

Friends, can it be that summer has slipped by and we are now into the fall months? If so, it is time to put summer fun behind and face up to the opportunities awaiting us. So what are those opportunities? Well number one, make plans for the last weekend in April of 2009 for the CAHO CONFERENCE in Spring Arbor, MI. Second, ask yourself if it is time for you to make plans to do a short-term stint in one of our mission hospitals. I wish I could say you will need to hurry before someone else gets the time you wanted, but it seems we can always use people and their various talents. There are needs in Haiti, Burundi, and Rwanda. All of these have lovely warm climates, some more lovely than others, however. As the mission population decreases, most places still have plenty of housing. THANK GOD FOR SHORT TERMERS. They are becoming our lifeline.

In the August 8, 2008 issue of the *Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons*, pages 10-15, there is an excellent article titled **"The Surgical Workforce Crisis in Africa: A Call to Action."** It begins, *"It is hard to imagine a more pressing issue facing the global surgical community than ensuring the training and education of an adequate and equitably distributed surgical workforce. Currently, the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that there is a global shortage of 4.3 million health workers, with an estimated shortage of 1 million in Africa alone. Africa bears 25 percent of the global burden of disease with only 2 percent of the world's workforce and an even smaller proportion of this workforce is represented by surgeons."*

Our CAHO hospitals can use Surgeons, Internists, Ob-Gyns, and Pediatricians. The work is there. Fortunately, World Medical Mission keeps sending their people to Kibogora, but never too many.

GRAND OPENING!

From the *Kibogora Hospital Newsletter*.

In October or November we hope to have the opening of our new isolation ward. Hopefully, this will coincide with a visit from a Komera Project representative from Wolverhampton, U.K. as this group funded most of the first floor of the building. The upper floor that houses the pharmacy and stock area has been functioning since July. Half of the \$120,000 needed to complete the whole building has been given.



Isolation Building

DOUBLE YOUR MONEY!

The Young Foundation has offered to match up to \$20,000 in donations towards the new and much needed building to replace the antiquated isolation ward at Kibogora Hospital. The building will also consolidate the pharmacy and stock areas. The building is well on its way to completion "on faith" and we have raised \$10,275 thus far towards the matching grant. Where else can you find such a tremendous return for your investment, especially in these times?

SAD NEWS

Rwanda Bishop Emeritus Aaron Ruhumuriza passed away on July 11, 2008 in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. He died from a stroke followed by a heart attack. He was 67. His three sons, John, Ebenezer and Victor, and daughter Joy, were able to make it there in time for the funeral and to stand by their mother, Edith, during this time of extreme sorrow. A nice photo and tribute by FM World Missions appears on their website at: <http://freemethodistchurch.org/sections/leadership/stories/bishop-ruhumuriz.shtml>. If you do not have access to the internet you can let me know and I will send you a black and white copy of what appears on the website. Edith Ruhumuriza's address is 107 Pietermaritz ST. 37 Jac.Ldg. Pietermaritzburg 3201 Rep So Africa.

Rev. Paul Orcutt, former missionary to Rwanda and Burundi, passed away in McPherson, KS, eight hours after **Bishop Aaron**. We wondered if they were both meeting together and having a tour around Heaven, and if they were talking Kinyarwanda or English. Both safely home. Both marvelous servants of our God. Paul was in his 90s. His wife, Estelle, survives. Paul was my mentor and great friend. Estelle's address is: 1021 Cedars Dr. McPherson, KS 67460.

TRAVELS

Julie Yerger, RN, is on temporary assignment in France, for intense French language study.

Dr. Dan and Dee Ann Snyder, with son James, have returned to Haiti. Currently, they are occupying the residence of Gregg and Gail Ennis up the mountain a bit from the main mission location in Port Au Prince. James is completing his last year of high school at Quesquieya. Dan has been working with disaster relief, going back and forth to Gonaives where the worst flood damage occurred. Dan and DeeDee both have spent time in Dessalines helping with the hospital work and the challenges of a mission hospital struggling to survive.

Dr. Bruce and Judith Young, with family, are at Kibogora, except Clare who remains behind at John Brown University. The Youngs will help with the national staff rounds and teaching, gastroscopie, obstetric gynecology and general medicine. The family left on Sept 2 and plan to be at Kibogora for the next 8 months.





Winslows, Dr. Roy and Bev, RN, plan to leave in early December for Kibogora Hospital and remain there until the end of February (3 month STM). Roy will be a preceptor for **Dr. Sarah Schultz**, Gen Surgery resident at Spectrum Health (Butterworth campus) while she does a month of surgical rotation. Sarah has been at Kibogora before at the medical student level, when her father, **Dr. Georges Schultz** (Peds), from Southwest Medical Clinic, was along with the Winslows.

