase in numbers of infected mosquitoes and the marked increase in dengue. Increasing ease of travel, particularly by air, has hastened the spread of the virus to more than one hundred countries, and caused the introduction of different serotypes to these areas, thereby increasing the risk of DHF/DSS. Isolated cases of dengue have even occurred in the Southern US. Unfortunately no effective vaccine is currently available, and antiviral therapy is of no value.

Dengue is an increasingly common cause of acute febrile illness in many parts of the world, prone to occur in epidemics in urban areas. As short-term missionaries we always need to include dengue in the differential diagnosis of fever in the patients we see, and in the evaluation of fever in the returning traveler. We also need to be aware of the potential for life threatening Dengue Shock Syndrome, particularly in those patients who have experienced previous episodes of dengue fever.

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## BOOK REVIEW

### **Where There Is No Animal Doctor,**

Rev. 2000, by Peter Quesenberry, DVM and Maureen Birmingham, DVM: Christian Veterinary Mission, Box 33000, Seattle WA, 98133

This book has been developed in a pattern somewhat similar to David Werner's justly famous and extremely useful Where There Is No Doctor. It is designed to be used by "farmers, technicians and veterinary practitioners working in areas where livestock still play a very important role in village life." The authors, both veterinarians, have extensive experience in the mission field. They hope that their book will enable those persons who are responsible for the health of livestock in developing countries to "recognize what diseases they will be able to handle on their own, and when to call for help from more experienced animal health workers."

The book deals with many different animal health related topics, including disease prevention, control and treatment, and also the promotion of good animal nutrition. Other situations well covered are the approaches to examination of different animals, how to give medicine,

animal first aid, pregnancy and delivery, and castration. There are excellent tables covering basic treatment approaches, and an extensive index. There are also a large number of excellent descriptive line drawings that significantly add to and clarify the text.

Whereas as a physician I do not feel qualified to comment about the book's ultimate usefulness in the field, I feel that it is important to make veterinarians and those working in animal husbandry in the mission field aware of its existence and availability.

Reading this book has also strengthened my resolve to continue to encourage the participation of veterinarians on our mission teams and as individual volunteers to developing countries.

Roger Boe, MD

Medical Consultant, UMF/HCV

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## MISSION TO SENEGAL

Carol Meynen, MD



SENEGAL WOMAN

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"Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you."

This is how Rev. Nkamba Ndjungu introduced us, the medical mission team from Trinity UMC in Wilmette to his Eglise Methodiste Unie au Senegale in Dakar. We had come to help the Senegal Mission, established in 1995, with its Community Wellness program and Pastoral Education program as the first working mission team, after being led by the Spirit at the First Senegal Initiative meeting in Naperville in November 2004. Organized by Rev. Al and Mavis Streiffeller to encourage

ongoing support for the Senegal mission after their recent retirement, the Senegal Initiatives have been successful in raising awareness of the needs of the people and especially of the United Methodist Missionary work in Senegal.

Our trip was organized by Dr. Carol Meynen, a gynecologist who had been on two prior medical mission trips with Rev. David and Maria Kaller of Faith UMC in Waukegan. She brought her spouse, Tom Board; her associate pastor from Trinity UMC in Wilmette, Rev. Chris Hoffmeyer; a medical technician, Kathe Reinke-Fejer; and a good friend who had been on a previous medical mission trip with her, Joanne Aggens. Two nurses and another physician she had invited had to bow out due to personal reasons. Retrospectively, the team size was ideal. Mobility and communication were easy, team spirit and camaraderie were high, tasks were easily divided, and nobody ever was left behind or left out. We blended in with our hosts easily, were not too much of an imposition, traveled light and swift and together.

We spent twelve days with the Ndjungus and the other missionary family, the Ujerehs. Five days were spent at a hotel in Mbour, a city about 75 km southwest of Dakar, while we were doing our medical mission work in the villages with Mbwizu Ndjungu, Pastor Nkemba's wife and the head of the Wellness team. During this time we saw 500 patients with the Wellness team, setting up a small consultation clinic to ascertain vital signs, evaluate for anemia and diabetes where indicated, and prescribe vitamins and antibiotics for endemic tropical diseases such as malaria. Meanwhile, Tom helped Karen Ujereh, the VIM coordinator and chief financial officer for the Senegal mission with the Senegal mission website which is at <http://home.comcast.net/~umcsenegal/main.htm>.

We also celebrated Tabaski, a Muslim holiday during which all work shuts down for a long weekend while the Moslems celebrate the redemption of the sacrifice of Ishmael by a ram. The holiday is the second most important holiday after Ramadan for Moslems and we were fortunate to be invited to the home of a friend of the Ujerehs where we participated in the traditional grilled mutton feast and discussed Senegalese and Muslim culture and politics with our hosts and their guests. Time was also plentiful for tours of the city and Goree Island, shopping in the bazaars, discussions with our hosts and other church members, and rest.

We were inspired by the commitment, creativity, and devotion of the UMC missionaries and their many volunteers. The trip accomplished many goals:

- We made personal and emotional connections to the UMC churches in Senegal and their leadership,
- We worked together with the Wellness Program to touch the lives of hundreds of patients and improve the quality of care,
- **Page 6** We learned about the economic and cultural

challenges faced by West Africa, and how the UMC is active in addressing those challenges in Senegal,

We experienced the joy of translating our faith into action.

**If you would like to see a more detailed description of our mission trip, or would like to donate money or materials to the Senegal mission visit our website at <http://home.comcast.net/~tboardweb/senegal05/>**

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## MAMA NEWS

### February 5, 2005

*(The **Mama Project** is a project begun by the Mennonite Church that utilizes volunteers in nutrition programs to vastly improve the lives of many, many children in poverty areas of Honduras. The story below has been taken, with permission, from their newsletter, **MAMA NEWS**. Ed. **THE KNOCK**)*

*Dave Landis and Eric Kennel came to the MAMA Nutrition Center just a few days before Thanksgiving. The following are Dave's reflections on their experience there and some of the challenges of MAMA's work. Ed. **MAMA NEWS***

We arrived in Honduras Saturday afternoon and made our way south to the MAMA Project in San Francisco de Yojoa, located on a beautiful mountainside in the western region of the country. The MAMA Project's mission is to improve the nutrition of children in Honduras through education. The project works by removing malnourished children from their current living conditions and [temporarily] relocating them along with their mothers to the MAMA center, where they are shown ways to improve their child's health and nutrition. All financial expenses for the families coming to the center are graciously covered, and they can stay for months if necessary, receiving food, health care, and learning sustainable ways to live safely and healthily.

We filled our time doing various things to support the MAMA effort. We spent two days working at repainting some of the doors and windows of the existing rooms where the families were staying, one day going out to mountain villages, and a lot of time playing with the children and getting to know the staff. Most of the rooms at the center were empty. Our goal for Tuesday was to go out to some remote villages and see if we could fill some of that space with new children that needed care.

The children that are currently living at the center

seem to beam joy and happiness to everyone around them. When we arrived they started chanting, "Gringos! Gringos!", and immediately came out smiling to hug us, wrapping themselves around our legs until it was difficult to walk, touching our hair, and all of this while constantly cheering the entire time. They would continually ask for their photos to be taken, and once the flash would go off, they would burst into laughter and applause. After nearly going through the program, these children had been completely transformed, becoming healthy and new and vibrantly alive. We also saw the other side of this transformation when we went out to the villages on Tuesday.

After sleeping through a night of steady rain, we boarded the MAMA van with three other staff members, and headed south and up to try to find some more children to fill our empty spaces [at the center]. As we continued to ascend, the roads meandered from paved to dirt to almost nothing. The water from the night before left a lot of mud ahead of us, and we often had to try to build up speed to slide our way to the next dry patch. At one steep bend in the road, we even had to get out and push the van up through a slippery spot. All this time I was still wondering what it would be like coming down these mountains with a van full of children and their mothers.

The houses became smaller and more primitive as we made our way up into the heart of the mountains. You could see people visibly struggling to stay healthy - some who were crippled, many children who were filthy and sitting in the mud, and many makeshift homes looking like they were about to collapse at any moment. We eventually arrived at a point where the road disappeared into a foot path, and here we got out to see who we could find.

We approached a couple of families, asking them questions about their children - if they had enough food, what their lives were like - generally trying to assess their conditions. We had a hanging scale that we would tie up to a tree and weigh the children to see how their weight fit their age. Most of the children we weighed were at least partially undernourished, looking about two or three years younger than they actually were.

After one family turned us down, we headed up another road and encountered a family with a badly malnourished little girl. This girl's arms and legs were thin as a stick and she had small red dots covering her entire body. She appeared too weak to even hold herself upright, just sort of sitting there, limp in her mother's arms. There was an almost empty bottle nearby, sitting upon the worn window sill. Elena, our nurse, talked with the family, explaining that we could give them free food and lodging if they would agree to come to the center. The father talked with her for a while, explaining how they didn't have enough food right now, but that he thought things would get better. More or less, Elena was telling them that their daughter would die if she wouldn't get medical help and

more food, but yet the family still didn't agree to come. And they didn't come with us, and their gaunt little girl will probably be dead by Christmas...

So why didn't they want to come? Was it denial that their situation was this bad? Was it a sort of pride that they didn't need our help, that work would come and they would have the money to buy the food that she needed to fill that bottle, for her survival? Or were they just apathetic about their living situations, and didn't want to make the effort for improvement?

My mind was wandering through the options, trying to find a way to make sense of why someone who had a child that was dying and was offered free help and nourishment would rather have that same child die than be saved.... And I'm still not sure. At the end of the day, no families came back with us. We went to a different region and talked in depth with two other mothers about their malnourished children, some who were more than 20 pounds under the normal weight for their age. And yet no one came with us..... What was going on?

