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Greetings Partner Churches, Missionaries, and Volunteers!

Welcome to a new way of connecting to the exciting news happening in the African Program Partnership. This newsletter is planned to be bi-monthly and will share information about the Child Rescue Centre (CRC), Mercy Hospital and AP partner churches activities. To many of you "African Programs" is a new name - the Child Rescue Centre and the Mercy Hospital are the names you are used to hearing. As the Partnership programs grew, the overall structure of support also needed to grow to reflect the larger Christian impact we are having. African Programs is a division of Helping Children Worldwide (HCW) which encompasses the CRC and Mercy Hospital.

News and Upcoming Events from Partnership Churches

- Apr 10 – 5K Run, 1 Mile Walk at First UMC in Colleyville, TX
- Apr 17 – 5K Run, 1 Mile Walk at Galilee UMC, Sterling VA
- Apr 21 – First UMC in Colleyville holds their famous Fish Fry at Wednesday Wesley Meal
- May 8 – African Programs Celebration Event at Galilee UMC in Sterling, Virginia. Come and celebrate all the wonderful things that God is doing in these ministries!

For more information and to register for these events, please go to www.helpingchildrenworldwide.org.

UMVIM Leadership Training

The UMVIM Committee of the African Programs Partnership is sponsoring a UMVIM Leadership Training for all interested people who may feel called to lead a team to the CRC and Mercy Hospital in the future. This training will be held at Ebenezer UMC in Stafford, VA on Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9am-3pm in room 202.

If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Susan Custer at scuster101@comcast.net to register for the training. RSVP's for this training should be sent no later than April 15. Please remember that before you can lead a team, these three things need to be completed: (1) you have been once to the CRC or Mercy Hospital as a missionary; (2) you have attended this Team Leadership Training; (3) and you have completed UMVIM training sponsored by the United Methodist Conference.



Jimmy Lamboi with some of the younger children at the Child Rescue Centre.

New CRC Director, Jimmy Lamboi

We are pleased to introduce Mr. Jimmy Lamboi, the new director of the Child Rescue Centre. From Taiama just one hour from Bo, Mr. Lamboi began his career as a primary school teacher alongside now-Bishop John Yambasu. He received his Master's degree from Exeter University in Great Britain, and then worked for many years as a project director and then executive director at international non-governmental organizations in Sierra Leone. Most recently, Mr. Lamboi supported the Sierra Leone Ministry of Finance and Economic Development as a Project Director for multi-donor projects.

Mr. Lamboi expressed that his passion for and love of children were the driving forces behind his decision to change his career path and come to work for the Child Rescue Centre. His vision for the CRC is to see the day when no street children or orphans would be suffering, and no chil-

dren would be mistreated, but all would receive adequate care.

Mr. Jimmy Lamboi, a family man in the true sense, has 5 daughters. Mr. Lamboi's wife is a principal at a junior high school in Freetown. She is also a principal national examiner. His children are: Josephine, age 30; Venita, age 29; Janet, age 24; Jemiyah, age 11 and Jimilda, age 8.

Mr. Lamboi loves to read, primarily non-fiction. He has started reading President Obama's book. The best book he has read is titled: *The Beautiful Ones Are Not Yet Born* by Aye Kwearmah.

Since he took office in early January, Mr. Lamboi has already demonstrated that his passion, experience, business acumen, and relationships will help guide and direct the Child Rescue Centre to achieve new heights.

World Malaria Day

The second annual World Malaria Day will be held on April 25th 2010. Mercy Hospital is making a difference in the Bo Community in the global fight against this devastating disease. Currently, approximately 40% of the patient admissions are related in some way to malaria. This is the second year that Mercy Hospital has had a community based malaria program, focusing not only on diagnosis and treatment of inpatients, but also on outreach in the community.



Sembahun residents being taught how to use bednets properly.

Kate Meehan, a Mercy Hospital Intern, has accompanied Community Health Staff from Mercy to local villages to educate the community on how to prevent the spread of malaria. In Kate's blog she writes:

I travelled to a nearby village and helped test pregnant women and children under ten for malaria. The Community Health Team had already visited this particular village and met with local leaders, trained community health workers, and held educational meetings about malaria prevention for the whole village and gave bed nets to pregnant women and children under five. It was evident to me that the community was extremely thankful for the attention they were receiving, and concerned especially about the health of the children and expecting mothers of the village.

For more information about World Malaria Day please visit www.malariamore.org. You can also read more of Kate Meehan's blogs at <http://katameehan.wordpress.com>.

New Initiative for Mercy Hospital

Many pregnant women in Sierra Leone have no swaddling clothes to wrap their new babies in. Would you like to help? Mercy Hospital will be sponsoring a Prenatal Screening Assessment Day in which pregnant women in the communities served by the hospital and surrounding rural communities will be encouraged to come meet the staff at Mercy and receive a simple screening assessment. We would like to send these women away with a special gift. We need cloth diapers, one-piece body suits, baby washcloths, diaper pins, receiving blankets, socks, and newborn hats. Contact Jennifer Hamilton at 703-793-9521 for details or e-mail her at: jenniferhamilton@helpingchildrenworldwide.org.



A Traditional Birthing Assistant (TBA) holding a set of twins she helped deliver.

Important Mission Dates

- Summer 2010 –Looking for summer school teachers for July and August trips to the CRC.
 - November 2010 - Medical trip to Mercy Hospital. Health professionals needed!
 - December 2010 – Young Adults trip to the CRC to teach Vacation Bible School and do light construction.
- For more information about these trips and other mission opportunities please contact Susan Custer at scuster101@comcast.net.

Pharmacy Committee Need

The Pharmacy Committee for African Programs is looking for a Chairperson. This individual should have a medical background and will assist the Medical Committee and Mercy Hospital senior leadership team. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this position. For more information contact Dr. Cynthia Horner at dncorner@verizon.net.



CRC Student's Artwork on Public Display

It will be exciting to see the photographic artwork of CRC high school students hanging side by side with that of American students. The six CRC students who participated in the Through Students' Eyes project will have their first public show of their photographs on April 10-11, 2010 at the historic Old Stone Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Those students are: Abu-Bakarr Jalloh, Joseph Bomorie, Albert Lawundeh, Suma Thamu, Rosa Saffa, and Alfreda Humper.



These students learned to use digital cameras and photographed through their students' eyes the life in their home city of Bo, Sierra Leone. The students were instructed to take pictures capturing scenes that answer three questions: What is the purpose of school/education? What helps you to stay in school and be successful? What impedes your ability to stay in school and be successful? Each student will select one photograph to be professionally printed, framed and hung in an art space for public exhibit.

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