

Central **AFRICA** Healthcare Organization

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PART!

The events of the past year - including the "Arab Spring" - are reminders of the power that arises when thousands of nameless individuals unite around a common purpose. Time magazine, in naming "The Protestor" as 2011 Person of the Year, states "Protestors didn't just voice their complaints; they changed the world." History is full of similar events that brought unimaginable changes not otherwise achievable through military or economic might. As we finish out this year, I am reminded that if that happens in the secular realm, how much more should it happen by God's power working through Christians who unite for a common goal. Dr. Joe Stowell, writing for the December 10th devotional in Our Daily Bread states, "Most of us are insignificant compared to the major players of this world. But all of us are called to obey. Who knows what God has in store when we are willing to surrender to God's will—even when it puts us at risk!"

Thanks to EACH OF YOU who have joined together through CAHO over the past year by praying, giving, and serving. We trust that the impact of each of individual contribution, no matter how small, has been increased many times over by working together. As you will read below, there are exciting opportunities to join together again in 2012 to make a difference in the lives of many and to change the world!

22ND ANNUAL CAHO CONFERENCE 2012

Make sure you block your calendars for April 27-29, 2012, and plan to be in Spring Arbor, Michigan for the 22nd annual CAHO Conference. Since there are no strangers at "CAHO", only friends we have not yet met, invite others to come who have an interest in partnering through healthcare with Christian brothers and sisters in the majority world. More details to come.

NEW FAMILY TO KIBOGORA, RWANDA

We are excited to welcome Dr. Tim and Linda Berg and children to the CAHO family. The Bergs will be moving to Kibogora for 1 year in June. They live in Kerrville, Texas where Tim is a general



s u r g e o n . They will be accompanied by their 4 children, and plan for the whole family to be involved in the ministry at Kibogora.

(Tim and Linda, and

eldest daughter Hannah plan on being at the CAHO Conference in April, so make sure you take this opportunity to get to know them in person!) The Bergs are self-funded volunteers, and will be using savings along with selling a lot of their stuff to partly fund their service. We encourage the CAHO family to consider

joining in their support through prayer, giving, or both. Take a moment to find out more about them through their website www.bergfamilyafrica.com ▶

NEW FAMILY TO BURUNDI

Drs. Joel and Janette Miller, along with their 4 children, will be moving to Burundi in early 2012. The Millers have been part of the CAHO family since their days at the medical clinic in Mexico City, and now will be taking on a new role of teaching medical students at Hope Africa University in Bujumbura. Both Joel and Janette are family physicians. Joel writes, "We are leaving the U.S. in January with a cultural orientation planned for February near Nairobi...once in Burundi, we begin learning with the Hope Africa medical students how to help them move toward competent clinical skills. Our time will be divided between the Van Norman clinic in Buja, Kibuye Hope Hospital, the HAU classrooms, Sister Connection sites, etc."



We also encourage the CAHO family to take part in their support in prayer, giving, or both. Spend some time getting to know more at their website www.missionalmillers.org ▶

PERSONAL NOTE FROM RWANDA

Sheila Etherington, RN, long-time nurse-midwife and administrator at Kibogora Hospital writes "...as you may be aware, I am currently in England on a one year sabbatical. Since my Mum died, I felt that I needed to spend time supporting my Dad and am trying to "find my feet" after being in Rwanda for the last 28 years. During my time here, I am continuing to manage the work of the various teams in Rwanda. The advent of email and text messaging has made this feasible. I will be returning to Rwanda at the end of September for a month or so, and expect to make similar visits to Kibogora at least twice in 2012 as there are new projects on the horizon which will need to be set up. One of these projects involves a team of German doctors who will be conducting a program of training for the medical staff...which will be an ongoing program. We are very fortunate that Edi, the German nurse who worked with us for 3 years, has agreed to spend 6 months (March-May and Sept-November, 2012) at Kibogora. She is a great inspiration to us all and will be primarily facilitating teams of German Christian doctors who will visit through the year. Thank you again for your care and prayers."

