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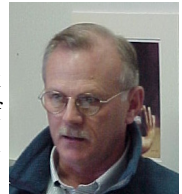
Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify Your Father Who is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

May/June 2008

New LMM Chairman Announced

Ray Smith, PhD., assumed the position of Chairman of the Board for Lumiere Medical Ministries, Inc. during our annual board meeting April 12-13, 2008 in Gastonia, NC. Smith replaced outgoing chairman Dr. Ed Miedema, a urologist from Lincolnton, NC who, along with his wife Christie, have remained selfless supporters of this ministry since 1980. Ed and Christie have been active supporters of the ministry for more than 20 years as missionaries to Haiti and short-term volunteers.

For more than 30 years Dr. Smith and his wife, Cathie, P.T., have remained active in international medical ministries, both in the field and in myriad board and staff positions. Hank Haskins says, "We are excited to welcome Dr. Smith back to the board. The wealth of experience and energy he brings to our ministry will serve us well." Dr. Smith is a professor at Bryan College in Dayton, TN where he is Director of MBA programs. The Smith's reside in Ooltewah, TN.



Ray Smith



Artie Cooper

In other board action, Dr. Artie Cooper, D.D.S., was tapped as the Chairman-elect, Gordon Russell as the new Treasurer and Brian Taule as Secretary. Two new board members were welcomed: Dr. Bruce Trefz, D.D.S, and Marshall Bandy, Esq. They were elected to three year terms.

Project Updates:

Replenish 2008 Update

MinistryDeals.com

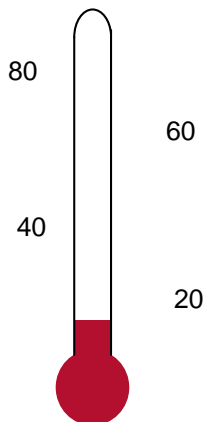


BEING BLESSED BY OUR FRIENDS

JUNE 1—SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

Response to our recent appeal through the mail has been amazing and humbling! We can't wait to see what God will do during the 100 days set aside to "replenish the coffers" for the work He has called us to accomplish. Thank you for your prayers and your sacrificial gifts.

GOAL: \$100,000



As of June 18, 2008: 18%

Reminder: you can do your shopping online and a portion of your purchases will be donated to LMM. It's fast, easy, and it won't cost you anything to participate. Many national chains and well known businesses are participating and in many instances you receive special offers for supporting our ministry online. Go to MinistryDeals.com and select the Missions block; scroll down and click on Lumiere. You will then enter the online mall of companies to make your purchases. That's it! The proceeds will be forwarded to us. You **can** make a difference!



I would like to make a positive difference in the lives of those who are truly underserved

- I will pray for LMM and those whom they serve
- Enclosed is my gift \$ _____
 - Where most needed (allows LMM to fulfill the most urgent needs and respond as required).
 - Designated _____
- How can I include Lumiere Medical Ministries in my estate planning?



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Volunteers In Action

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 704-823-0271
To schedule your team for a rewarding trip that could change a life forever!

Steve and Debbie Nelson, former missionaries to Haiti, recently led a team to Bonne fin to serve at Hopital Lumiere and with the Community Health Clinic. Team members were Steve and Debbie, Donna Marquardt, and Barbara and Michelle Corl, all from Gastonia, NC. Steve was born in Haiti and his father, Dr. Dudley Nelson, was the first doctor at Centre de Sante Lumiere. "It was good to be back among friends," Steve says.

Debbie says, "Nannie Hester, LMM guesthouse manager in Bonne fin, took us shopping and talked to us about life in Haiti as she bargained for food and interacted with the ladies in the market. We "lost" Steve as he got distracted carrying on his own conversations with the people. He enjoyed his walk back up the mountain (an hour's hike) with some of the locals."

"Sunday was a fun day as Erick, a Haitian from Community Health, took us to Dubois church, a 7 mile ride (60 minutes) further up the mountain. We were overwhelmingly received and Steve delivered the message in Creole on the two commandments: Love God with all your heart...and love your neighbor as yourself. We finished with a meal cooked by ladies of the church. It was a great time of fellowship."



Their week was spent going to a prenatal clinic, assessing the needs of the pharmacy at Hopital Lumiere, visiting the children in the pediatrics ward, praying with patients, and giving out gifts they had brought. Debbie said, "The time in Haiti was very rewarding. We felt we were used as encouragers of those that are continuing to be steadfast to the Lord."



Unfortunately the team was caught in Haiti during a time of civil unrest. "Our truck caught fire on the way to Cayes. Nannie called to Cite Lumiere and another mission group sent out a vehicle to pick us up. The next morning we were loaded into the back of another truck and taken to the Cayes airport. We had no further problems until we got to the PAP airport and found that our American Airlines flight to Ft Lauderdale was cancelled. A Haitian helped negotiate tickets for the next day and we were given vouchers for food, transport, and lodging. The next day we finally arrived in Miami, flew to Atlanta (late) and missed our connecting flight to Charlotte. After spending a night in the Atlanta airport we arrived home safely on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. However, we are thankful to the Lord for His intervention at each point and to all those He used to make this trip possible" Debbie reports.

Dr. Artie Cooper, a Gastonia, N.C. dentist and LMM Board Member, and his daughter, Courtney, traveled to Haiti in April. Artie and Courtney were in Haiti during the same manifestation (demonstration) in which the Nelson's were caught. The rising price of food and gas is cost prohibitive during any normal time; most recently the Haitians have demonstrated because things have gotten much worse. The Cooper's and Nelson's had to pass through roadblocks of burning tires filling the streets, gunshots, flight cancellations, etc.



The manifestation began in Cayes where the Cooper's were volunteering at Centre de Sante Lumiere dental clinic and hospital. "We had to travel by motor bikes on back trails from the airport to the hospital. We often heard gunshots and the UN helicopters and although we were in a safe area, the situation was still worrisome. Through this situation God laid it on our hearts to focus on our work and trust Him to take care of us," said Courtney.



Even though they were in the middle of a civil uprising, they performed 71 procedures over a period of four and a half days. "God provides" is a common phrase among Christians and it is one that gained greater meaning for my father and me on our third trip to Haiti. Throughout the whole time we were constantly reminded to fully trust God." said Courtney.

After many delays and cancelled flights the Cooper's were able to depart Cayes and return home to Gastonia. "In every situation, we were challenged to trust God, and in every situation when we trusted Him, He did provide."

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