Knowing the probable outcome of this situation, it seems ridiculous that someone would deny grace that provided a costless chance to save the life of a dying child. It seemed like an obvious choice to me; we gave people the option of choosing life or death, and they denied the option. And yet, we often do a very similar thing many times throughout our lives, if not with our entire life. We also have many options allowing us to choose or not to choose the acceptance of grace, and we often have similar reasons for why we deny lifestyle of joy and hope in exchange for our own pride. And there is always a God out there seeking us out, offering us a chance to be saved from a lifestyle of death, an option for choosing a perspective of hope.

*It was touching to hear from the perspective of Dave and Eric. Many who work with MAMA Project in Honduras quickly realize the daily challenges involved in reaching out to the poor, as well as the things they teach us about faith and life. Please pray for MAMA as we continue to work with and for the families and children of Honduras. Thank you!*

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***“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that an airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.”***

## RETURN TO BONGO

Bongo, Panama, Medical Mission

January 2005

Rufus Jennings, MD

This was the eighth time my wife Pat and I had participated in an UMVIM medical mission to Bongo, a remote and beautiful rural area in the foothills of western Panama. It was the third time that Faith United Methodist Church of Ft. Myers, had sponsored this ongoing medical mission.

As usual, I (Dr. Jennings) saw the pediatric patients, Dr. Tatiana Jilkina-Adam ran the general medical clinic, Dr. Brad Middaugh was in charge of the very busy optometry clinic, and for the first time we added an outpatient Ob/Gyn service under Nanci Redecker, ARNP. Pat Jennings, RN, was in charge of the front desk and triage; Dee Rogers, RN, ran our pharmacy for the third straight mission; Jan Laird, RN, did all of the hemoglobins (about 250), blood sugars, and urine tests in the lab; and Dodie Brickley, RN, assisted Nanci in the Ob/Gyn clinic. The lay persons on the mission were Don and Dot Streck, Bob Laird, Dave and Barbara Kaldahl, Philip and Marilyn Klaren, Evan Middaugh (12-year-old son of Dr. Middaugh), and Jim Redecker, who was our clinic administrator and treasurer. We are always heavily dependent on our wonderful Panamanian helpers, and on the Rev. Rhett Thompson, our Panama Mission coordinator. Everyone made a large contribution to the success of the mission. It is our strong belief that no one person is more important than any other on these missions. Our two objectives are to elevate the health care status of the people in this very beautiful and very poor part of the world, and to preach God's good news and universal love through our actions. This mission would not be possible without the financial and prayer support of our church.

Dr. Middaugh was busier than usual, this being the third time that we have had an optometry service on our mission. Out of a patient load of 240 patients, they dispensed about 200 pairs of glasses. All of the glasses are used glasses, reconditioned and donated by the Lion's Club. There were 40 patients with old traumatic eye injuries, most of whom had never previously sought medical attention for the injuries. One of the great tragedies is the high incidence of cataract, which in many cases has led to functional blindness. Most of these people could be greatly aided through cataract surgery, which is not available to poor people without insurance. There is a great need for an ongoing cataract surgical mission in this area. An optometry service is ideally suited to short-term medical missions, since dispensing glasses and improving vision leads to long term improvements in the health care **Page 8** status and quality of life of the people.

All of the adult and pediatric medical patients received Vitamins with iron and treatment with mebendazole for intestinal parasites. This is financially possible because of the support that we receive obtaining most of our medicines through Blessings International.

Nanci Redecker was able to see about 75 women in Ob/Gyn clinic, which is truly amazing since the medical van that we were to obtain for her on Monday did not arrive until Wednesday. She improvised, using a large freezer, located in a tiny room, as an exam table, until the van arrived! She saw a variety of OB/GYN pathology, including a large number of bacterial and yeast infections. She did over 30 PAP smears, and used birth control pills for menstrual cycle control, as well as for birth control in a limited number of cases. There were about 30 women who already had IUDs, one of which was removed, and an equal number of women who had already had tubal ligations. Many patients with more complex medical

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### Waiting area at Bongo

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conditions were referred to Tatiana. One pregnant woman was severely anemic, with a hemoglobin of 7.0 gms %. Nanci emphasized education in women's health issues in her clinic, and hopes to improve on this educational effort in future missions.

Dr. Tatiana Jilkina-Adam was participating in her third mission with our group, and reported the usual variety of health problems in the adult patient population, including the prevalence of arthritis in the geriatric population. She saw 180 patients in 4 1/2 days, including a few of the children. Hypertension and Type 2 diabetes remain a relatively common problem, which may be partially genetic and partially diet related. There were about 12 cases of gastroenteritis, which may reflect a potable water problem, or perhaps a mild viral or parasite outbreak. An equal number of children had this problem. One striking finding was that only ONE case of adult scabies was seen, as opposed to the usual large number of cases. As always, Tatiana tried to spend some time with each patient, listening to their life problems. Even if there isn't much that one can do about these problems, it often helps to listen and to

be genuinely interested.

In the 8 times that I have run a pediatric clinic in Bongo, there have been some dramatic changes in the patient population. In this clinic I made the diagnosis of "normal child" 19 times, out of the 208 patients that I saw in 4 ½ days. This is opposed to the usual 4-5 times per mission that I had previously diagnosed "normal child".. There appeared to be a definite concomitant decrease in the acuity level of the illnesses in the children that I saw. Ten cases of scabies were seen, but all were early and mild, with the exception of one Indian child who lived a great distance away from Bongo. This is different from the many severe and long-standing cases that I had previously seen. All of the children and some of the adults had a hemoglobin test, and one of the most striking statistics was the decrease in the incidence of anemia among the children. Previously the incidence was 13-15%. On this visit, it was only 7%, which is still high, but is "low" for Bongo. Perhaps the tens of thousands of vitamins with iron tablets that we have dispensed in previous visits have made some difference. As the days wore on and I began to feel weary under the heavy case load, the beautiful smiles of the children gave me new energy and purpose.

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#### Children at Bongo

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I feel that we are making definite progress in our goal to elevate the health care status of the people in Bongo. This can be seen in some of the statistics noted above. Obviously there is still a long way to go. We share our Bongo medical mission in working towards this goal with a sister church, University United Methodist of Chapel Hill, N.C. Their mission is under the overall direction of Dr. Jan Sasserma, and the medical direction of Dr. Wes Wallace, and one of our two groups is in Bongo approximately every 6 months. The measurement of the other goal of our mission in Bongo, the evangelical one, is much more difficult, and perhaps we will never know any true measure of our success with this objective during our life here on this earth. We can, however, feel the love and gratitude of the

people, which is our greatest earthly reward for this work. Rufus Jennings, MD, [Jpedscard@aol.com](mailto:Jpedscard@aol.com), in association with Tatiana Jilkina-Adam, MD, Bradly Middaugh, OD, and Nanci Redecker, ARNP

Web site: [www.faithum.com](http://www.faithum.com), click "Bongo Mission"

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## Announcing Rx ConneXion Consultation V ! May 6-8, 2005 in Westlake, OH

The steering committee for Rx ConneXion, medical mission arm of United Methodist Volunteers in Mission – North Central Jurisdiction, would like to invite interested persons to the Fifth Annual Rx ConneXion Consultation on May 6-8, 2005, at Westlake First UMC in Westlake, OH. This gathering is structured toward persons interested in learning more about UMVIM medical mission teams. There will be informative workshops, time to visit with team leaders, highlights of recent trips, announcement of future trips and our special guest, Dr. Roger Boe, Consultant for United Methodist Fellowship of Health Care Volunteers (UMF/HCV), our national volunteer medical mission team group.

We specifically would like to target doctors, dentists, nurses, medical technicians, therapists, pharmacists, and all other health care providers, but emphasize that any and all persons are welcome to come and learn, because health care teams are always needing support personnel to help with team logistics.

Team leaders and members from around the North Central Jurisdiction will participate in the meeting. Harry Askin and Dee Stickley-Miner, East and West Ohio UMVIM coordinators, respectively, and Janet Auman, East Ohio and Martha Brice, West Ohio, members of the Rx ConneXion steering committee, will take part in this weekend event. We are excited about holding this event on the eastern edge of our Jurisdiction and invite any of you who are outside the NCJ but close in proximity (such as those in the W. New York, W. PA, and West VA conferences) to come a bit west and join us!

Proposed workshops, topics, displays and other events include:

1. Overall concept, need and effectiveness of Health Care Teams and how they fit under the UMVIM umbrella.
2. Leadership Training
3. Packing It All In – how to live out of a carryon for 10+ days.
4. Setting up a pharmacy
5. Mexico travelogue – with attention to 1<sup>st</sup> timers
6. Ghana or Ukraine travelogue
7. Honduras medical trip
8. Reaching out to the professors and **Page 9**

students in medical schools – share with them the possibilities

9. Dental teams
10. Teams offered thru Rx ConneXion – opportunities to sign on...
11. Tour of Nehemiah Mission in Cleveland
12. Culture differences and culture shock
13. Roles and responsibilities of non-medical persons on a medical trip
14. Spiritual development and formation in the medical team experience
15. Parish nursing and VIM
16. John Wesley and his take on healthy living
16. List of all places in our UM Connection that would like to host medical teams.
17. Display and information on UMCOR's Fair Exchange Coffee Project

At the beginning of March, registration forms, costs, housing and dining arrangements and workshop details will be made available on line at this link : <<http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/northcentralvim/rxconnexion.html>> or through the UMVIM-NCJ office :

#### **North Central Jurisdiction**

Lorna Jost

Old Sanctuary, 928 4th Street, Office #2, Brookings, SD 57006, Tel (605) 692-3390, Fax (605) 692-3391

E-mail: [umvim-ncj@brookings.net](mailto:umvim-ncj@brookings.net)

Web: <http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/northcentralvim>

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### **BULLETIN BOARD**

A team going from Cal-Nevada Conference to Angola needs the services of a physician. They are leaving either July 28-August 16 or August 11-Sept 1. Angola is a fascinating country with great medical needs, and a great medical infrastructure to work with. Contact Liz Ryder RN [ltryder1@earthlink.net](mailto:ltryder1@earthlink.net)

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### **BULLETIN BOARD**

COPA (Community Partners) is an Advance Special of the UM Church. We are currently recruiting a Nurse Advisor to work for a period of two years in the Dominican Republic. We pay a stipend of \$450 a month plus insurance and a round trip ticket.

