

DMA UPDATES

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“Christ wants not nibblers of the possible, but grabbers of the impossible.”

— C.T. Studd

THIS ISSUES TOP STORIES

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GLOBAL RESIDENT COMMUNITY TRAINS DOCTORS FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Loma Linda University has a longstanding commitment to international health care which has earned a worldwide reputation for service. As medical students at Loma Linda, many of us experienced this culture firsthand by participating in international electives, chapel programs, the Deferred Mission Appointee (DMA) program, the Mission Interest Group (MIG), Students for International Missions (SIMS), and other rich organizations.

Making the transition from medical school to residency often challenges the commitment of DMAs and others who are interested in international work. Residency is a time when there is a moderate rate of attrition from the DMA program.

In an effort to keep the missionary spirit alive, several residents at LLUMC have been working to establish a community that will function to encourage DMAs and others in their resolve for international missions. The new community, called the Global Resident Community (GRC), commenced monthly meetings last July. (continued on page 3)



Caleb Jungwoo Lee, son of Fred and Jane Lee



Mark, LeElta Sandoval and family - Trinidad



Planet Earth



“You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving.” — Amy Carmichael, missionary to India

DAMAGED IN HANDLING
IN THE POSTAL SERVICE



Ryan, Benson, Sharlene, and Hudson Hayton

NEW BABY IN HAYTON'S FAMILY

New Hayton Baby - On October 20, 2009, Hudson Rye Benson joined Ryan, Sharlene, and Benson Hayton, making the family four. Ryan will complete his General Surgery residency in June of 2010 at St. John Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

LOHR'S PRESENT FOR THE MIG CLUB VESPERS

Drs. Jason & Belen Lohr presented a vespers program for the Mission Interest Group in December while on home leave from Ile-Ife, Nigeria, where they have been working since 2005. It was encouraging to hear first-hand reports from those currently serving abroad in full-time mission service. Their website where you can follow their story is <http://missionlohers.com>.

TRIXY AND BILL COLWELL IN CAMEROON

In early December Trixy Colwell and her husband Bill arrived in Buea, Cameroon, to begin their work at the Buea Adventist Hospital. They are settling in and enjoying getting used to the local markets, making friends, and missing fast food. Check out their blog at <http://billntrixy.blogspot.com/> or catch them on the Deferred Mission Appointees Facebook group.

KIDS 4 CHRIST DIRECTED BY BELEN LOHR

A new DVD and music CD have just been completed by the African Kids 4 Christ, the children's choir in Nigeria directed by Belen Lohr. One hundred percent of the profit from the sales of the DVD and CD will go towards purchasing needed medical equipment for the pediatric ward for the hospital, such as neonatal incubators.

The DVD and CD each contain more than 50 minutes of video/music, with a total of 16 songs, four of which are in the local vernacular languages of Nigeria. Three songs were recorded with the children's choir



Jason, Belen, Michaela, and Joshua Lohr

singing with Jarrod McNaughton, a

Christian artist and good friend of Jason Lohr's, who visited Nigeria this past year.

To see some of the video and hear parts of each song go to the following websites: www.filmbaby.com/films/4458 (to purchase the DVD); www.cdbaby.com/cd/AfricanKids4Christ (to purchase the CD). Or, if you prefer, you can mail a check to Jason's parents for \$20 for the DVD or \$15 for the CD and they will mail your items to you. Purchases made this way helps to keep more of the funds for the project since the websites do collect a fee from each purchase. Address for Jason's parents: Roy Lohr, 1500 Monica Joy Circle, Longwood, Florida 32779.

Trivia Questions

1. Which country is also called the H e l l e n i c Republic?
2. What is Europe's most mountainous country?
3. What was the original purpose of the leaning tower of Pisa?
4. To the nearest thousand, how many islands does Indonesia have?
5. What do the Chinese call kwai-tsze, or "quick little fellows"?
6. How many time zones are there in China?
7. On what island are one-third of the world's languages spoken?