Kibogora is happy to welcome VISA workers, **Bill and Sue Lutchfeld**. Both Nurse Practitioners, they hope to give two years of service. Pray that their time will be well spent and an encouragement to the hospital nursing staff. The Lutchfelds are from Alton, Illinois.

From Dr. Frank Ogden

We are going to Kibuye early March to mid-May (2009), followed by Dr. Harris and Phoebe Mainster. A medical team lead by Dr. Mike McGee goes in July. Dr. Pete Obregon's team comes in August at the same time part of the team goes to Kibogora. One doc may even go to Nundu from the McGee and/or Obregon teams. Dr. Bob Schneider from Leavenworth, WA is going next summer to teach Genetics & Neurology at the Ogden School of Medicine in Bujumbura. He is the first US professor to go to teach at the med school. Many more are needed. Much help is needed, both in the basic science teaching, and in the clinical work at Kibuye Hospital. Contact Dr. Frank Ogden, 360-422-8171; email: Ogden@uuplus.com. We now have peace in the land, so we can work without fear; and it is good to see how God is working.

From Dr. Bruce Young 9-17-08

Hi everyone! We are pretty well checked in at Kibogora now. I have been seeing patients and the kids are well underway with school. The atmosphere is much different here as compared to 5 years ago. Now there are 10 doctors in the hospital. The facilities include a 3 story building. There are government protocols to follow for various clinical presentations. It seems that in a way modern medicine is creeping up even out here! The kids are having a great time. The bird watching is just incredible. Hudson, Theo, or Lily daily have a description of some dramatic event in the skies. Today we watched 3 pied crows who think they own the compound attack a lizard buzzard who was invading their territory. Judith has been getting out for walks every day and is being greeted by the community who remember her. Many ask about the little baby we were able to get adopted to a family in Olathe. We have pictures and the people looking at them seem very happy for this little girl who now lives as an American. I have met with the new doctors at the hospital. We are going to be starting an Alpha class in our home on Thursday nights. We will be doing the class in French. I will see how it goes as far as being involved and figuring out a way to facilitate things. We are asking that each of the doctors attend. They look interested and seem to appreciate that we are opening up our home. Thanks for praying. We are doing well and are glad to be here.

From Sheila Etherington, RN

Thank you. Maybe you could mention that our doctors have had a change over. Three have already left and another probably to go soon. You could ask for prayer that they will develop a team spirit and grow spiritually. I think Bruce will have a great influence with them. We have hired 3 more Congolese doctors. The atmosphere is a lot better and they seem to be working together, helping each other out more than previously, so that is one answer to prayer. Bruce will be a great addition and will be their advisor, consultant and hopefully giving some teaching on areas that are weak.

From Dr. Matt and Christa Main (family practice residency, Indianapolis), September 2008, excerpts from a prayer letter: Before we met 8 years ago, God had been leading Christa and me toward global missions. Now married with a child, we are seeking His guidance for our mutual life mission. Though aware of excellent domestic opportunities for doing God's work, we feel that He wants us to explore foreign missions. God will use this trip to direct us either toward foreign outreach, or away from it to concentrate on the United States. The details are exciting. Kibogora, Rwanda, with a 260 bed hospital developed by missionary doctors. From November 10 to December 10, we will be living in a house on the mission complex. I will be doctoring in the hospital nearby, and Christa will be caring for Josiah and helping other missionary families. Through our healthcare, love, and God's work, we hope that people come into closer fellowship with the Savior.

HONORED

From the Detroit Free Press, Sept. 11, 2008: "Five Beaumont Hospital doctors received Outstanding Doctors Awards in a new program to honor its best. . . . Dr. A. Glenn Snyder, an internal medicine specialist, accepted the Outstanding Physician and Humanitarian Award for his work to improve health care overseas. Snyder has been a Beaumont doctor for 28 years."

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Watch for updates in future Chronicles on the growing CAHO scholarship program to assist with training staff for CAHO-affiliated institutions. This important program is made possible by your contributions, along with the help this year of the Butterfield Foundation. Scholars this year include Dr. Birindwa from Kibogora Hospital, now in his final year of Pediatric Residency in Senegal; training for up-grades of nurses at Kibogora Hospital; medical students from Rwanda and Haiti; support of a chaplain from Kibogora Hospital for training in Kenya; and accounting/business training for administrative staff at Kibogora. Although buildings are nice, committed Christian staff are the real foundations of CAHO partner institutions. We appreciate both your prayers and support as we continue to develop this program.

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