



# Ministry Through Medical Missions

This is the St Andrews quarterly informational newsletter to keep you informed on how God is working through medical outreach.

## Philippines

The Philippines are an archipelago in the southern pacific. There are over 7,000 islands that make up the archipelago with the southern Mindanao islands close to Indonesia and the northern Luzon islands where the capital Manila is located. The Philippines were part of the Spanish empire from the time Ferdinand Magellan claimed them for Spain in 1521. Under Spanish rule the country became largely Roman Catholic. The Islands were ceded to the United states as a part of the US victory over Spain in the Spanish-American war in 1898. The country was an American Commonwealth until 1945. The Bataan death march and the greatest sea battle of WW II (Leyte Gulf) occurred in the Philippines. Today the country is an independent nation with a large Roman Catholic population except in the far south near Indonesia where there is a larger Islamic presence with some extremist tendencies. Missions To The World (MTW) had a church planting team in the Philippines until 2008. In 2007 they recruited Pastor Marlin to lead a PCA church that was dying in the town of Tanauan (it had 8 members in 2007). God has done a great work in his church there. The congregation is well educated in reformed theology. They live out their call to be disciples in amazing ways. The Lighthouse Church in Tanauan has planted three other churches with a total membership of nearly 1,000. The church has seven mercy ministries of which medical mercy ministry is one powerful outreach. Every year MTW sends a medical team to come serve alongside the Lighthouse Church to help them in their mercy ministry. The last week of January and first week of February St Andrews helped send a physician to join a team that had only had one other physician but several nurses, a physical therapist and several non-medical helpers that gave out hundreds of eye-glasses. In the first week, nearly 600 patients were cared for and the Lighthouse Medical Ministry committee will make house calls on 100% of those seen by the medical team after the team leaves! This church clearly hears their call to be disciples!

### Lighthouse Church

#### VISION STATEMENT

*"To establish a strong-support church, active in soul winning and sending church"*

#### MISSION STATEMENT

*"Growing strong in preaching the Word and reaching the world"*

#### CHARACTER STATEMENT

- L - light (every member should lived a life that lights the world)
- P - prayer (church strong anchor is prayer, the beginning of all wisdom)
- C - character (character is continually build in God's Word alone)
- I - interest (only the interest of God prevail not self-interest)

*"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature..." Mark 16:15*



Photo – Medical Team and the Lighthouse Church

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*The Philippines have a population of 100 million people! There is not nearly enough work to support a population this large. The daily income for 45% of the population remains less than \$2. After serving with the Lighthouse Church the medical team went to Manila to partner with another PCA church who serves the poorest residents of the city. The community of Camachile is a squatter community built on a garbage dump next to a river that regularly floods the community during rainy season.*

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**Photo – caring for the poorest among us in Camachile**

## **Servant Leadership**

Periodically we will highlight Medical Evangelist Leaders. This episode we are honored to share the testimony of Ash and Betsy Aeschliman:



*Ash and Betsy Aeschliman*

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With a BSN-RN degree, Betsy ministered in pediatrics for 38 years before joining MTW as a medical missionary. Betsy has a heart for mercy missions that combines her nursing skills with a passion to share the love of Jesus in a hurting, lost world. Betsy assists church planters and national pastors by bringing short-term medical teams to encourage them in their callings. Betsy prepares and prayerfully guides five teams annually to help meet this number one request from our overseas colleagues. Ash is an honorably retired teaching elder. He pastored Missouri and Illinois churches, worked for Covenant Seminary, and ministered through CEP (now Christian Discipleship Ministries). After their 2015 marriage, Ash was approved as an MTW missionary. They now joyfully serve together, both overseas and at missions' conferences. Ephesians 3:20-21 is a pillar for their life together. Using a mobile-clinic model based on Matthew 9:35-37, they minister compassionate care with prayer and evangelism. Ash and Betsy are active in recruiting healthcare professionals and non-medical volunteers for teams. Betsy also trains medical mission leaders. Ash and Betsy invite you to co-labor with them through prayer and financial support for the glory of Christ and the hope of nations. They also invite you to consider joining one of their medical teams!

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### Scheduled Medical teams as of March 3, 2017

	PROJECT	DATES	NOTES Trips are open to medical & non-medical personnel unless otherwise noted	APPROX. PROJECT COST	APPROX. AIRFARE
Africa	North Africa	March 29 - April 8, 2017	team is full; prayers appreciated	\$1,350	varies
	West Africa	July 21 -31, 2017	all personnel needed	\$1,350	varies
	Kenya	May 21 - June 3, 2017	Women's Health Symposium: health professionals, counselors, and others interested in women's ministry needed	\$1,100	varies
Asia	Southeast Asia	Late Fall/Winter 2017	Women's Health Symposium: health professionals, counselors, and others interested in women's ministry needed	TBD	\$1,100 - 1,800
	Cambodia	October 7 - 15, 2017	all personnel needed	\$850 - 1,100	\$1,100 - 1,800
Caribbean	Trinidad	March 25 - April 1, 2017	team is full; prayers appreciated	\$1,100-1,200	varies
	Haiti	May 27-June 3, 2017	medical personnel needed	\$750-850	varies
Latin America	Belize	Many opportunities in 2017	providers and nurses needed	varies	\$400-600
	Juarez, Mexico	May 6 -13, 2017	2 providers, 2 nurses, 1 paramedic/EMT, 1 therapist, and 1 non-medical needed	\$860	\$400-600
<b>Training</b>					
Advanced Medical Leadership Training (AMLT)	International	2018	Training on how to effectively and safely lead medical mission teams.	varies	varies

More locations are open to receiving medical teams; if you have a location you are interested in going to, contact us!

Note: Pregnant women are not permitted to travel on short-term teams outside of the United States.

Interested? Contact us for more information!

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