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Message from... EMAS Chair

Are you a healthcare worker who might be willing to join or start an EMAS Team? Do you know someone who you might invite to come overseas with us?

I am appealing to you to offer your services and to invite your friends or colleagues to join a team. **I guarantee that it will change lives**—and one of those lives changed will be **yours!**

As you will see from this issue, we have a wide range of opportunities for service—from countries as different as Zimbabwe and India, Tanzania and China, Uganda and Guatemala. Would you consider giving two weeks of your time to start or join one of these teams? Whether you are a doctor or a nurse, an occupational therapist or a pharmacist, a dentist or an administrator, the chances are that we have a place for you. If you are not a healthcare worker, please mention these opportunities to your doctor or the nurse that you run into once in a while, they will be thankful to you for thinking of them.

On a team, you may find yourself saving the life of a haemorrhaging mother or assisting with surgery that allows a young man to walk again. You may find a home for a girl abandoned at a clinic, as one of our team members did recently. You may find yourself referring a mother in labour to a hospital where she would never have been admitted otherwise. You will empower local doctors and nurses by your teaching, your presence and your love. And as it says in Isaiah 58,

"if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness and your night will become like the noonday!"

Hendrik Visser, M.D.
Chairman of EMAS Board

Answering The Call

"Go Ye into All the World... (Mark 16:15)"

Please consider the following opportunities and spread the word to your colleagues.

India—Doctors needed to train hospital staff. **Nursing instructors needed** for Nursing School. Timing flexible. 2-3 weeks suggested.
www.emascanada.org/recruitmentindia.htm

Zimbabwe—Specialists needed (OB/GYN, Orthopaedics, Urology and Cardiology) to train colleagues. 10-day mission in Feb./12.
www.emascanada.org/recruitmentzimbabwe.htm

Uganda—Team members needed: doctors, nurses, pharmacist, PT, dentist and hospital administrator. Aug. 15–Sep. 2 and Sep. 5–21/11 mission, near Fort Portal.
www.emascanada.org/recruitment_uganda.htm

Tanzania—Family doctor & nurse needed. Exploratory/assessment trip for a new project near Musoma, by the Serengeti. Timing flexible. 1-2 weeks suggested.
www.emascanada.org/recruitmenttanzaniateam.htm

Guatemala—New small team needed (family doctors and nurses) to treat rural poor near Rabinal, Baja Verapaz. Timing flexible. 2-3 weeks suggested.
www.emascanada.org/recruitmentguatemala.htm

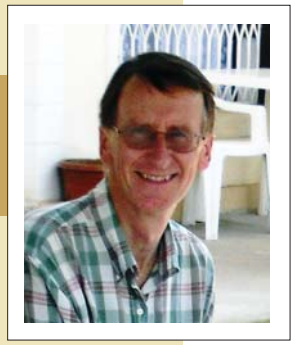
China East—psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, OTs, psychologists, social workers and recreational therapists, for Oct./11 team.

China South—needs PTs, OTs and speech pathologists Nov./11.

Guangdong—Needs family physicians/Internists, dentist and assistants, dental hygienists and pharmacist, for Nov./11.

For more information, *contact Mike Wills,* ***mwills@emascanada.org***

Message from... the Executive Director



EMAS Strengthens Board.

We are very pleased to welcome the following new Board members:

- **Christine Lancing**, an independent consultant and previously Executive Director, Programme Development and Evaluation, Health Partners International of Canada;
- **Edmond Smith**, a lawyer with Aird & Berlis in Toronto who also serves as a member of the Board of Governors of Opportunity International Canada and a member of the Board of Directors of Sanctuary Ministries of Toronto; and
- **John Fenton**, a chartered accountant who has served on the Boards of numerous Christian charities including Yonge Street Mission and the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

We are very grateful to our new and existing Board members for their service, their skills and their commitment to EMAS.

Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC) Certification.

