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As 2010 draws to a close, I am extremely thankful for the generosity of all our faithful donors. Without your loving financial support, our outreach ministry could not continue.

Thank you so much.

Of course the needs around the world are ongoing, and we are again offering our **"Gifts of Hope"** as a way of giving meaningful Christmas gifts. I hope you and your family will take this opportunity to add special meaning to your Christmas giving. Browse through this issue or check the EMAS CANADA website for the gifts that resonate with your heart's desire to help.

The coming year promises to be an exciting one for EMAS and we look

Message... from chair

forward to your continued prayerful and financial support. In the spring, we are planning a *cross-Canada promotion tour* to challenge healthcare workers to become global in their perspective and to take up the cause of international health and medical missions. Please pray that we will be able to reach practitioners in the various disciplines, as well as students, so that we can respond more effectively to the needs around the world. We get requests almost on a daily basis to help somewhere in the world but we are limited by our ability to recruit medical volunteers. Our ability to respond to disasters is also limited and we hope to grow that capacity. Please pray that the hearts of doctors and nurses, and other allied health workers, will be touched to respond to our plea to help.

As previously mentioned in *EMASsary*, our first national conference for Christian healthcare workers is scheduled for next fall—October 28 and 29. The theme is **"Take My Healing to the Nations"** and I am excited because we not only have

great speakers lined up, but participants will be encouraged by the worship and challenged by the stories and videos from the field. There will also be great workshops for healthcare workers in the various disciplines. Please pass this issue on to your own healthcare professionals and encourage them to attend, or refer them to the EMAS CANADA website.

All of this is in addition to all of our teams preparing to return to the field. You can find the team schedule in this issue. To those of you, who faithfully pray for our teams, thank you and please continue to intercede. My recent team to Malawi definitely could sense the prayers of folks at home. We work under very difficult conditions on these teams and are in so much need of your prayers.

In closing, I wish the entire EMAS family a rich Christmas season as you celebrate with family and friends the birth of the One who is truly the hope of the nations.

Hendrik Visser, MD
EMAS CANADA Chair

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Please see the gifts listed in this issue of *EMASsary* or visit www.emascanada.org/giftsofhope.htm for the complete list of tax-deductible gifts. **"Gift of Hope"** can be ordered on the enclosed donor card.



A Gift that Can Change a Life

As we plan our festivities this season and jot down our Christmas gift-giving list, let's remember those who are less fortunate in the world and include a **"Gift of Hope"** on our list. Let's give a gift that will truly make a difference in someone's life—**a gift of healing, a gift of life's most basic necessities.**

EMAS Making a difference in...



Haiti



Temporary housing for the El-Shaddai School and Feeding Centre.

The destructive earthquake that hit the Port-au-Prince region on January 12, 2010 killed 200,000, injured 300,000 and left 1.5 million homeless. The assistance provided by EMAS CANADA was the only support the *Bon Repos* community received. Mass food distributions were organized by our Haitian partners.

The El-Shaddai community church, which housed the primary school, the feeding centre and healthcare clinics, was destroyed by the earthquake. To accommodate the children, a temporary school and feeding centre has been built, using wooden frame structures, tarps and metal roofing. Two boreholes were drilled to provide safe drinking water for the school and a latrine has now been installed. They've also built a security wall around the construction site of the future community centre, which is to include a church/hurricane shelter, a primary school, a feeding centre and a healthcare clinic.

The latest EMAS team visit was run as a teaching clinic. Many new skills were acquired. Supplies, pharmaceuticals and toys were left behind. We also worked, with Haitian teachers, to enhance the curriculum of the primary school. Two high school students set up a soccer program with new gear brought in from Winnipeg. Meetings were held with architects and engineers to draft concept drawings for the proposed community centre.

Approximately \$500,000 in funding will be needed, over the next three years, to bring this project to completion. The anticipated benefits to this local community are immense. Financial contributions will continue to be used to empower the local community and to bring hope to the Haitian people.

For more detailed information on our Haiti project, visit www.emascanada.org/haitireport.htm

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Ecuador



Dr. Tom Greidanus showing patient X-rays.