We have an opening right now but would be willing to discuss this position even if the person interested needs a bit more time. All housing and utilities are included as well. Please contact me if you have any leads or need more information.

For more info and to apply, contact one of the following: Persons in the Southeastern USA contact: Nick Elliott - [Nick\\_Elliott@umvim.org](mailto:Nick_Elliott@umvim.org)

**Page 10** Persons ANYWHERE ELSE contact: Walt and

Betty Whitehurst - [indvol@aol.com](mailto:indvol@aol.com)

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### **BULLETIN BOARD**

Everyone. We have a request from a surgical intern from Colorado that wishes to volunteer abroad for a month or so - email <[jcuhide@yahoo.com](mailto:jcuhide@yahoo.com)>. Time is flexible. She would like to accompany a surgeon. Let me know of any possibilities. . Roger Boe

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### **BULLETIN BOARD**

#### **SC Team needs Physician and Dentist**

Neil Vander Linden - 2/4/05

Alice and I are in the process of organizing a team to go to Tlalamac, Mexico on July 30-August 7. We currently have ten volunteers signed up but do not have a doctor or a dentist. Can you help us find medical volunteers? Perhaps you could put a notice out. Your help would be greatly appreciated. The mission will be a joint medical/construction effort. In addition to manning the clinic we will be working on the parsonage. Anyone interested can contact me at [ngvl@charter.net](mailto:ngvl@charter.net) or call me at 864-859-3652.Thanks!

Neil Vander Linden

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### **BULLETIN BOARD**

Hi folks: California-Nevada UMVIM is in urgent need for doctors to (1) Angola team #1 in August and (2) Angola team #2 in August and (3) Jamaica in August. Contact J. P. McGuire at [jpmcguire@calnevumc.org](mailto:jpmcguire@calnevumc.org)

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### **BULLETIN BOARD**

#### **Dentists Needed**

Dentists are needed for teams led by long-time VIM team leader, Dr. Henry Gibson of Barnwell, SC, and founder of the Carolina Honduras Health Foundation. To respond to the needs listed below, contact his office at [Normajeasterling@aol.com](mailto:Normajeasterling@aol.com).

These are teams who need dentists to go to Limon, Honduras where we have an established dental and medical clinic:

Team from Mt. Pleasant, SC Feb. 4 thru 13. This is a repeat team who has been about 4 times previously. Could take 2 dentists.

Team from Barnwell, SC to be led by CHHF founder, Dr. Henry Gibson. Has one dentist from NC but needs another. March 4 thru 12

Volunteers in Medical Missions team led by its director from Seneca, S.C. Leader went as a team member in April 2004. Now leading a team April 21 thru 30. For

more info, contact Norma Jean Easterling at Normajeasterling@aol.com

Jul 9-23 **Guatemala** WV

Nov 5-19 **Nicaragua** Troy

## FUTURE MEDICAL TEAMS

*(These teams are planned for the given dates and are frequently glad to accept more team members. Contact information is given in most cases. When it is not, the contact information for the jurisdiction is given. Ed.)*

### Southeastern Jurisdiction

**JAMAICA** : 4/7/2005 - 4/16/2005

Description: St. Thomas Parish, Central Virginia Medical Mission Team Contact: Vickie Moore Home: 434-385-6794 Work: 434-385-7818 VICFNP27@AOL.COM Conference: VIR

**JAMAICA** 4/7/2005-4/16/2005

Description: Virginia Conference Contact: Vickie Moore Home: 434-385-6794 Work: 434-385-7818 VICFNP27@AOL.COM Conference: VIR

**MEXICO** 6/23/2005 - 6/26/2005

Description: WMI Contact: Lorraine Koehn Home: 989-386-2922 lkoehn49@hotmail.com Conference: WMI

**PANAMA** 7/9/2005 - 7/23/2005

Description: North Carolina Conference Med/Cons Contact: Dr. Jan F. Sassaman Home: 919-933-1609 Work: 919-933-6625 JANOPUS@NC.RR.COM Conf: NCC

**MEXICO** 11/11/2005 - 11/14/2005

Description: WMI Contact: Colleen R. Bremer Home: 989-386-4096 d\_cbremer@hotmail.com Conference: NCJ

The team leaders for the teams listed below can be contacted through Gregory Forrester, 32 North Church St., Cortland, NY 13045 Ph. 607/756-7799 email: UMVIM-NEJ@tweny.rr.com

Feb 26-Mar 6 **Costa Rica** CPA

Apr 4-19 **Costa Rica** NY

Jun 4-10 **Peru** NCNY

Jun 20-Jul 1 **Peru** NY

The team leaders for the teams listed below can be contacted through Dr. Mike Sluss, 2847 Pioneer Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313; Phone (920)499-7577(H) 920/272-1610(W) <mpsluss@aol.com>

**MEXICO** 2/26/05 to 3/5/05: , Rio Bravo, Construction + VBS + Medical,

Contact: Bill/Edra Edwards, wmgedra@281.com, DET

**HONDURAS** 3/4/05 to 3/12/05: , Medical,

Contact: Roger Strunk, Strunkrw@aol.com, W

MI

**MEXICO** 3/10/05 to 3/13/05: , Nuevo Progreso, Medical, Rev. Jonathan

Kollmann, jk4osu@aol.com, 513-231-4301, W OH

The team leaders for the teams listed below can be contacted through Lorna Jost, Old Sanctuary, 928 4th Street, Office #2, Brookings, SD 57006, Tel (605) 692-3390, Fax (605) 692-3391 E-mail: umvim-ncj@brookings.net Web: <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/northcentralvim>

**HONDURAS** 3/28/05 to 4/7/05: , RxConneXion - Medical, Bud/Jill Beecher,

richjane@ameritech.net, 630-790-4387, N IL

**HONDURAS** Mar-05 to TBA: RxConneXion - Medical, Gloria Borgman,

ronb@mato.com, 605-642-532, DAK

**NICARAGUA** Mar-05 to TBA:, RxConneXion - Medical, Teresa Miller,

rbkids@acd.net, 517-699-4116, W MI

**LITHUANIA** 4/1/05 to 4/16/05: Medical, Chuck Ellinwood, chiela@aol.com,

231-264-8469, W MI

**MEXICO**, 5/12/05 to 5/15/05: Nuevo Progreso, Medical, Rev. Wade Giffin,

wade@srumc.org, 614-876-4343, W OH

**MEXICO**, 8/11/05 to 8/14/05: Nuevo Progreso, Medical, Martha Brice,

marthabrice@hotmail.com, 513-661-7443, W OH

**GUATEMALA** 9/17/05 to 10/1/05: RxConneXion - Medical + construct Penny Krug/Jean Morrison, pennyjkrug@aol.com, 574-289-1256, N IND

**MEXICO** 10/13/05 to 10/16/05: , Nuevo Progreso, Medical, Jo Powers, > jspowers@gte.net, 419-825-2361, W OH

**MEXICO**, 11/11/05 to 11/14/05: Nuevo Progreso, Medical, Colleen Bremer, > 989-386-4096, W MI

**NICARAGUA**, fall 2005: RxConneXion - Medical, Teresa Miller rbkids@acd.net, 517-699-4116, W MI

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## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS, TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS**

*This list, and the next one - Sources of Medical Supplies - are compiled by the UVMIM, SEJ. Additions, deletions or changes should be sent to: Nick Elliott, UVMIM, SEJ, 315 West Ponce de Leon Ave., Suite 750, Decatur, GA 30030 ; Tel. 404/377-7424 Fax.404/377-8182,*

*E-mail: [nick\\_elliott@umvim.org](mailto:nick_elliott@umvim.org)*

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**Regulations regarding medical work vary from country to country. In most cases, medical credentials must be sent to the host country well in advance. Contact the coordinator listed for further details.**

### **AFRICA - GHANA**

**Kumasi - Ankaase Methodist Faith Healing hospital**  
Ankaase Methodist Faith Healing hospital has continued to grow in numbers of patients and staff since 1999. It is now recognized as the Kwabre District Hospital and has been awarded by the Ghana Ministry of Health for its performance and quality of care for the whole person. Medical volunteers are welcome.

**Contact:** Doctor Cameron R Gongwer, Kumasi Ghana  
[gongwer@africaonline.com.gh](mailto:gongwer@africaonline.com.gh)

### **AFRICA - KENYA**

**Mombasa - Coast School for the Physically Handicapped Mombasa**

Rehabilitation of physically handicapped children at the Coast School for the Physically Handicapped, Mombasa.