The *Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC)* has just conferred on EMAS its ***Seal of Accountability***, following a review of our governance, policies and procedures. The Seal demonstrates that we meet or exceed CCCC`s standards and that we are faithful stewards who give appropriate account of our finances and activities to donors, other charities and organizations, the larger public, programme beneficiaries, and governments.

The Standards go beyond governance and risk-management and also emphasize the advancement of Christianity. They direct Christian ministries to consider and evaluate who their beneficiaries are, and their effectiveness and efficiency in carrying out both the Great Commission and the command to *"love your neighbour."* At the same time, the public and particularly donors and potential donors will find the CCCC Standards to be an effective benchmark when evaluating the worthiness of a ministry and when comparing EMAS to other organizations.

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.***

EMAS *CANADA* accredited by the Canadian Council of Christian Charities.

The Seal of Accountability

indicates that you can give confidently knowing that this charity adheres to high standards and is operating with integrity.

The CCCC Standards

1. The charity has a declared doctrinal position expressing a commitment to the Christian faith.
2. The charity has an independent, active governing Board.
3. The charity has an independent audit of their financial statements.
4. The charity will provide their financial statements to any person upon request.
5. The charity has an audit review committee that reports to the Board.
6. The charity carries on their activities with the highest standards of integrity.
7. The charity has a declared stewardship policy which affirms, among other things, that no person receives a commission based upon gifts received by the ministry.
8. The charity has a programme to monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of the organization's activities.
9. The charity respects the privacy of the beneficiaries of their ministry and has a Code of Ethical Fundraising.

www.cccc.org

Community Development in Uganda

When we first sent a medical team to work with a clinic near Fort Portal, in the far west of Uganda, the team found that about **80% of the diseases they were treating were preventable**—unsafe water, poor sanitation, limited use of anti-malarial bed nets and ignorance about basic hygiene and healthcare were the factors responsible; so **the team felt compelled to try to address those issues,** and last year, took on a number of initiatives in addition to treating patients. We trained Village Health Teams and Traditional Birth Attendants. We visited schools and talked to the teachers and students about basic hygiene; and we commissioned a report on water usage and supply in the communities served by the clinic.

Walkathon for Uganda
Toronto Fundraising Event
Jun 11, 2011
Contact: mwills@emascanada.org

The report shows that:

- 71% of the people in the community use water from unprotected sources (untreated water from rivers);
- 74% of people complain about the poor quality of the water; but because of limited options, they drink it anyway;
- in 59% of households, collecting water is the children's responsibility;
- more than 60% of households have more than eight people per household; so providing adequate water to such households would require either a nearby water supply or adequate storage on-site (e.g. rainwater tanks); and
- there is an abundance of rivers and streams that could be captured to provide a gravity flow water supply system, if funds could be raised.

Our next challenges are to raise the money to install a gravity flow water system for the community, and to explore what we might do to address the high incidence of malaria.

If you'd like to be a part of this work please mark your donations as being for Uganda.

We'll keep you posted!

"Take My Healing to the Nations."

EMAS CANADA

National Conference
for Christian Healthcare Workers

October 28 & 29, 2011
Toronto, Ontario

Plenary Speakers
Dr. Tony Campolo
Dr. Nicholas Comninellis
Toni Dolfo-Smith

Luncheon Speaker
Dr. Jean Chamberlain

Advancing Christ-centred healthcare in Canada and abroad.

Registration
Please register on-line or contact:
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info@emascanada.org

www.emascanada.org/nationalconference.htm

Gifts of Hope

Truly Meaningful Gifts

Many people around the world lack things which we often take for granted. Consider giving a gift that will truly make a difference in someone's life—
a gift of healing, a gift of education, a gift of life's most basic necessities.

A "Gift of Hope" can change a life and last a lifetime.

Please prayerfully consider making a significant impact in someone else's life.
For gift selection, please visit: www.emascanada.org/giftsofhope.htm.

Gift cards are available. Pamphlet can be downloaded.

May God bless you richly for your generosity.

