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Evangelical Medical Aid Society

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Message from... EMAS Chair



Dr. Hendrik Visser
Lifeline Malawi Mobile Clinic

As summer draws to a close, we look forward to the coming fall, our 60th anniversary, and the new fiscal year, which will be exciting times for the EMAS family. We will celebrate our rich past and I look forward to renewed inspiration for the future. New partnerships are being formed, programs such as student electives are being revamped, and our Board has

been refreshed with three new Board members bringing their unique gifts and passions to the table. I am looking forward to what we can accomplish together for the Kingdom.

We will begin the new season with our **60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner** on **October 4th** and I encourage everyone, who is able, to attend. Not only will we premiere our new video, but I am looking forward to interviewing *Dr. Bob Stephens* about EMAS' vibrant history; and later in the evening, I anticipate being stirred to make a difference for the Kingdom as *Dr. Arul Anketell*, the Asia leader of *Healthcare Christian Fellowship* (a deeply spiritual and passionate man), shares from his life and ministry. He is a great role model to me and I believe he will bless us with his message.

Our **Team Leader's Retreat** is scheduled for **Oct. 3–Oct. 5**, the same weekend as

the *Anniversary Celebration Dinner*, and we will be thinking outside the box about ways to make our international development work more sustainable. We want to see our teams leave a lasting change after their departure, not only in health infrastructure, but spiritually as well. Our new *Director of Development*, *Michael Wills*, will lead us in that discussion. He has extensive experience in economic development. *Dr. Anketell* will be our devotional speaker for the weekend.

New partnerships, renewed mentoring of students and young physicians, and a new vision that broadens our mandate to approach healthcare from a truly biblically holistic way, are all part of an exciting strategic plan that we worked on at our January visioning retreat. *I pray that those dreams and that vision will become reality as we partner together—supporters, missionaries, and leaders—to advance the cause and name of Christ to the ends of the earth.*

Hendrik Visser, M.D.
Chairman of EMAS Board

Don't miss EMAS' 60th Year of Ministry Celebration

Sat., Oct. 4, 2008–6:30 pm

You are invited to attend our **Gala Dinner Event** celebrating EMAS' 60th year of service. Our theme for the evening is *"Medicine and the Cross"* and our main speaker will be Dr. Arul Anketell of



Healthcare Christian Fellowship Sri Lanka. We will also be exploring some of the history of EMAS together, aided by booklets and visual presentations. Seating is limited so purchase your tickets early, by contacting the EMAS

60th Anniversary Gala Event

office or going to our website at: www.emascanada.org/online donations. Click the "Donate Now" button and select "Gala Event" from the drop-down menu, under Funds Designation. The ticket price for this event is \$75. (Ticket sales will close on September 30, 2008)

A special group rate is available at the Holiday Inn Select. Details will be sent to you with your ticket.

We look forward to sharing this special time in the history of EMAS with you.

EMAS Partners with The Sharing Way in Kenya.

We are pleased to announce that EMAS, *The Sharing Way* and *Health Partners International Canada (HPIC)* have formed a partnership to support several dispensaries operated by two Kenyan church organizations.

In November, I will accompany Drs. Paul and Debbie Zeni from Georgetown to visit four dispensaries near Machokos, Kibwesi, Kigumu and Thika, in eastern Kenya. We will assess the immediate and long-term needs of the dispensaries, administer medical care to patients and provide training and other support to the dispensary staff. *HPIC* will provide medications in the form of *Physician Travel Packs*.

Paul is Co-chief of Surgery & Anaesthesia at Georgetown Hospital while Debbie is a family physician who specializes in Obstetrics and Paediatric General Surgery. Paul and Debbie are now actively fund-raising for the \$7,000 needed, and we invite your prayers and financial support as they prepare for their first visit to Africa.

This is the first time EMAS has worked with *The Sharing Way* which is the relief and development arm of *Canadian Baptist Ministries*. *The Sharing Way* has a wide range of development projects throughout the world and they have supported these organizations in Kenya for over 40 years. One of them, the Africa Brotherhood Church, has over

one million members in 715 churches and operates 284 primary schools, 54 secondary schools and 60 polytechnics as well as a network of dispensaries. The other organization, African Christian Churches and Schools, has about 200 thousand members in 150 congregations and also operates dispensaries.

We are very excited about this opportunity to partner with *Canadian Baptist Ministries* and to support the Lord's work in these indigenous church organizations, and particularly thankful for Paul and Debbie's enthusiasm in responding to this new challenge.

Michael Wills
Director of Development

Welcome new Board Members

EMAS is fortunate to always have talented people serving on the Board. Year after year, we seek God's direction for the future of this ministry. We would like to introduce our newest Board members who will be bringing fresh ideas and new talent to the table as we move toward the future that God has for EMAS.