**Contact:** Rev. Dr. Stephen Kanyaru M'Impwii, Presiding Bishop, The Methodist Church in Kenya, St. Andrews Lane, Off State House Road - P.O. Box 47633

Nairobi 00100 Kenya

Phone: 011-254-2724841 or 272-4897; Phone 2: 011-228-272-3812 email: [mck-conf@nbnet.co.ke](mailto:mck-conf@nbnet.co.ke)

### **AFRICA - KENYA**

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### **Mombasa - Lighthouse for Christ Mission and Eye Centre**

has openings for full time Medical Director, ophthalmologists, optometrists and health personnel for clinical surgery center. Teachers for Bible Institute.

**Contact:** Lighthouse For Christ Mission and Eye Centre  
PO Box 81465, Mombasa Kenya

### **AFRICA - KENYA**

#### **KIANDEGWA HEALTH CLINIC - KIANDEGWA HEALTH CLINIC**

This is a health clinic facility in a mission area in a relatively poor community. It is a community project that aims at providing health care facilities at an affordable rate. It also emphasizes on primary health care, nutrition, clean environment and basic hygiene.

**Contact:** Rev. Dr. Stephen Kanyaru M'Impwii, Presiding Bishop, The Methodist Church in Kenya, St. Andrews Lane, Off State House Road - P.O. Box 47633, Nairobi 00100 Kenya, Phone: 011-254-2724841 or 272-4897  
Phone 2: 011-228-272-3812: [mck-conf@nbnet.co.ke](mailto:mck-conf@nbnet.co.ke)

### **AFRICA - KENYA**

**Maua - Maua Methodist Hospital** is requesting a volunteer physician for a period of 2-6 months for diagnosis and treatment of medical patients. Need doctors to do eye, gynecological, orthopedic and other surgeries. Living accommodations & a small stipend provided. Shorter terms are available for specialists such as orthopedists, plastic surgeons, and gynecologists.

**Contact:** Maua Methodist Hospital, PO Box 63, Maua Meru North Kenya, Phone: 011-254-167-21107; Phone 2: 011-254-167-21121  
[mckhosp@africaonline.co.ke](mailto:mckhosp@africaonline.co.ke)

### **AFRICA - LIBERIA**

#### **Medical facilities**

Medical facilities need extensive renovation, medical supplies, volunteers.

**Contact:** Bishop John Innis, West Africa Central Conference, P. O. Box 10-1010 - (DHL Delivery – Tubman at 13th St., Monrovia, Liberia), 1000 Monrovia Liberia  
Phone: 011-231-227-154, Phone 2: 011-231-227516  
[Bishopinnis@hotmail.com](mailto:Bishopinnis@hotmail.com) or [Liberiaumc@yahoo.com](mailto:Liberiaumc@yahoo.com)

### **AFRICA - MOZAMBIQUE**

#### **Chicucque Rural Hospital**

Most importantly, need a general surgeon. Also ophthalmologists, dentists, surgeons, medical lab techs, pharmacists, nurses.

**Contact:** Jeremias Franca, Chicucque Hospital  
for Chicucque Hospital Projects contact: Hospital Administrator, Jeremias Franca, [hrcicucque@teledata.mz](mailto:hrcicucque@teledata.mz)

### **AFRICA - NIGERIA**

**Hillcrest School - Hillcrest School**

school nurse, 2-3 years.

**Contact:** Greg Forrester, UMVIM Individual Volunteers Coordinator, 32 North Church Street, Cortland NY 13045 USA; Phone: (800) 729-9136 (Access code 02); Phone 2: 607-756-7799; Indvols@gbgm-umc.org

#### **AFRICA - NIGERIA**

##### **Rural Health program**

hospital administrator, 1 year.

**Contact:** Greg Forrester  
UMVIM Individual Volunteers Coordinator, 32 North Church Street, Cortland NY 13045 USA; Phone: (800) 729-9136 (Access code 02), Phone 2: 607-756-7799  
Indvols@gbgm-umc.org

#### **AFRICA - NIGERIA**

##### **Rural Health program**

medical doctor, 1 year.

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Indvols@gbgm-umc.org

#### **AFRICA - SIERRA LEONE**

##### **Kissy - The UMC Health Maternity Center**

needs help refurbishing their facilities, and to install the Dental Unit, and they need Physicians, nurses, and other medical personnel.

**Contact:** Rev. Joe Wagner, US contact person (Operation Classroom), P. O. Box 277, Colfax IN 46035  
Phone: 765-324-2556; ocmmission@frontiernet.net

#### **AFRICA - SIERRA LEONE**

##### **Kissy - Kissy UMC Eye Hospital**

needs ophthalmologists, optometrists, nurses with optical training.

**Contact:** Dr. Lowell A. Gess, UMC, 111 15th Ave. E. Alexandria MN 56308; Phone: 320 762 1888  
gessla@rea-alp.com

#### **AFRICA - SOUTH AFRICA**

##### **Worcester - The South African based Volunteer Africa project**

seeks volunteers with nursing, dental, and primary health care skills to work with mobile health clinics, homes for children with HIV/AIDS, homes for destitute single mothers, the aged, and in small local clinics. Hospitals also receive volunteers who are prepared to assist nurses and doctors. Medical students are welcome.

**Contact:** Gisela Hugo, PO Box 250, Worcester 6849 South Africa; Phone: 011-27-023-347-7588  
ivza@intekom.co.za

#### **AFRICA - SOUTH AFRICA**

##### **Umtata, Transkei - African Medical Mission Umtata**

#### **General Hospital**

needs orthopaedic and physical therapy educators. Anesthesiologists urgently needed.

The Itipini Community Project needs nurses and other health care workers, particularly those with HIV/AIDS training/experience.

**Contact:** Cheryl Anders, USA, Phone: (828) 696-9930  
amm@brinet.com

#### **AFRICA - SWAZILAND**

##### **Coordinator for HIV/AIDS program**

In addition to co-ordinating this program, volunteer will work with primary schools and promotion of volunteer opportunities. 6 month to 3 year position.

**Contact:** Greg Forrester, UMVIM Individual Volunteers Coordinator, 32 North Church Street, Cortland NY 13045 USA; Phone: (800) 729-9136 (Access code 02), Phone 2: 607-756-7799; Indvols@gbgm-umc.org

#### **ASIA/PACIFIC - CAMBODIA/LAOS/THAILAND/VIETNAM**

##### **Indo-Thai Limited**

offers assistance to medical teams in working with governments of these countries for permission to bring in supplies and do medical work, including all travel arrangements.

**Contact:** Larry McCumber, 721 Bentgrass Ct, Dacula GA; Phone: 678-985-4311, Phone 2: 678-985-5342  
indoithai@mindspring.com

#### **ASIA/PACIFIC - INDIA**

##### **Bareilly - Clara Swain Hospital**

physical therapists.

**Contact:** Greg Forrester, UMVIM Individual Volunteers Coordinator, 32 North Church Street, Cortland NY 13045 USA; Phone: (800) 729-9136 (Access code 02)  
Phone 2: 607-756-7799; Indvols@gbgm-umc.org

#### **ASIA/PACIFIC - INDIA**

##### **Vellore, India - The Christian Medical College in Vellore India**

receives new & used equipment; the Vellore Board pays shipping costs. Medical volunteers may serve at Vellore Hospital; particular needs for anesthesiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, ophthalmologists, and clergy who can serve as CPE trainers. Long-term volunteer terms of 6 months to a year are especially needed.

**Contact:** Philip F. Ansalone, Technology and Program Manager, Vellore Christian Medical College Board (USA), Inc., 475 Riverside Dr. - Rm. 243, New York NY  
phil@vellorecmc.org

#### **ASIA/PACIFIC - INDIA**

##### **Crawford Memorial Hospital The Methodist Church of India**

plastic surgeons, orthopedic surgeons,

OB/GYN, nurses, public health nurses for 27 locations.  
**Contact:** Greg Forrester, UMVIM Individual Volunteers Coordinator, 32 North Church Street, Cortland NY 13045 USA; Phone: (800) 729-9136 (Access code 02)  
Phone 2: 607-756-7799; Indvols@gbgm-umc.org

#### **ASIA/PACIFIC - INDONESIA**

**Medan - Methodist University of Indonesia in Medan**  
Lecturers in medicine invited to teach at the Methodist University of Indonesia in Medan.  
**Contact:** Dr. A. P. Tambunan

#### **ASIA/PACIFIC - NEPAL**

**Health Services Department**  
general practitioners/family physicians, pediatricians, internists, hospital director, psychiatrist, internist, surgeons, tutor/nurse educators, dentists, biomedical maintenance personnel; anesthetist.  
**Contact:** Personnel Manager Recruitment, United Mission to Nepal, PO Box 126, Kathmandu Nepal  
pdo@umn.org.np

#### **CARIBBEAN - HAITI**

**Cap Haitien - Tovar Health Clinic**  
a long-term mission of Providence UMC (NC) seeks 3 teams per year of medical professionals to work at existing clinic serving the very poor.  
**Contact:** Alice White, RN  
9574 Lightview Ln., Gloucester VA 23061 USA  
Phone: 804-695-2803; awhite@inna.net

#### **CARIBBEAN - HAITI**

**Jeremie Eye Clinic**  
seeks ophthalmologists and optometrists.  
**Contact:** Dr. Hal Crosswell, Columbia Eye Clinic - PO Box 1754, Columbia SC 29202 USA; Phone: 800-922-6057; Phone 2: 803-771-7639

#### **CARIBBEAN - HAITI**

**Pignon - Christian Mission of Pignon**  
Individuals and teams for hospital. Needs include General surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, family practitioners, OB-GYN, ophthalmologists, bio-med techs, lab techs.  
Christian Mission of Pignon serves as an open window to and for Christianity to nurture the spiritual growth of both the Lord's servants and the people of Haiti, and to practically demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to our Haitian brothers and sisters by assisting the region with long-term, self-sustaining program efforts in the areas of preventative and acute health care; functional literacy and educational opportunities; clean water and essential sanitation facilities; agricultural development and training; and community and economic development.  
**Contact:** David E. Wilkins, Executive Director  
Christian Mission of Pignon, 1200 Harpeth Lake Ct.