Believing Sheila's role as facilitator/coordinator at Kibogora continues to be very important in the next phase of hospital

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development, CAHO is raising support for her travel expenses in 2012. Contributions are needed, and can be designated "Kibogora Coordinator Project". JUST IN—read Sheila's latest newsletter at www.gocaho.org ▶

HAITI

Dr. Dan Snyder sends this update: "Claire Heureuse Hospital Haiti, known in North America as the Dessalines Rural Health Care Project, opened its doors in October 1986. The Mission Statement of the DRHP is to "Heal, Evangelize and Teach to Prevent Illness." This mission continues to be the focus 25 years after opening as DRHP continues to minister to a population of 250,000. The country of Haiti was recently divided into 9 districts by the Department of Health, and DRHP has been designated as 1 of the 9 referral or district hospitals. In April of 2010, Free Methodist World Missions asked a group of long time DRHP supporters to assume responsibility for the medical ministry. This group, Haiti Healthcare Advocates (HHA),



represented by board members Ian and Alice Van Norman, Jim Rowan, Gregg and Gail Ennis, Dan Snyder, Jerry and Berta Merrill, and Glenn Snyder (CAHO rep) have risen to the occasion. At the last board meeting, Rob and Heather Van Norman agreed to join the board and Randy and Jane Wynn, of Dallas, Texas, have stepped in to coordinate teams in partnership with VISA. Presently there are committees supervising medical, spiritual & discipleship, finance, maintenance, project & buildings and communications. Please contact us if you are interested in partnering with HHA as we continue to partner with the Haitian National Church and the DRHP hospital staff. The ministry to "Heal, Evangelize and Teach to Prevent Illness" needs your ongoing support!"

CAHO continues to partner closely with HHA to support Claire Heureuse Hospital in Dessalines, and donations can still be sent through CAHO. Persons wishing to join teams or more information are invited to visit www.drhhphaiti.com ▶

NUNDU DEACONESS HOSPITAL, CONGO

Linda Stryker, RN, has returned to the U.S. and Canada on home assignment. She will be speaking at churches, and thanks to technology, will continue to coordinate several programs in the Congo "at distance" (Linda can be contacted at Istryker.drc@gmail.com) Randy and Alice Matthewson returned to the U.S. in the spring, but plan on continuing their "retirement" in Congo in 2012. They are involved in hospital reconstruction as well as church support. A "Nundu Support Group" met in Indiana at the end of September to organize and plan for increasing support to Nundu Hospital. Members present were Dr. Norm and Nancy Wetterau from New York; Linda Stryker, RN, from Congo; Dr. Burton and Helen Hodges from Michigan; Dr. Tom and Kathy Hadduck from Colorado; Dr. Tim and Connie Kratzer

from Arizona; and Dr. Glenn Snyder from Michigan. The group will work through CAHO, and plan several on-site visits in 2012.

An information update and photos from earlier this year can be viewed under the CONGO section at www.gocaho.org ▶

KIBUYE HOSPITAL, BURUNDI

Kibuye Hope Hospital continues its transition to a "university teaching hospital", on the road to becoming the primary clinical training site for Hope Africa University medical school. Dr. Frank and Rev. Carol Ogden will continue their "retirement" traveling back to Kibuye early 2012, coordinating numerous volunteers and teams. Elaine Williamson, medical technologist extraordinaire previously at Kibogora Hospital, and now working in Wyoming, has plans to go to Kibuye in 2012 to help upgrade the lab facilities. (Donations to help purchase much-needed equipment are welcome!). Another exciting development, recently announced by Dr. Gerald Bates in the November 2011 newsletter, is a group of 6 physicians and their families who plan on moving to Kibuye in 2013. They will provide direct patient care as well as clinical training for HAU medical students. Known as the "McCropders", they will be working under World Harvest Mission. You will find their story inspiring at www.mccropders.com ▶ See www.hopeafricauniversity.org ▶ and www.haufriends.org ▶ for more updates on HAU and Kibuye.

CAHO continues to work closely with Friends of Hope Africa University to provide support for Kibuye Hope Hospital.

KIBOGORA HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Earlier this year, through your donations, CAHO provided funding for the initial site visit of a team from Engineering Ministries International to develop a master plan for Kibogora Hospital. This will include reconstruction of the Jeff Crandall Pediatric Building, which will be a major focus for CAHO in 2012. Planning is still in progress, further site visits by eMI have been completed this year, and others scheduled for 2012. More details will be provided next year, but you will be challenged by the video update on the project, courtesy of our UK partners The Kibogora Initiative. I encourage you to take a few minutes to watch the video using the following link:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/KibogoraInitiative/KibogoraHospitalDevelopmentProject#slideshow/5652167757294906610> ▶

For those finding typing the web address intimidating, the link will be available at the CAHO website www.gocaho.org ▶ Please take a moment to watch the presentation—I guarantee you will find it worth the time. For those of you who have been at Kibogora, you also will realize that the completion of this project will require more than any one of us can do alone. Remembering where we started in this newsletter, let's take the challenge to join together to accomplish the "unimaginable" in 2012!