Many lives are completely changed, as we perform numerous orthopaedic surgeries and give patients increased mobility. We also do follow-ups with patients we operated on the previous year.

We perform many club feet surgeries on children and hip/knee replacements on adults. Our dentists and their assistants provide care for poor children in rural schools while we teach at the local medical school. Dental equipment has also been donated.

Dr. Tom Greidanus
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Indonesia



The lack of proper roads in certain areas makes it impossible for many people to obtain even basic services such as healthcare and education beyond elementary school. EMAS teams are building relationships with the medical and dental faculties at the University of Jakarta to bring assistance.

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Vietnam



Treating patients in Vietnam

Serving in several provinces, the Vietnam team treats thousands of patients, setting up medical clinics, performing eye surgeries, dental care, dispensing medications, eye glasses, food and clothing.

Over 500 heart surgeries on children have been sponsored by the EMAS

team. There is still a long waiting list. The team also supports a doctor at a charity clinic. They have given grants to four people to undergo chiropractic training and funded their chiropractic clinic in Battambang, Cambodia.

Many thanks to all team members and donors who make these trips possible.

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Philippines



Project Mabuhay

The team serves in Ilo Ilo, at the Western Visayan hospital, where they treat patients, perform surgeries, teach, and donate drugs, supplies and equipment. Patients were also treated in Caticlan and Batangas. Type of treatment includes audiology, ocular, ENT, head and neck. Their last mission was an ambitious undertaking and was successful in caring for over 1,700 patients. Our thanks go to Dr. Fermin and his hospital team for their support.

Dr. Hugh Parsons
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Cuba



We continue to bring Christian healthcare workers together for fellowship and learning experiences. This coming February we hope to be back with a team to help develop volunteering in palliative care.



Dr. Garcia in Cuba.

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May God bless you richly for your faithfulness!

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Plenary Speakers

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Pastor, speaker, author, sociologist and activist

Dr. Nicholas Comninellis
Founder of INMED

Toni Dolfo-Smith
Director, Living Waters Canada

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For more information, visit our website at:

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Mark your calendar!

Healthcare Workers' Conference



EMAS Making a difference in...



Uganda



Ugandan woman sewing to generate an income.

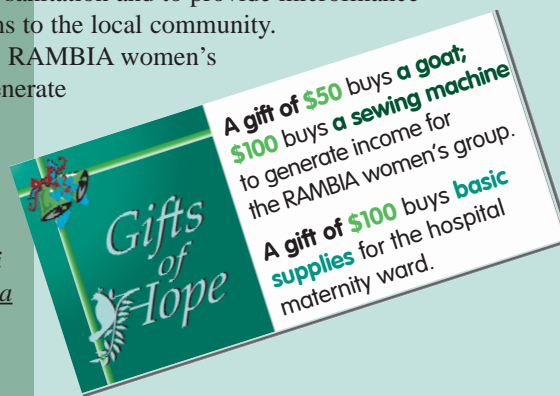
We are working with an indigenous NGO which runs a small hospital in the foothills of the Rwenzori Mountains. They have recently built a maternity ward and in 2010 we cared for patients and worked to strengthen the staff's ability to deal with deliveries, while training Traditional Birth Attendants and Village Health Workers. The maternity ward is in much need of basic supplies, such as sheets, blankets, receiving blankets, etc.

We are also supporting local initiatives to improve water and sanitation and to provide microfinance loans to the local community.

The RAMBIA women's

group could use our help to generate income for the local women. A sewing machine or a goat would go a long way to assist this group.

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Congo



EMAS helps train competent doctors by providing mentors for young French-speaking Congolese medical graduates. We need mentors to share their knowledge in various areas of expertise such as surgery, OB/GYN, paediatrics and internal medicine, discussing case studies by e-mail. Feel free to contact us for more information.

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Liberia



Liberian children

A church in Vancouver has put together a team to spend a month in Liberia, early next year, under the auspices of EMAS. They will be working with the Liberian Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention. The focus is maternal and infant health in rural areas and training of Liberian healthcare workers on these issues.