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Nashville TN 37221 USA; Phone: 615-319-7453  
Phone 2: 615-319-7453; Cmpwilkins@aol.com

#### **CARIBBEAN - HAITI**

**Petionville Community - Curamerica**  
Care is provided in the Petionville Community, with emphasis on malnutrition and preventative education and curative healthcare.  
**Contact:** Gladys Shanklin, Program Administrator Curamericas, 224 E. Martin Street, Raleigh NC 27601  
Phone: 919-821-8000; gladys@curamericas.org

#### **CARIBBEAN - HAITI**

**Gebeau - Gebeau and Despagne Medical Teams**  
Medical and dental teams are always welcome. It would be wonderful if we can have at least one team every quarter. Ear and Dermatologist specialists are especially welcome.  
**Contact:** Charles & Patty Maddox, UMVIM Coordinators, Methodist Guest House, Port-au-Prince - 105 Delmas, #3 Impasse a Thoby, Port-au-Prince Haiti  
Phone: 011-509-257-3012, Phone 2: 011-509-401-2596  
vimhaiti@hotmail.com

#### **CARIBBEAN - HAITI**

**Gebeau - Gebeau T.B. clinic**  
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**Contact:** Charles & Patty Maddox, UMVIM Coordinators, Methodist Guest House, Port-au-Prince - 105 Delmas, #3 Impasse a Thoby, Port-au-Prince Haiti  
Phone: 011-509-257-3012, Phone 2: 011-509-401-2596  
vimhaiti@hotmail.com

#### **CARIBBEAN - HAITI**

**Gebeau - Gebeau Eye clinic**  
Gebeau Eye clinic  
**Contact:** Charles & Patty Maddox, UMVIM Coordinators, Methodist Guest House, Port-au-Prince - 105 Delmas, #3 Impasse a Thoby, Port-au-Prince Haiti  
Phone: 011-509-257-3012, Phone 2: 011-509-401-2596  
vimhaiti@hotmail.com

#### **CARIBBEAN - JAMAICA**

**Methodist clinics**  
Doctors, nurses & dentists to work in Methodist clinics. Certification takes approximately 6 months.  
**Contact:** Dr. Alison Iton, UMVIM Coordinator (Medical) Jamaica; Phone: 1-876-931-8415, Phone 2: 1-876-927-4804 or 4805; "District Medical Committee" -  
Email: jamaicamethodist@cwjamaica.com

#### **CARIBBEAN - JAMAICA**

**Kingston - Renal Foundation**  
Requires doctors and nurses to run dialysis units, which are currently under-used due to limited staffing, despite a great need for them.

**Contact:** Rev. Dr. Claude L. Cadogan, 3 Boone Hall Rd., P.O. Box 100 - Stony Hill, Kingston 9 JAMAICA, W.I. Phone: 876-942-2554

### **CARIBBEAN - PUERTO RICO**

#### **Vieques Clinic & Camp Corson**

need volunteer nurses, doctors, other health professionals.

**Contact:** Rev. Miriam Visot, UVMIM Coordinator  
Iglesia Metodista de Puerto Rico, Antonio de los Reyes,  
#955 - El Comandante, San Juan PR 924  
Phone: 1-787-769-2564

### **CARIBBEAN - ST. VINCENT**

#### **Chateaubelair - Hospital at Chateaubelair**

Medical team and construction teams needed: 1-2 physicians incl. family practitioner, pediatrician or internist; optometrist and dentist.

**Contact:** Dr. James and Linda Fields;  
jpfields@earthlink.net

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - COSTA RICA**

#### **Two major medical mission sites**

Two major medical mission sites are Centro Atención Integral Parálisis Cerebral Guadalupe (a day care center for clients with cerebral palsy and spina bifida) and Patronato Nacional de Rehabilitación Hogar de Rehabilitación in Santa Ana (a residential center for clients who suffer from polio and cerebral palsy). Both are in the San José area. Wesley Campus Ministry sets dates for volunteers according to the number of requests received who are available during a particular period relative to their university schedule; spring break is often the best time for volunteers.

**Contact:** Rev. Thomas R. Modd, Wesley Campus Ministry - 1113 Market St., Galveston TX 77550 USA  
Phone: 409/765-6587; WCMGalv@aol.com

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - GUATEMALA**

#### **Chichicastenango - Medical / construction mission** medical / construction mission

**Contact:** Carla González Ranero, UVMIM Coordinator  
Iglesia Evangélica Nacional Primitiva Metodista de Guatemala, 7a. Avenida 16-73, zona 5 - Apartado 125  
Quetzaltenango Guatemala  
Phone: 011-502-761-9985;coordinator@guatemalavim.org

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - GUATEMALA**

#### **Paquila - Boca Costa Medical Mission**

Medical teams are needed in 'The Boca Costa de Solola' area of Southwestern Guatemala. A group of medical clinics, both regularly scheduled and team based, maintained and staffed by Jim and Dianne Thompson, serve the Indigenous people of this area since February 4, 2003. The base clinic, in the village of Paquila, is about 1 ½ hours south of Quezaltenango and about 2 ½ hours west of Guatemala City.

The clinics draw from some 30 small villages. The population is Indigenous Mayan. The primary language is Quiche although Spanish is also spoken. The area, Boca Costa de Solola, is one of the poorest areas of Guatemala. It has the 3rd highest infant death rate and one of the highest maternal mortality rates. The climate is warm with coffee and banana trees, sugar cane, corn and rubber trees.

The clinic in Paquila is open every Friday and Saturday. The other clinic locations, about 4 in total, are open when medical teams are present. The critical need is for medical teams. Most teams are one week in duration with a minimum of one doctor and 2-3 support people per doctor.

**Contact:** Jim & Dianne Thompson, Medical Coordinators  
Guatemala; jodmthompson@hotmail.com

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - GUATEMALA**

#### **Camanchaj / Urbina - Salud y Paz clinics**

Clinics in Camanchaj and Urbina. 60-70 patients seen daily for medical and dental. Once a month, eyeglass component is added. Medical laboratory is being added; help required for laboratory.

**Contact:** Dr. Phil Plunk, (Medical Coordinator)  
Apartado Postal #65, Quetzaltenango 9001 Guatemala  
Phone: 011-502-217-1985  
pplunk@pctx.com or pplunk@xela.net.gt

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - GUATEMALA**

#### **Quetzaltenango - Medical/Dental Clinic**

**Contact:** Carla González Ranero, UVMIM Coordinator  
Iglesia Evangélica Nacional Primitiva Metodista de Guatemala, 7a. Avenida 16-73, zona 5 - Apartado 125  
Quetzaltenango Guatemala; Phone: 011-502-761-9985  
coordinator@guatemalavim.org

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - GUATEMALA**

#### **Coatepeque - Medical/Dental Clinic**

Projects involves setting-up and operating a medical/dental clinic in Urbina, on the edge of Quetzaltenango, in the western highlands of Guatemala, and/or in Coatepeque, in towns or villages near the coast, in the south of Guatemala. People from the surrounding areas will be invited to come to the clinic. Clinic functions will involve teamwork between medical and non-medical personnel from the United States and Guatemala.

**Contact:** Carla González Ranero, UVMIM Coordinator  
Iglesia Evangélica Nacional Primitiva Metodista de Guatemala, 7a. Avenida 16-73, zona 5 - Apartado 125  
Quetzaltenango Guatemala; Phone: 011-502-761-9985  
coordinator@guatemalavim.org

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - GUATEMALA**

Curamericas works to provide primary health care to 26,000 women and children in Guatemala. NEEDS: mission trip volunteers to construct a maternal birthing center and health centers.

**Contact:** Gladys Shanklin, Program Administrator  
Curamericas, 224 E. Martin Street, Raleigh NC 27601  
Phone: 919-821-8000; gladys@curamericas.org

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - HONDURAS**

#### **La Moskitia - Send Hope**

Send Hope is a 501c-3 non-profit organization focusing on ministry among the people of the La Moquitia Coast region of eastern Honduras, in particular: 1) short term medical, dental and construction trips; 2) providing food, clothing, school supplies to people; 3) bring children to the United States for medical care; 4) provide training for local pastors; and 5) helping students with their education.

**Contact:** Katrina Engle, Send Hope, Puerto Lempira  
Gracias a Dios Honduras; Phone: 011-504-898-7552

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - HONDURAS**

#### **Limon - Carolina Honduras Health Foundation**

Limon Clinic receives medical teams, health care workers, support/construction teams and individuals year-round.

**Contact:** Dr. Henry W. Gibson, PO Box 528  
Barnwell SC 29812

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - HONDURAS**

#### **The United Methodist Mission Church of Honduras**

The Methodist Church in Honduras receives medical (including dental and vision) teams to work with the The United Methodist Mission Church of Honduras.

Also needed is an individual to coordinate long-term medical mission ministries of the congregations of the United Methodist Mission Church of Honduras. Intermediate Spanish required.

**Contact:** Rev. Dan and Kathy Wilson-Fey, UMVIM Coordinators, The United Methodist Mission Church of Honduras, Apartado 30509 - Toncontin, Tegucigalpa Honduras, C.A.; Phone: 011-504-230-2721 (tel/fax), Phone 2: 011-504-232-2555 (h); wilsonfey@aol.com

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - HONDURAS**

#### **MAMA Project (Mujeres Amigas Miles Apart)**

welcomes medically oriented medical brigades and people for deworming and vitamin A distribution teams. Long-term volunteers also welcome.

