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## THE 18TH ANNUAL CAHO SPRING CONFERENCE *REFRESHING OUR CALL*

**April 25-27, 2008**  
Spring Arbor, Michigan

*"Come to me, all you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light."*

*Matthew 11:28-30*  
(Good News Version)

### CONFERENCE GOALS:

- 1) REFRESH OUR VISION OF OUR PLACE IN GOD'S CALL
- 2) PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE WORK OVERSEAS—INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS

### EXPECT:

- 1) FORMAL PRESENTATIONS
- 2) DISCUSSIONS
- 3) INTERACTIONS WITH FRIENDS

### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

#### Friday, April 25

Spring Arbor University, Ralph Carey Forum

7-7:30 p.m. Registration

7:30 p.m. Conference Opening

*Medical Missions: A Specialty? A Call?*

**Albert Snyder, MD, FACS,**

Missionary Surgeon to Rwanda, Author,  
and CAHO President Emeritus.

#### Saturday, April 26

Free Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall.

9-9:45 a.m. Registration

IKAWA—ICAYI (coffee-tea)

9:45-11 a.m. *What Is Our Call?*

**Rev. Mark VanValin,** Pastor

Spring Arbor FMC

11-12 noon *Walking Out Our Call, Part 1*

*Serving God and Caesar*

**Ambassador David Rawson**

Former Ambassador to Rwanda,  
Missionary Kid, PhD., and Professor of  
Political Science at SAU

12 noon Group Photo

12:30-1:45 p.m. LUNCH—FM Church

1:45-3 p.m. *Walking Out Our Call, Part 2*  
*Panel Discussion\**  
SAFMC Chapel

3-3:15 p.m.: Break and Refreshments  
SAFMC Fellowship Hall

3:15-4:30 p.m.: *Walking Out Our Call, Part 3*  
*Panel Discussion\**

5:30-6:30 p.m. SUPPER  
Spring Arbor University  
Ralph Carey Forum

7-8:30 p.m. *The Call In Action*  
*Reports From The Field*  
SAFMC Chapel

#### Sunday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Worship  
Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church

10:30-11:30 a.m. *How Then Should We Live?*  
**Dr. Stanley Thompson**

12 noon: DINNER AND CLOSING  
Spring Arbor University  
Ralph Cary Forum

\***panel discussion** will involve directed questions to 6 couples, with audience participation. Participants will be given the questions 1 month prior to the conference for reflection.

Please make your reservation with Ruth Rupert at the FM Foundation (800-325-8975, ext. 807). If you want a reservation at the Hampton Inn (Jackson) we can get the FMF discount until April 1. Sorry that leaves very little time. Please call now. If you need help after working hours, please call Al Snyder at 517-750 2778.

If the Hampton Inn is booked, alternatives include the Country Inn and Suites (3506 O'Neill Dr., Jackson, 800-456-4000; I-94 exit 137), Holiday Inn (breakfast not included), Country Hearth, Fairfield Inn and Baymont Inn.

If you are making your own arrangements for lodging, that is fine, but please let Ruth know about the meals you will be present for. We also can find a few places with church people locally. If you are staying with friends, Ruth also needs that info.

**Please make all contacts with Ruth as soon as possible. You can always come to the CAHO Conference at the last minute, but for meals, we need reservations by Tuesday, April 22.**

**Arriving by air?** There is now an airport shuttle bus from Detroit Metro Airport to Jackson. The bus arrives every 2 hours at the Holiday Inn (Jackson). If you make arrangements with Ruth, we can meet you in Jackson and get you to your motel. The shuttle bus information is as follows:

**Michigan Flyer**

[www.MichiganFlyer.com](http://www.MichiganFlyer.com)

Telephone 1-888-MI-FLYER or (888)-643-5937

You can obtain tickets at Metro Airport ON THE BUS. Shuttle bus is \$20 per person or \$30 per two persons together. Bus fares can be paid on the bus, but it is a little better to have reservations for the bus prior to arrival at Detroit.

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**CONFERENCE RESOURCES**

(available at the conference):

The Call, Os Guinness

Weeping May Endure For Night "A Call" pages 81-86, Al Snyder

"I Was Never Called", Dick Hillis

"If I Could Live My Life Over (It's Never Too Late To Adjust Your Priorities)", Robert Boardman

"Let Us Run With Perseverance The Race Marked Out For Us", Henry Blackaby

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**NEWS**

**Dr. David and Linda Crandall, Ruth Rupert, Dr. Dan and DeeAnn Snyder, Al and Louise Snyder** went to Kibogora in January. We came home in February. On Sunday morning, February 3, we were pretty uneasy when an earthquake of 6.3 on the Richter scale began shaking southwest Rwanda. Fortunately, none of the Kibogora Hospital buildings showed any damage. Crandalls and Ruth also visited Hope Africa University and Kibuye Hospital in Burundi.

**From Sheila:** I had concern when I saw the Rwanda Bishop's estimate of needing \$32,000. John Hally had visited several churches and said that wouldn't be enough. The gov't now says that all churches have to be rebuilt with cement and have, in fact, closed several churches in Kigali for the same reason. It seems there were over 40 chapels and the Kamembe church fairly badly damaged, mostly roofing that fell in. I hadn't realized that there were that many churches down at that end! But the ones John saw were fairly badly affected. The gov't and others have been assisting some of the homeless, of course, but many of the buildings in Kamembe itself are said to be dangerous. Two pastors cannot live in their homes as they are too badly damaged and more than 1700 other homes, of our church only, are badly or completely ruined. They had several other quakes over a couple of weeks, so each time more damage was done.

**Dr. Bruce and Judith Young** will be going for another short term at Kibogora, leaving September 2, 2008 and returning the last day of April 2009. They will be taking their three youngest kids with them. Daughter Clare will stay for schooling at John Brown University in Arkansas. This is about the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> trip for the Youngs, beginning back when Bruce was a medical student. We are so grateful to Bruce and Judith for all the times they have helped fill in at Kibogora.

**David and Kathy Fryman** and girls are back at their home in Indianapolis. Kathy has just finished her chemotherapy and things are looking optimistic. Keep praying for the Frymans.

**Mary Beth York** has also returned to SW Michigan.

**Insert:** This is a new information page on our Sponsor-a-Bed program at Kibogora. Thanks to Ruth Rupert who made rounds with the hospital chaplains, took photos, and produced this new information sheet. Sponsor-a-Bed is becoming a valuable asset to the funding that the hospital still offers to all who cannot pay for their care.

The essay enclosed represents my efforts to describe what struck me the strongest when going back to Kibogora this time.

**Al Snyder**



New isolation first floor  
(looking from the "old" NB clinic)

HOPE TO SEE  
YOU AT THE  
CAHO CONFERENCE  
APRIL 25-27, 2008  
SPRING ARBOR,  
MICHIGAN!