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Malawi



Malawi outreach.

Lifeline Malawi Project

In collaboration with Lifeline Malawi, the EMAS team makes a contribution in a number of areas—providing hands-on medical care in village clinics, assisting with training of local medical personnel to improve quality of care, equipping local pastors/leaders in preventative teaching

and providing spiritual support. The team also aims to improve the local healthcare delivery infrastructure including upgrading a primitive thatch clinic to a brick structure with a steel roof.

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Disaster Relief

EMAS sends out medical/humanitarian relief teams to assist the victims of devastating circumstances and natural disasters when the situation permits. We need doctors, nurses, grief and spiritual counselors to sign-up for disaster relief readiness. For more information, see www.emascanada.org/disasterrelief_mainpage.htm

Please donate to the “Disaster Relief General Fund” to help us respond quickly to assist victims when disaster strikes.

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Disaster Relief

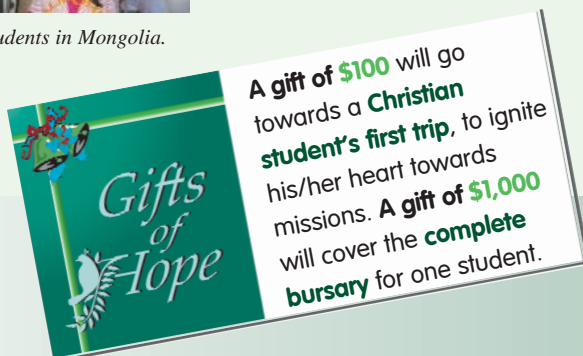


Student Electives



Teaching students in Mongolia.

EMAS sponsors Christian medical and dental students, who feel called to the mission field and meet EMAS’ approval criteria. You can contribute to their mission trip by donating to the **Student Mission Fund**. A great number of lives could be touched for God through a young missionary.



Reaping God's Blessings!

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

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

For your convenience, we have enclosed a response card, which you can fill out and mail to our office, or donate on-line at:

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**We thank you in advance
for your faithfulness.**

EMAS Making a difference in...



China South



Ophthalmology team.

Yunnan Project

EMAS teams in this region include surgery, dental, medical, psychiatry and ophthalmology teams. Clinics are held in remote villages and at the local hospital. The teams treat patients and teach at the nursing school. Funds are still needed for the medical and community psychiatric care teams.

*Dr. Lawrence Lau
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The dental team treats children at elementary schools and teaches them oral hygiene. Most people never see a dentist, in this region. Dental problems are widespread.

*Walter Woo
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Kunming Project

The China South team makes a difference in children's lives by operating on injuries, burns, cleft lips, cleft palates, congenital deformities etc. Corrective surgery can change someone's life. Funds are needed for hospital charges, equipment, medication, hospital food, the rehab program and the local prosthesis factory.



Girl with cleft lip.

*Dr. Lawrence Lau
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Guangdong

In China's richest province, millions of people live below the poverty line. Healthcare benefits are not available to factory workers and villagers. The Guangdong team serves factory workers and villagers in the southern part of the province in an attempt to meet their needs, both physically and spiritually. The team also participates in the Family Practice Residents' Training Program at our Christian partner clinic in Macau.



Dental team in Guangdong.

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Training Physicians of Faith is essential for generations to come.





China East



Huangji clinic

Suzhou and Xiamen referral teaching hospitals. Other teaching activities include—Neonatal Resuscitation Program, community psychiatry workshop, dental teaching and ESL. They also offer spiritual support to local Christians through home visits, counseling and joint-ventures with local churches.

Rural Team

Serving in two township hospitals and rural clinics in the LiaoNing and JiangSu provinces, this team shares knowledge in medicine, nursing and dentistry, to help improve the quality of care in healthcare facilities. They also offer assistance with pharmaceuticals, hospitals (building and equipment) and healthcare costs for the poor.

Urban Team

Conducting two accredited national/provincial conferences in pediatrics and mental health, in



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China West



Yushu clinic in tent.