(answers on last page)

GLOBAL RESIDENT COMMUNITY TRAINS DOCTORS FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE (CONTINUED)

The implementation of the GRC has been accomplished primarily through resident involvement. Daniel Binus (DMA, PGY-4 in Psychiatry), Jamie Crouse (DMA, PGY-3 in Family and Preventive Medicine), and Jessica Watters (PGY-3 in Family and Preventive Medicine) are the leaders of the group for this year as well as the founders. The mission statement of the GRC: "To further the healing ministry of Jesus through preparing physicians for international service" defines the role it plays in the larger Loma Linda system, as well as the church as a whole. The purpose of the GRC is to facilitate a community of residents and mentors across residency lines that will better prepare physicians for international medical ministry.

To date, the GRC has had meetings with topics that included malaria, international medicine in American Samoa, and opportunities to get involved while in residency at LLUMC. Every meeting consists of time to eat and fellowship, worship, and a presentation. The group has averaged 10-15 residents, and encourages families to also attend as community is emphasized as a core value.

The GRC meetings occur on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. GRC meetings are held in Chan Shun Pavilion (LLUAHSC Conference Room) #11008.

SEEKING DMA SERVING INTERNATIONALLY FOR VESPERS SERVICE IN LOMA LINDA

If you plan to be in the United States in the near future and plan to stop by the Loma Linda area, please let us know. We would love to hear your stories which encourage, train, and inspire students and others greatly. Contact us by e-mailing LLUGeneralConference@llu.edu or calling 909.558.4563.

MINDI GUPTILL - PRESENTS ON NIGER

Mindi Guptill was the featured speaker at the Oak Glen Fellowship on Nov. 14 with a talk entitled "On the Frontier: Kirker Hospital in Niger." Mindi will replace Dr. Bill Kirker who with his wife Barbara started the medical work in the Maine-Soroa area of Niger in the 1960's when they were Peace Corps workers. The hospital was revitalized in 2007 and has recently been added to the network of Adventist Health International sites. Mindi and her husband Scott arrived in Niger the end of January 2010.



Mindi Guptill and husband Scott Guptill

BOOK SUGGESTION

During a DMA vesper's presentation a few months ago, Dr. Nick Walters (SM '89), serving in Bangkok, Thailand, mentioned a resource that you may find helpful when faced with doing surgical procedures for which you may not have much training. It is a three-volume "cookbook" reference set published by Oxford Medical Publications and sold by TALC (Teaching-Aids at Low Cost) in the UK. The names of the three books are "Primary Surgery, Vol. 1 - Non Trauma," "Primary Surgery, Vol. 2 - Trauma" and "Primary Anesthesia." Authors are Maurice King, Peter Bewes, and others. Price for each book is £12 plus shipping. All three books including shipping cost around US\$100. There are a number of other books and resources on the TALC website you may find interesting and useful. <http://www.talcuk.org>

DMA Birthdays

January	
6	Adam Woelk
14	Van Geslani
14	Andy Hayton
15	Jasmine Turner
24	Danae Netteburg
27	Gillian Seton
February	
7	Edward Perry
16	Julie Namm
17	Matthew Hiersche
21	Jared Wong
28	James Crouse
March	
4	Joseph Kim
6	Christine Ramirez
8	Amy Hayton
22	SarahAllen



Joshua, Fred, Caleb, and Jane Lee



Seth, Yemina, Hawah, and Noah Lukens

NEW BABY IN THE LEE FAMILY

Caleb Jungwoo Lee was born on December 3, 2009 at 5:09 a.m. weighing 7 lbs 14 oz and measuring 20 inches in length at the Saddleback Memorial Hospital in Laguna Hills, CA, to parents, Fred and Jane, and big brother, Joshua. At 6 weeks old he weighed a hefty 12.5 lbs, and is happy and healthy by God's grace.

SANDOVAL'S WEBSITE

Mark and LeEtta Sandoval send greetings from Trinidad. To read more of their updates go to their website at: <http://www.eternallightmissions.org>.