Emile Woo MD is a clinical instructor in the Department of Surgery at the University of British Columbia. He also has a B.Sc. in Pharmacy and is adjunct professor for the Faculty of Applied Science. His special areas of interest include—thyroid cancer and biomedical engineering. He has also co-authored a book on paediatric general surgery. Emile has participated on medical missions trips in China and elsewhere and serves on a committee for the Tapestry Foundation. *f*

Ebenezer Nsengiyumva is a certified general accountant who lives and works in Mississauga, Ontario. He is experienced in internal audit policies, programs and investigations and also in financial controls and processes. As well as bringing international experience to the Board, Ebenezer has a Bachelor of Religious Studies from the University of Natal, South Africa, and a Bachelor of Commerce from Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya. *f*



Christine Malmberg is a clinical pharmacist working with the University Health Network in Toronto. She holds a Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Toronto and a B.Sc. from the University of British Columbia. Christine has conducted research for several new drug submissions and has worked on a global health economic model dealing with the treatment of HIV/AIDS. She also serves, as a volunteer, on the Medical Advisory Committee for Health Partners International Canada. *f*

Walking *by* Faith *in Haiti*



El Shaddai Health Centre, Architect Site Plan

EMAS is blessed to work with many extraordinary people and communities around the world whose faith and commitment is daunting.

One of these communities is the El-Shaddai Church Community in Bon Repos, on the outskirts of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Although one of the poorest countries in the world, this community is so passionate about its need for a Community Health Centre that it has already raised *an astounding \$20,000 from its own people*. They have started to build, using volunteer labour. They have total faith that the rest of the estimated \$300,000–\$400,000 needed will be found. Haiti has only one doctor per 10,000 people and the El-Shaddai Church community has set a goal of establishing facilities for childhood immunization, prenatal care, infant nutrition, dental hygiene and primary

healthcare. Dr. Pierre Plourde has been working with the pastor of El-Shaddai Baptist Church since 1982 and has taken teams there annually since 2004. He has also been involved in mobilizing help from a Winnipeg architect and from others as well.

EMAS has already sent \$10,000, and more funds are needed urgently to maintain progress and keep pace with the community's efforts.

Please consider what prayer and financial support you can offer for this amazing community.

Reaping God's Blessing!

Here's an opportunity for you to reap of God's bountiful blessings by sowing into the Kingdom. Please prayerfully consider supporting the work of EMAS and its vision:

Healing Today...Teaching for Tomorrow, and for Eternity

For your convenience, we have enclosed a response card, which you can fill and mail to our National Office. ***We thank you in advance for your faithfulness.***

Student Elective Elective Elective

In response to a need expressed to many Board members, EMAS is once again providing *bursaries for medical students* who are doing electives overseas (*one bursary per student*).

Physicians who experience missions first-hand, during training, often develop a lifelong affinity to overseas work, either for long-term career missions or short-term missions. As mentors for the upcoming generation of physicians EMAS feels strongly that these cross-cultural experiences should be encouraged. To this end, *funds are available to all healthcare students* who are able to arrange an elective overseas or join an EMAS team. The amount available depends on the duration and location of the overseas elective. For further information, please contact the EMAS office.

info@emascanada.org

EMAS Missions Teams 2008—2009



EMAS sponsors medical and dental missions teams, to work in specific locations overseas. New members are always welcome to join these teams. Those approved through the application process are sponsored by EMAS. They are expected to raise funds equal to the expenses incurred on their behalf. For more information, visit our website at: www.emascanada.org/MissionTrips

Contact: Justina Chan
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Oct. 30–Nov. 7: China East

Dalian team. Rural work in Dalijia Hospital

Contact: Justina Chan
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Nov. 8–19: China South

Surgery team (dates tentative).

Contact: Dr. Lawrence Lau
drlawrencelau@yahoo.ca

Nov. 16–27: China South

Post-op team (dates tentative).

Contact: Dr. Lawrence Lau
drlawrencelau@yahoo.ca

2008

Sep. 11–Oct. 1: Malawi

Team to Lifeline Malawi
Contact: Hendrik Visser
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Sep. 27–Oct. 4: Congo

Teaching at Christian Medical College and involvement with Kinshasa Medical conference.
Contact: Murray Nickel
murray_nickel@yahoo.ca

Oct. 17–25: Dalian, China East

Contact: Justina Chan
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Oct. 26–Nov. 10: China Guangdong

Medical/dental (team full); lectures visits to factories and migrant camps.
Contact: Dr. Winston Chow
wswchow@hotmail.com

2009

January: Cuanca, Ecuador

Orthopaedic and dental team (10 days). Exact dates pending.
Contact: Dr. Tom Greidanus
tjgreidanus@shaw.ca

Feb. 7–22: Vietnam

Medical/dental team (2 weeks).
Contact: Dr. David Neima
dneima@hotmail.com

Mar. 30–Apr. 10: China South

Dental team
Contact: Walter Woo
wscw77@yahoo.ca

Mar. 28–Apr. 8: Malawi

Visit orphanages (dates tentative).

Contact: Bob Henderson
drbob@nonieandpapa.ca

May 10–21: China South

Surgery team arrives Kunming on Sunday and departs Thursday, May 21 (dates tentative).

Contact: Dr. Lawrence Lau
drlawrencelau@yahoo.ca

May 18–Jun. 3: China South

Post-op team arrives Kunming on Monday and departs Wednesday, June 3 (dates tentative).

Contact: Dr. Lawrence Lau
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Aug. 6–22: China West

Ningxia medical/dental team
Contact: Dr. Ian Ma
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Aug. 19–31: China West

Gansu and Qinghai trip
Contact: Dr. Ian Ma
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October: Vietnam

Medical/dental team; exact dates pending.
Contact: Dr. David Neima
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Oct. 16–31: China East

Suzhou and Xiamen regions. Main teaching team needs paediatricians, sub-specialists and paediatric nurses.

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