Student Elective Elective Elective

To encourage cross-cultural experiences, EMAS provides *bursaries for medical students* doing electives overseas *(one bursary per student)*.

Funds are available to all healthcare students who are able to arrange an elective overseas or who join an EMAS Team. The amount available depends on the duration and location of the overseas elective. For more information, contact the EMAS office at info@emascanada.org.

2011 Missions Teams

EMAS welcomes new members to its teams. We make every effort to ensure that you have a positive experience with us. For more information, visit our website at:

www.emascanada.org/missiontrips.htm

On-line Newsletter

EMASsary...is available

delivered to your e-mail in-box. To be added to our e-mail mailing list, please sign up at:

www.emascanada.org/emassary.htm

or check the appropriate box on the enclosed card. Print your e-mail address clearly and mail to the **EMAS *CANADA*** *National Office.*

Thank you for helping **EMAS *CANADA* save on costs.**

2011 Missions

Jun. 30–Jul. 13: China West—Ningxia medical mission. Contact Dr. Ian Ma at themas@telus.net.

Jul. 12–20: China West—Qinghai medical mission. Need ophthalmologist, optometrists, ophthalmology nurses, family doctors, dentists, dental assistants, dental hygienists, nurses, public health educators and pharmacists. Contact Dr. Ian Ma at themas@telus.net.

Aug. 15–Sep. 2: Uganda—Team to RAMBIA Health Centre near Fort Portal. See *www.emascanada.org/recruitment_uganda.htm*. Contact: Dr. Paul Zeni drpzeni@gmail.com or Dr. Debbie Zeni drdzeni@gmail.com.

Sep. 5–21: Uganda—Team to RAMBIA Health Centre. See above.

Oct. 8–23: Vietnam—Medical/dental missions team. GP's, optometrists and dentists needed. Contact Dr. David Neima at dneima@hotmail.com; in Canada, contact Fr. Tien Tran at frtran@hotmail.com.

Oct. 22–Nov. 5: China East—Urban teaching team. Suzhou and Xiamen region. Pediatric and mental health conferences. Contact Justina Chan at ernestjustina@yahoo.ca.

Nov. 6–17: China South—Surgical team in need of OR nurses, dentist, audiologists, instrument specialist and speech pathologists. Contact Dr. Lawrence Lau at drlawrencelau@yahoo.ca.

Nov. 13–26: China South—Post-op team in need of ward doctor, OT/PT and general help. Contact Dr. Lawrence Lau at drlawrencelau@yahoo.ca.

2012 Missions

Feb. 13–26: Haiti—Medical/dental team. Need GP's, internists, nurses, dentist, PT, OT and school teachers. French-speaking preferred. Contact Dr. Pierre Plourde at pplourde@wrha.mb.ca.

Jul. 7–22: Vietnam—Medical/dental missions team. GP's, optometrists and dentists needed. Contact Dr. David Neima at dneima@hotmail.com; in Canada, contact Fr. Tien Tran at frtran@hotmail.com.

Rebuilding Haiti

Run For Haiti
Fundraising Event, Oct. 23, 2011
www.handinhandwithhaiti.org/?page_id=10

Shortly after the Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake, the El-Shaddai church community started moving heaps of rubble and began rebuilding. A small church/hurricane shelter was built and a temporary school shelter for the El-Shaddai Primary School and

Feeding Centre. They are now focused on the construction of more permanent, earthquake and hurricane resistant, school, church and clinic buildings—the El-Shaddai Ministry Centre. eMi (Engineering Ministries International) has drafted building plans which address all of these needs and this amazing Haitian community has the skills necessary to build it, in stages, over a seven-year period.

They need our help. Please consider contributing to this building project.

Please Help Re-Build Haiti.

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Many thanks to all who make it possible for EMAS to:

"Answer The Call"

Help us reach out to a hurting world. Please send a cheque to the *EMAS* office, or donate on-line at *www.emascanada.org/donations.htm*

May God bless you richly for your faithfulness!