**Contact:** MAMA Project, Inc., 2781A Geryville Pike,  
Pensburg PA 18073; mamaproject@enter.net

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - NICARAGUA**

#### **Managua - The Methodist Church of Nicaragua**

Seeks nurse of MD to work with persons in very poor areas of Managua, especially to promote the practice of preventive medicine.

**Contact:** Pastor Elmer A Zavala, Methodist Church of Nicaragua; el@ibw.com.ni

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - NICARAGUA**

Page 16 The Rainbow Network

### **www.rainbownetwork.org/ - Ciudad Sandino Managua**

The Rainbow Network provides medical services (needs especially dentists and ophthalmologists), public health support, housing, education and economic development assistance to their community. Teams may participate in these areas as well.

**Contact:** Peter D. Schaller, Rainbow Network, Ciudad Sandino, Zona #6, Managua Nicaragua; Phone: 011-505-269-7585; arcoiris@ibw.com.ni

### **CENTRAL AMERICA - PANAMA**

#### **Medical teams**

Medical teams are needed for indigenous areas including Potrero Palma/Cieneguita Health Clinic Bongo Health Clinic Guaymi Indian Villages Punta Mani. There is also a need for clean water for these communities.

**Contact:** Rev. Rhett Thompson, UMVIM Coordinator  
Evangelical Methodist Church of Panama; Phone: 011-506-618-2633; rhettj@cwpanama.net

### **EUROPE - ARMENIA**

#### **Lachin AGAPE Hospital**

[http://www.nccumc.org/missions/project\\_agape.htm](http://www.nccumc.org/missions/project_agape.htm)

**Contact:** Steve Taylor, the AGAPE project, P.O. Box 10955, Raleigh NC 27605 USA; Phone: 919-832-9560  
Phone 2: 1-800-849-4433; staylor@nccumc.org

### **EUROPE - BOSNIA**

#### **Dental team**

Dental team is requested to provide exams and offer basic dental. Hygiene lessons to refugee children and families are needed in the Zenica area. Donations of toothbrushes, floss, and toothpaste are requested along with supplies for dental exams.

**Contact:** Carol Van Gorp, GBGM Special Projects Coordinator, 70 Loch Muller Rd. - P.O. Box 156, Schroom Lake NY 12870 USA; Phone: (518) 532-7694  
Phone 2: 518 526 0112; carolvangorp@earthlink.net

### **EUROPE - GEORGIA, REPUBLIC OF**

**Contact:** Carol Van Gorp, GBGM Special Projects Coordinator, 70 Loch Muller Rd. - P.O. Box 156, Schroom Lake NY 12870 USA; Phone: (518) 532-7694, Phone 2: 518 526 0112; carolvangorp@earthlink.net

### **EUROPE - GEORGIA, REPUBLIC OF**

#### **Chalovani Village Community Development**

UMCOR's Chalovani Village Community Development & Cultural Interaction program needs persons to work in medical services, & public health education.

**Contact:** Carol Van Gorp, GBGM Special Projects Coordinator, 70 Loch Muller Rd. - P.O. Box 156, Schroom Lake NY 12870 USA; Phone: (518) 532-7694, Phone 2: 518 526 0112; carolvangorp@earthlink.net

### **EUROPE - GEORGIA, REPUBLIC OF**

### **Tbilisi Youth House**

A new project is in the works to provide Gender Equity Training with emphasis on AIDS/HIV/STD education for teens in Youth House setting.

**Contact:** Carol Van Gorp, GBGM Special Projects Coordinator, 70 Loch Muller Rd. - P.O. Box 156, Schroom Lake NY 12870 USA; Phone: (518) 532-7694, Phone 2: 518 526 0112; carolvangorp@earthlink.net

### **EUROPE - GEORGIA, REPUBLIC OF Zugdidi Youth House**

A new project is in the works to provide Gender Equity Training with emphasis on AIDS/HIV/STD education for teens in Youth House setting.

**Contact:** Carol Van Gorp, GBGM Special Projects Coordinator, 70 Loch Muller Rd. - P.O. Box 156, Schroom Lake NY 12870 USA; Phone: (518) 532-7694, Phone 2: 518 526 0112; carolvangorp@earthlink.net

### **EUROPE - GEORGIA, REPUBLIC OF**

Individuals with skills in teaching about HIV/AIDS/STD are sought to assist in training local Youth House staff and to assist in development of a curriculum for the youth who will participate. Initially, Youth House students will benefit from the classes and then these youth will be trained as Trainers and go to public schools in their community to provide the same training to their peers.

**Contact:** Carol Van Gorp, GBGM Special Projects Coordinator, 70 Loch Muller Rd. - P.O. Box 156, Schroom Lake NY 12870 USA; Phone: (518) 532-7694, Phone 2: 518 526 0112; carolvangorp@earthlink.net

### **EUROPE - GEORGIA, REPUBLIC OF**

Teams of youth (teens or college age) are requested by the Youth Houses to join the students in learning about HIV/AIDS/STD and exploring ways to communicate to their peers in the Republic of Georgia about this very global issue. This is both an educational and culture-sharing opportunity focused around the issue of HIV/AIDS/STD globally and locally. (June -August 2002).

**Contact:** Carol Van Gorp, GBGM Special Projects Coordinator, 70 Loch Muller Rd. - P.O. Box 156, Schroom Lake NY 12870 USA; Phone: (518) 532-7694, Phone 2: 518 526 0112; carolvangorp@earthlink.net

### **EUROPE - UKRAINE**

#### **Kiev - Kiev UMC**

This newly formed UMC has a ministry with Kiev street children under the guidance of Rev. Helen Lovelace. A medical missionary team is needed to help with these street children, who are in risk of super-resistant tuberculosis, hepatitis and AIDS. They also have extensive dermatological and dental needs. The Lovelace's have been in correspondence with Dr. Beth Valentine (evalentine@psu.edu) of the Central PA conf., who ap-

proached them about the possibility of a medical missionary team. A medical VIM team would be greatly appreciated.

**Contact:** Dr. Beth Lovelace; evalentine@psu.edu

### **MEDICAL RESIDENCY ABROAD -**

#### **In His Image**

International residency and training programs for Christian doctors in a wide variety of settings, with a particular emphasis on medically underserved locations.

**Contact:** Lauren Cruikshank; Phone: 918-493-7816 x.4 international@inhisimage.org

### **MIDDLE EAST - ISRAEL/PALESTINE**

#### **Four Homes of Mercy**

Physical therapists needed.

**Contact:** Bonnie Jones, UMVIM Coordinator, 9153 Yar-row St., Westminster CO 90021; Phone: 303-403-2325 bjg1232@aol.com

### **NORTH AMERICA - MEXICO**

#### **Chihuahua District - Pitorreal Clinic**

Medical teams sought

**Contact:** Rev. Javier Ríos, UMVIM Coordinator North Central Conference (Conferencia Norcentral) Chapultepec No. 1989, Colonia Hidalgo, Ciudad Juárez CP 32300 Chihuahua México; Phone: 011-52-614-415-7737

### **NORTH AMERICA - MEXICO**

#### **Tochimizolco, Puebla - Clinic**

Need: medical work teams, all year long. High Priority. Started 12 years ago, and is receiving only one medical team per year in a very poor community. Most families are women and children with real health needs.

**Contact:** Ms. Priscila Rojas Quintero, UMVIM Coordinator, Southeastern Conference (Conferencia Sureste) Calle 4 Pte. #311 - Col. Centro, Puebla 72000 Pue. C.P. México; Phone: 011-52(222)242-1895, Phone 2: 011-52(222)220-1326 (h); pris\_13@hotmail.com

### **NORTH AMERICA - MEXICO**

#### **Medical teams**

The Southeast Conference of Mexico seeks medical teams (nurses, dentists, physicians, surgeons) at multiple sites across the conference.

**Contact:** Ms. Priscila Rojas Quintero, UMVIM Coordinator, Southeastern Conference (Conferencia Sureste) Calle 4 Pte. #311 - Col. Centro, Puebla 72000 Pue. C.P. México; Phone: 011-52(222)242-1895, Phone 2: 011-52(222)220-1326 (h); pris\_13@hotmail.com

### **NORTH AMERICA - MEXICO**

#### **Tatoxcac, Puebla - Clinic**

Need: medical work teams, all year long. Surgery rooms and dental office, etc. exist for use. **Page 17**

High priority. Has surgical and dental space available.  
**Contact:** Ms. Priscila Rojas Quintero, UMVIM Coordinator, Southeastern Conference (Conferencia Sureste) Calle 4 Pte. #311 - Col. Centro, Puebla 72000 Pue. C.P. México; Phone: 011-52(222)242-1895, Phone 2: 011-52(222)220-1326 (h); pris\_13@hotmail.com

#### **NORTH AMERICA - MEXICO**

##### **Reynosa - Clinica Betania**

Complete Suregery room at this Methodist Clinic in downtown Reynosa.

**Contact:** Engineer Willie Berman, UMVIM Coordinator Eastern Conference (Conferencia Oriental), Río Elba #402, Col Fuentes del Valle, Reynosa Tamaulipas México; Phone: 011-52(899)-924-1091  
wberman@prodigy.net.mx

#### **NORTH AMERICA - MEXICO**

##### **La Joya & Tlalamac**

Medical volunteers for clinics

**Contact:** Jorge Alceron, UMVIM Coordinator Mexico Conference (Conferencia de Mexico) MARIANO MATAMOROS NO.33 - OZUMBA. EDO. DE MEX., MEXICO C.P. 56800 México; Phone: 011-52-5-979760184; jrg\_alarcon@yahoo.com

#### **NORTH AMERICA - USA - Alaska**

##### **Chugiak - Birchwood Camp**

needs camp nurse for summer camp programs.

