

Happy 90th Birthday!

On June 17th Lumière Medical Ministries pioneer, Dr. Edward S. "Buddy" Whitesides, celebrates his **90th birthday** and is still going strong and showing no signs of "retiring". He and his wife Margaret are enjoying their time between the Carolina coast and their farm that keeps "Buddy" busy. Somehow he also finds time to remain active on LMM's board.



At King's Hospital Dedication (Dec 2010) He can also be found in his garden planting, hoeing and harvesting vegetables; or perhaps he is on his tractor sowing fields, or mowing and baling hay to supplement the feed for the beloved horses! The fall will find him harvesting trailer loads of pecans from his orchard.

Dr. Whitesides' legacy to the Haitian people would be his desire to bring a mission approach to medicine and not just a philanthropic effort. It is important to him that the Haitians understand that the help he and his associates brought to Haiti would not have been possible without the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ. This was best demonstrated as the anxious throngs watched the Hospital of Light become the most modern, innovative hospital in Southern Haiti. He realized that the hospital would not survive for the long-term without a support organization to sustain a logistical pipeline, raise operating funds and recruit short-term Christian volunteers who would deliver quality health care to a suffering nation. Thus on February 25, 1987 Lumière Medical Ministries was established and today remains committed to **"sharing the Love of Christ with the people of Haiti."**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. BUDDY!

1978 Interview excerpt:



"Orthopaedics have been traveling to underprivileged countries to perform services for about 30 years, but that work was not always done under a missionary setting. I wanted to combine my work with a missionary setting."

January 1997: A new outpatient clinic at Hôpital Lumière was dedicated in honor of Dr. Whitesides. A portrait and a plaque bearing his name hangs there today. His comment:

"There were too many other people involved in this thing to put only my name on it. The reason they're hanging my picture in the lobby is to keep the roaches out."



December 2010:

Dr. Whitesides participates in the ribbon cutting at King's Hospital in Port au Prince, Haiti. This modern three story, 32 bed facility has two operating suites.



LMM VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

- Dr. Amilcar Exumé and his daughter, Dominique, are serving at King's Hospital and Garden June 4-23.
- Park Street Church, Boston, MA, is planning a trip to Kings July 13-20.
- August 1-8: Calvary Baptist, Charlotte, NC is sending a team to CME in Cayes-Jacmel.
- Medical and work team volunteers are needed at all four locations. Interested?
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April Board Meeting Brings Changes



Artie Cooper

Dr. Artie Cooper, DDS, has served as our Board Chairman since April 2009. Artie's long time support of LMM covers the spectrum of our ministry. From serving as a short-term volunteer to presiding over our board he has made a positive impact in the lives of many and positioned this ministry for the opportunities that come our way.

Dr. Henry Thomason, Jr. MD, was elected as our new Board Chairman at the April meeting. Henry is a retired cardiologist whose ties to LMM date back more than 20 years. He has served on the LMM board since 2011, and looks forward to his tenure as chairman.



Henry Thomason, Jr.



Karen Willis

Karen Willis, RN, is our newest board member. She has a heart for missions to Haiti and has been supporting our ministry for more than twenty years through her church, First ARP in Gastonia. Karen has held myriad positions of responsibility in the nursing and healthcare community. She is currently the Center Manager and Program Director for PACE of the Southern Piedmont in Charlotte, NC.

Running for the Water:

The *Run 4 Haiti Team* ran from Greensboro, NC to Charleston, SC on Memorial Day week-end to raise funds for water purification systems in Haiti. The Run4Haiti Teams have logged hundreds of miles crossing the Carolinas, Georgia, Virginia and D.C to support this worthy cause.



"Lumière Pour les Aveugles" (Light for those who are blind)

In April, LMM Missionary Dirk Martin was responsible for the Orientation and Mobility (O&M) portion of a seminar for blindness rehabilitation instructors who work for The Haitian Society for the Blind (SHAA). The workshop was held in Port-au-Prince, and for three days the 14 participants reviewed and practiced various



Dirk giving instructions about the practice route



Dr. Richard Long with one of the SHAA instructors

techniques used in O&M, spending a good bit of time out in the neighborhood with a blindfold and white cane. Dirk was happy to have his friend and mentor, Dr. Richard Long, come and help with the workshop. Karen helped with translation and logistics.

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