Ningxia, Gansu and Qinghai Projects

Most people in the mountainous regions live in extreme poverty and are in desperate need of medical aid. Seeking to be vessels of restoration, the China West team performs cataract surgeries and medical/dental services. They teach local doctors, dentists and key health educators at local schools to bring lasting impact to numerous lives. Over the past 20 years, they have established 14 EMAS hospitals and have cared for over 2,000 patients in this region.



May God give us a willing heart to bring restoration to people's lives, using the skills He has given us.

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Living Water Project

This area has a critical water shortage. Over the past 20 years, EMAS has established nine "Living Water" projects, bringing safe drinking water to village households in this region. We've helped reduce water-borne infections by providing new reservoirs, cisterns and water pipes (nine water projects in total). Monuments have been publicly displayed, proclaiming "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst again."

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EMAS 2011 Missions Teams

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CHINA SOUTH SURGERY TEAM

EMAS sponsors medical/dental missions teams, to work in specific locations overseas. New members are welcome to join. The team composition is determined by the team leader. Those approved 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.htm

2011

Jan. 13–24: Ecuador—Cuenca, orthopaedic surgery. Contact Dr. Tom Greidanus at tjgreidanus@shaw.ca.

Jan. 15–27: Philippines—Ophthalmology team to Dumaguete needs ophthalmologist with experience in ECCE cataract surgery. Contact Dr. Hugh Parsons at hughmparsons@canada.com.

Jan. 20–Feb. 20: Liberia—Maternal and infant health in rural areas, working with the Liberian Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention. Contact Mike Wills at mwills@emascanada.org

Feb. 4–18: Philippines—Medical teaching team. Contact: Dr. Vargas at drvargas777@yahoo.com.

Feb. 12–27: 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; in USA, contact PaulDinh Nguyen at pauldinh@ymail.com.

Feb. 15–22: Haiti—Medical/dental team (dates to be determined). Need GP's, internists, nurses, dentist, PT, OT and school teachers. French-speaking preferred. Contact Dr. Pierre Plourde at pplourde@wrha.mb.ca.

Apr. 21–May 5: China South—Dental team to Zhongdian and Yunnan, visiting 1,000 children. Contact Walter Woo at wscw77@yahoo.ca.

Apr. 29–May 14: China East—Dalian and Huangji rural team needs psychiatrists, psychologist, psychiatric nurses, paediatricians, paediatric nurses, dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant and interpreters. Contact Justina Chan at ernestjustina@yahoo.ca.

May 8–19: China South—Surgical team, in need of OR nurses, dentist, audiologists, instrument specialist and speech pathologists. Contact Dr. Lawrence Lau at drlawrencelau@yahoo.ca.

May 15–28: China South—Post-op team, in need of ward doctor, OT/PT and general help. Contact Dr. Lawrence Lau at drlawrencelau@yahoo.ca.

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.

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.

Many thanks to all who make these trips possible.



Recruitment Corner

Nurses Urgently Needed in Haiti Due to Cholera Outbreak

Teams of 3 nurses (IV preferred) are required starting Nov. 22 onwards for periods of 2–4 weeks, to care for increasing number of cholera patients, at the Eben Ezer clinic near Cap Haitien. French/Creole skills a bonus but not necessary. Contact Michael Wills at mwills@emascanada.org

Medical Team Needed for Musoma, Tanzania

Two family doctors and two nurses needed to hold clinics in Musoma and nearby villages. Timing is flexible but the mission is anticipated for August–September 2011. The mission will be two weeks at most.

The proximity of Musoma to the Serengeti

makes it very easy for team members to go on a safari before or after the mission. For more information please contact Michael Wills at mwills@emascanada.org, or visit www.emascanada.org/recruitmentanzaniateam.htm

Disaster Relief Team Members Needed

EMAS sends out medical/humanitarian relief teams to assist the victims of devastating circumstances and natural disasters in collaboration with Medical Teams International (MTI) of Portland, Oregon. We are looking for doctors, nurses, grief and spiritual counselors to sign-up for disaster relief readiness. For more information, contact Mike Wills at mwills@emascanada.org, or visit www.emascanada.org/disasterrelief_MTI.htm

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