**Contact:** Dave Kobersmith  
PO Box 670049, Chugiak AK USA; Phone: 907-688-2734; birchwd@alaska.net

#### **NORTH AMERICA - USA - Alaska**

##### **Wesley Rehabilitation & Care Center**

needs registered Respiratory Therapist for nursing home residents.

**Contact:** Judith Ann Martin, PO Box 430, Seward AK USA; Phone: 907-224-5241

#### **NORTH AMERICA - USA - Georgia**

##### **Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers**

Therapists to work with emotionally disturbed children/youth,

**Contact:** Vance Voinche, Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers, - 740 Fletcher Street, Cedartown GA 30125 USA  
Phone: (800) 648-1234, Phone 2: (770) 748-1500  
contact@murphyharpst.org

#### **NORTH AMERICA - USA - Kentucky**

##### **Mt. Vernon - Christian Appalachian Project Volunteer Program**

needs volunteer nurses for summer camp (2 overnight camps and 1 day camp).

**Contact:** Volunteer coordinator, Route 6, Box 43, Mt. Vernon KY 40456 USA

Phone: 800-755-5322; volunteer@chrisapp.org,

#### **NORTH AMERICA - USA - Kentucky**

##### **Red Bird Clinic**

can use volunteer physicians, nurses, lab technicians, dentists, dental hygienist, mental health counselors and substance abuse counselors willing to become licensed (if applicable) in KY for outpatient clinics for fill-in coverage for providers in a Primary Care/Health Care/Rural Health Clinic. Service for about 1 week or longer. Lodging, some meals provided.

**Contact:** Joel Medendorp, PhD, Clinic Administrator Red Bird Clinic - HC 69 Box 701, Beverly KY 40913 USA; Phone: 606-598-5135; health@rbmission.org

#### **NORTH AMERICA - USA - Oklahoma**

##### **United Methodist camping ministry**

United Methodist camping ministry needs volunteer nurses. Food & lodging provided; background check required.

**Contact:** Randy McGuire, 1501 NW 24th St., Oklahoma City OK 73106 USA,; Phone: 404-530-2016  
rmcguire@okumc.org

#### **SOUTH AMERICA - BOLIVIA**

##### **Curamericas www.curamericas.org**

Curamericas provides primary health care to 75,000 women and children in Bolivia. Is seeking mission trips volunteers to reconstruct a hospital in the highlands of Bolivia and to build a maternal center in the lowlands of Bolivia.

**Contact:** Gladys Shanklin, Program Administrator Curamericas, 224 E. Martin Street, Raleigh NC 27601  
Phone: 919-821-8000; gladys@curamericas.org

#### **SOUTH AMERICA - BRAZIL**

##### **Rio de Janiero - Evangemed**

Medical and Dental teams work with Dr. Wilson Bonfim in a mobile clinic attending people in small towns and villages, working through the local Methodist Church. Groups may also work at People's Central Institute in inner city Rio de Janiero, giving medical and religious assistance. Other areas for service include the Northeast, the Amazon, and Minas Gerais.

**Contact:** Dr. Wilson Bonfim, World Methodist Evangelism, Rua Marques de Abrantes 55 Flamengo, Rio de Janeiro RJ 22230 061 Brazil; Phone: 021 5573542  
wilsonbonfim@evangemedmail.zzn.com

#### **SOUTH AMERICA - CHILE**

##### **El Vergel Agricultural School**

Nurse Practitioner and a Veterinarian with dairy experience needed for El Vergel Agricultural School.

**Contact:** Fabiola Grandon Toledo, VIM Coordinator Luis Thayer Ojeda 2157 - Casa F - Providencia Santiago Chile

Phone: 011-56-2-269 2923; fgrandon78@vtr.net OR voluntarios\_proyectoschile@hotmail.com

### **SOUTH AMERICA - CHILE**

#### **Santiago - Medical Center**

Pediatrician sought for Medical Center in Santiago.

**Contact:** Fabiola Grandon Toledo, VIM Coordinator  
Luis Thayer Ojeda 2157 - Casa F - Providencia, Santiago Chile; Phone: 011-56-2-269 2923; fgrandon78@vtr.net OR voluntarios\_proyectoschile@hotmail.com

### **SOUTH AMERICA - CHILE**

#### **Iquique - Nurse**

Nurse needed at Iquique.

**Contact:** Fabiola Grandon Toledo, VIM Coordinator  
Luis Thayer Ojeda 2157 - Casa F - Providencia, Santiago Chile; Phone: 011-56-2-269 2923; fgrandon78@vtr.net OR voluntarios\_proyectoschile@hotmail.com

### **SOUTH AMERICA - CHILE**

#### **EMANA**

A UM related school, an institution of the Methodist Church of Chile in northern Chile requests volunteer dentists to come independently or with work teams which visit regularly. A fully equipped dental clinic has been donated but there are no dentists.

**Contact:** Rev. Santiago Castellon, EMANA, Casilla 832 Iquique CHILE; Phone: 011-56-57-412-718; Phone 2: 011-56-57-428-465; emana@entelchile.net

### **SOUTH AMERICA - PERU**

#### **Puerto Bermudez -**

**Contact:** Bishop Marcos Ochoa, Iglesia Metodista de Peru, Apartado 1386 - Paisaje Baylones 186, Lima 05 Peru; Phone: 011-51-1-424-5970; Phone 2: 011-51-1-447-4820; iglesias@speedy.com.pr

### **SOUTH AMERICA - PERU**

#### **Iquitos - Project Bushmaster**

Medical teams are sought for work in Iquitos at a school in an area of profound poverty. Medical and dental services are needed by children with no resources.

Also, medical teams can travel the Amazon by medical boat to provide medical services isolated villages on the riverbank. Common maladies include tooth infections, eye infections, parasites and lice.

**Contact:** Jimmy Ford, 437 Putemayo, Iquitos Peru  
Phone: 011-51-65-234099; willy@tucanlodge.com

### **SOUTH AMERICA - VENEZUELA**

#### **El Renuevo Global Ministries Medical Team Medical Boat**

Provide medical, dental and optometry care for 9 indigenous groups along the Caura River. Need 2 medical teams of 6 people each (1 doctor, 1 nurse, 1 dentist, 1 dental assistant, 1 optometrist, 1 paramedic.).

**Contact:** Grady Harmon, U.S. Contact El Renuevo, Global Ministries, 13376 CL Torbert Jr. Parkway, LaFayette AL 36862 USA; Phone: 334-864-9135, Phone 2: 334-864-0932; elrenuevo@charter.net

### **SOUTH AMERICA - VENEZUELA**

#### **Rural Area Orinoco-Delta (Town of Uracoa) - El Renuevo Global Ministries Medical Team**

Medical, dental and optometry care for 3 rural towns in Monagas State. 3 days clinic minimum. Need 1 medical team of 25-30 people (3 medical doctors, 3 nurses, 3 paramedics, 2 dentists, 2 dental assistants, 1 pharmacist, 4 pharmacist assistants, 1 optometrist, 1 optometrist assistants, 6 support team, 7 translators.). Also request Bible teacher. 9-day trip.

**Contact:** Grady Harmon, El Renuevo Global Ministries, 13376 CL Torbert Jr. Parkway, LaFayette AL 36862 USA; Phone: 334-864-9135, Phone 2: 334-864-0932 elrenuevo@charter.net

### **SOUTH AMERICA - VENEZUELA**

#### **La Urbana, La Felicidad, Payaipire & Pawipa, Santa Rosalia & Maripa - El Renuevo Global Ministries Medical Team**

Medical, dental and optometry care for 3 rural communities. 3 days clinic medium. Need large medical team (45-50 persons). Also request Bible teacher.

**Contact:** Grady Harmon, El Renuevo Global Ministries 13376 CL Torbert Jr. Parkway, LaFayette AL 36862 USA  
Phone: 334-864-9135, Phone 2: 334-864-0932 elrenuevo@charter.net

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## **SOURCES OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES**

### **4 H.I.M.**

PMB 177

1425 S. Santa Fe, Suite D, Edmond, OK 73003

His Healing Helping Hands International Ministries, also known as 4 H.I.M., currently operates a small warehouse for the collection of in-kind donations of medical supplies of all types and various other resources which enable teams to meet the needs of local and global communities. For specific questions regarding medical supplies, contact Sandy Orchard RN at sandyo@4-him.net. For more information: www.4-him.net where you can fill out an application for needed medical supplies and view a partial listing of our current medical supplies.

### **Blessings, International**

Harold C. Harder PhD, 5881 S. Garnett, Tulsa, OK 74146  
Phone: 918/250-8101, Fax: 918/250-1281

info@blessing.org, Website: www.Blessing.org

Offers a wide selection of prescription and over the counter medicines, including vitamins. Also has medical supplies. Small equipment items such as thermometers, stethoscopes, sphygmomanometers, ophthalmoscopes, nebulizers. Dental needles and medicines, but no dental supplies or equipment. Does not handle large **Page 19**

equipment.

Dr Harder, the director, is a pharmacologist, and can advise on drug selection and therapeutic choices.

Contact them for an application form and current lists of available drugs and supplies

Prescription drugs can be ordered by any health professional with US prescribing privileges

#### **CHOSEN Mission Project**

Rich Thomas, 3638 W. 26th St., Erie, PA 16506

Phone: 814/833-3023, Fax: 814/833-4091

rich@chosenmissionproject.org

Website <http://www.chosenmissionproject.org>

Deals with large medical equipment, particularly sterilizers and steam boilers, and hospital equipment such as operating room tables and lights. Limited hospital supplies. Limited X-ray equipment.