NEW BABY IN THE LUKENS FAMILY

Noah Seth was born on December 31, 2009, at 5:59 p.m., weighing 7 lbs 4 oz, measuring 19.5 inches in length. His parents, Seth and Yemina Lukens, are very happy and blessed to be holding their little boy in their arms! He surprised them and came two weeks early in 2009.

NEW DMA GROUP ON FACEBOOK

A new group has been started on Facebook called "Deferred Mission Appointees (DMA)." It's a good place to connect and interact with other DMAs. Check it out!

NEW DEFERRED MISSION APPOINTEES

At the regular meeting of the Deferred Mission Appointee Committee late in January five new deferred mission appointee applicants were approved and sent on to the General Conference for final vote. They are Sarah Belensky (SM'13), Roy Koh (SD'13), Edward Perry (SM'12), Jasmine Turner (SM'13), and Josef Wollmann (SD'10). We welcome all of these new participants to the DMA program.

RELEASED DEFERRED MISSION APPOINTEES

Four deferred mission appointees were released at the January meeting. They are: Natalie Aitchison, at her request as she is in private practice; Nancy Jean-Marie, in private practice; Chris Lewis and his wife Lela Lewis, at their request, setting up a new practice in Arizona.

"Never pity missionaries; envy them. They are where the real action is -- where life and death, sin and grace, Heaven and Hell converge."

-- Robert C. Shannon

JANIE YOO HEADED TO HARVARD

Janie Yoo has been accepted into a cornea fellowship at Harvard Medical School starting in July 2010. At the completion of her fellowship she and her husband Paul plan to head to Lusaka, Zambia.

DMA COMMITTEE HAS NEW MEMBER

A new member was added to the DMA Committee, Dr. William McGhee who spent the last two years serving as a full-time representative at the Vellore Christian Medical College, in India. Dr. McGhee grew up in Pakistan and India where his parents were missionaries. He is now on staff in the Department of Psychiatry at

Loma Linda University. He brings a wealth of experience to the committee and we welcome him.

TRINIDAD AWAITS FOR NORMAN & JOELLE

Norman and Joelle McNulty are scheduled to arrive in Trinidad to begin their term of service March. Please pray for them as they make this transition.

UPDATE ON JAMES AND SARAH APPEL IN CHAD

Dr. James Appel is a deferred mission appointee who graduated from the School of Medicine in 2000. After his residency he was asked to go to the country of Chad and be medical director of a small hospital in Bere. There he met a Danish nurse, Sarah, and they were married a year later.

Some readers of this publication are on the mailing list for James' numerous articles about his work in Chad. His latest communication to his relatives and friends noted the sad news that they lost their preterm baby girl which brought sadness to the two of

them. Our condolences to the Appels at this turn of events in their lives.

Commendations go to James and Sarah for their outstanding work in taking care of medical work in this very remote place in West Africa. May God continue to bless them in their work and responsibilities.

JASON SHIVES LENDS A HAND TO RELIEF WORK IN HAITI

A deferred mission appointee, Dr. Jason Shives (SM '07), in a residency in Family Practice in Orlando, Florida, recently spent time doing relief work for earthquake victims in Haiti.

He was able to take along with him and his group more than 3,000 pounds of medical supplies which were needed to take care of literally thousands of Haitians who were injured in the earthquake. Our commendations to Jason for doing this during his vacation time during a very real international calamity.

You can hear Jason's report of his time in Haiti by going to the following website, www.vimeo.com/9076305.

Answers to questions:

1. Greece
2. Switzerland
3. Bell Tower
4. 13
5. Chopsticks
6. Only one. Although the country covers 3,691,521 square miles and geographically could be in five different zones, the government requires clocks throughout the nation to conform to those in the capital (Beijing).
7. On New Guinea, where more than 700 distinct native languages can be heard.



William McGee and his wife Julie McGee with friends at the Vellore Christian Medical College in India.



Janie Yoo

"I told you these things so that you can have peace in me. In this world you will have trouble. But be brave! I have defeated the world!"

John 16:33