Remanufactures or rebuilds all of their equipment. Offers technical advice about installation and maintenance, and instruction in infection control measures. Charges 18% of fair market value, plus shipping.

#### **Christian Dental Society**

P. O. Box 296, Sumner, Iowa 50674; Phone & FAX:

563-578-8887; [cdssent@iowatelecom.net](mailto:cdssent@iowatelecom.net)

[www.christiandental.org](http://www.christiandental.org)

The Christian Dental Society has portable dental equipment that can be rented. This equipment is available to current CDS active membership.

#### **Glasses for the Masses**

Fairview UMC, 2505 Old Niles Ferry Rd., Maryville, TN

37803; 865/983-2080; [http://www.fairview-](http://www.fairview-umc.org/index.htm)

[umc.org/index.htm](http://www.fairview-umc.org/index.htm)

(Receives donated glasses, labels with prescription, makes them available to mission teams.)

**Dr. Ed Hagan**, 114 Morningside Dr., Sylvania, GA 30467

Phone/fax: 912/564-2173, Fax: 912/564-9349

(Has access to 2 dental units, including chairs, and dental equipment for use by teams)

#### **Hampton Research & Engineering, Inc.**

Dr. William Harris, President, 2670 West Interstate 40, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73108; Phone: 405-232-5103;

FAX: 405-232-5104; Email: [hampdent@swbell.net](mailto:hampdent@swbell.net)

Source of Portable Dental Equipment at discount: (They work very closely with developing specialized portable dental equipment for Dr. Ron Lamb and his World Dental Missions Warehouse, and with the Christian Dental Society)

#### **Interchurch Medical Assistance, Inc.**

Paul Derstine, Pres., Don Padgett, R.Ph., Pharmaceutical Svcs Dir., P. O. Box 429, New Windsor, MD 21776;

Phone: 410/635-8720, Fax: 410/635-8726

Contact person: Patty Ditzel [imainfo@interchurch.org](mailto:imainfo@interchurch.org)

[www.interchurch.org](http://www.interchurch.org)

Has extensive stocks of donated and purchased drugs and medical supplies. These can be ordered by an MD with a DEA number. Contact IMA, request a current list of available drugs and supplies and an application form.

IMA also has available their Medicine Box, which is a pre-packaged, ready to transport unit of WHO recommended drugs.

IMA also has a Medicine Box program that allows churches and other groups to purchase over the counter

products and send them to IMA, where

they are repackaged, checked for dating, supplemented and sent to overseas locations.

IMA can also handle larger sized and container shipments on request.

#### **International Aid**

##### **Myles Fish, president,**

Chuck McMillan, Mission Resource team leader,

17011 W. Hickory, Spring Lake MI 49456-9712

Phone: 616 846 7490 Fax: 616 846 3842

[ia@internationalaid.org](mailto:ia@internationalaid.org) [www.internationalaid.org](http://www.internationalaid.org)

International Aid provides and supports solutions in health-care in response to Biblical mandates. International Aid

also works with qualifying partner agencies to provide containerized Gift-in-Kind products for health-related projects.

Major source of medical equipment. Has a staff of trained biotechnicians who refurbish and check out medical and dental equipment. Will take orders, then contact when equipment becomes available and has been refurbished.

Provides technical training for operators and repair technicians, both on site and overseas. Contact Mark

Heydenburg for further information

Has donated medical and dental supplies, some prepackaged kits, limited pharmaceuticals. Contact them for list and ordering information

Has a Mission Resource Center, which allows missionaries to order personal care items, medicines and medical supplies via walk-in or mail order

Also has Lab in a Suitcase, a battery or solar powered self-contained complete laboratory, including microscope, centrifuge, which can do basic chemistries, hematology.

Development continues on testing modules for 3 prevalent diseases. Contact them for description and pricing.

**James G. Diller, M.D., Medical Mission Services Foundation**, 3123 Kenwood Blvd., Toledo, OH 43606

Phone / Fax: 419-531-1111 Email:

[james.diller@verizon.net](mailto:james.diller@verizon.net) [www.dillermedicalmission.org](http://www.dillermedicalmission.org)

Resources medical personnel by specialty, as well as medicines, medical equipment and supplies in NW Ohio.

**King Benevolent Fund, Inc.**

Art Yannucciello, Operations Manager, 1119 Commonwealth Ave., Bristol, VA 24201; Phone: 276 466 3014 or

800 321 9234, Fax: 276 466 0955

Provides a variety of short-dated medicines, both prescription and OTC, from many sources for distribution by missionaries. Drugs must be ordered by an MD/DO. A Mission Supply Request Form must be obtained on-line from

[www.kingbf.org/supplyrequest.htm](http://www.kingbf.org/supplyrequest.htm) or Roger Boe MD, UMF/HCV, 208 234 4159, [boeroger@ida.net](mailto:boeroger@ida.net), or from Rev Nick Elliott, [sejinfo@umvim.org](mailto:sejinfo@umvim.org), and filled out and sent to King at least 2-3 months before trip. An inventory list and details of the ordering process will then be sent to you.

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#### **International Medical Resources (IMR)**

2200 Glynco Parkway, P.O. Box 215000, Brunswick, GA 31521-5000; Contact: Customer Services Phone: (912)265-6010, Fax: (912)265-6170; email: [custsrv@map.org](mailto:custsrv@map.org), Website: [www.map.org](http://www.map.org)  
Has pharmaceuticals and medical supplies by individual request. Orders require the signature of a licensed practitioner (MD; DO; PA, etc.) Contact MAP for an order form and instructions. All libility forms are also available on the website.

- MAP offers the Travel Pack, a prepackaged unit of essential drugs and supplies ready for transport by air. Check the website or contact MAP for the latest contents and pricing. Phone: (912)265-6010 ext. 6665 or email: [prepack@map.org](mailto:prepack@map.org).

- Customized and larger volume orders can be processed from a list of available inventory upon individual request also.

- In addition, an extensive list of European generics can be ordered for shipping only to your mission site. They cannot be shipped to a US address.

#### **Medical Bridges, Inc.**

Patricia Brock MD, pres, CP Hodges director  
(street address: 2919 Dupree, Houston TX 77054)  
PO Box 300245, Houston TX 77230; Phone 713/748/8131 Fax 713/748 0118; Web site [www.medicalbridges.org](http://www.medicalbridges.org), [drpattibrock@medicalbridges.org](mailto:drpattibrock@medicalbridges.org)  
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(receives and distributes medical supplies and equipment from Atlanta area hospitals)

#### **James G. Diller, M.D., Medical Mission Services Foundation**

5555 Airport Highway Ste. 145, Toledo, OH 43615  
Phone 419-531-3111 Fax: 419-891-2345  
Email: [Dcroci@mco.edu](mailto:Dcroci@mco.edu), [www.dillermedicalmission.org](http://www.dillermedicalmission.org)  
Resources medical personnel by specialty, as well as medicines, medical equipment and supplies in NW Ohio.

#### **Northwest Medical Teams**

Tammy Kurtz, P. O. Box 10, Portland, OR 97207-0010  
800 959 HEAL <http://www.nwmti.org>  
Sends teams and volunteers to many locations. Also has available medical supplies and small, non-electrical medical equipment, some dental supplies, limited pharmaceuticals. Has basic kits of supplies. Contact them for ordering information.

#### **Project 20/20**

**Nevin Robbins**, Emmanuel UMC, 2404 Kirby Rd. Memphis, TN 38119-6606 <http://www.emmanuelmemphis.org>  
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Kerrville Texas Rotary Club, Morning Foundation  
Jack A. Thurmond, M.D., 206 Spring Mill Dr.,Kerrville, TX

78028 Phone 830-896-0226

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- A-Scan

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Dental Missions Warehouse  
Dr. Ron Lamb, President, P. O. Box 747, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 74013-0747, Phone: 918-251-2612  
FAX: 918-251-6326 [dentalreliefinc@aol.com](mailto:dentalreliefinc@aol.com)  
[www.dentalrelief.com](http://www.dentalrelief.com)  
(Usually 15% of value charged plus shipping; occasionally Just shipping charges for some items.)

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## **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

We are not using one of the facilities that THE KNOCK has to offer as we should. That facility is the section called Future Medical Teams. This is where the teams that are planned for the near future are listed.

Putting these listings in the newsletter accomplishes several things. It shows the scope and variety of our ministry. It also gives our other readers a reference of information for their future planning and persons who will have firsthand knowledge of executing missions in the listed areas.

Also, it is a valuable tool for recruiting team members for the listed teams.

When you are planning a mission, contact your jurisdictional coordinator who is listed on pages 21 and 22 of this issue, with the details of your mission. You should supply the area to be visited, the dates of departure and return, and the type of mission.

Some missions are only medical, others are combinations of medical, construction, evangelical and other types of helpful and needed activity.

Give the name and address of the person who can be contacted for information about the mission, either before or after the mission is completed.

There is a very important duty to be done when the team returns. It is very important that the story of the mission be told and published in THE KNOCK. Each mission that serves is writing a chapter in the history of our movement and our denomination. It is very important that the chapter you write is told and told accurately.

The team leader should either write this or assign some other team member this responsibility. It is the team leader's responsibility that it be written.

Each issue of THE KNOCK is placed in one of several archives so that it can be read by future generations.

Thanks for all you do in His name.

Mike Watson, MD, Editor

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Matthew 10:8 (CEV)

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