



MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

'Heal the sick, and say to them the good news of God is at hand.' -Luke 10:98

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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A WORD FROM ELISE FREDERICK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Spring has sprung!

It has been a very busy beginning of 2009 with our Retreat / Seminar, our largest to date, and doctors who've attended already making plans to serve in Cameroon, Guatemala, Tanzania and Uganda in 2009 and 2010!

The celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Mission Doctors continues this year and was marked at the Auxiliary Benefit. Many veteran Mission Doctors flew in to share the celebration and congratulate the Auxiliary on making this work possible for the past five decades.

Our Auxiliary President, Jan Horger even packed suitcases with special requests to be hand carried to the missions and made the 'hand off' to Dr. Cavanagh (on his way to Cameroon) and Dr. Coda (on his way to Uganda) that night!

We are accepting applications for the long-term (three year) program through July 15. The formation program will begin in January 2010, and we already have a couple preparing to join us. If this is something you've considered and need more information please feel free to contact me directly.

Recognizing the unique challenges faced by Catholic doctors today, MDA will recognize one doctor for their role, either in their own community or beyond as the Outstanding Catholic Doctor of the Year. We are accepting nominations for this honor and invite you to submit the name of a doctor whose faith and commitment to the practice of medicine rise above and beyond. Additional information and the nomination form can be found on our [website](#).

Your generous support makes all the work of MDA possible!

LETTERS FROM THE MISSIONS

[Letter from Tim Cavanagh](#) Here Dr. Cavanagh shares his experience serving in Northwest Cameroon alongside Lay Mission-Helper Chris Johnson. "The hardest adjustment medically has been to appreciate the scope of the burden of malaria here. It is hard to imagine the impact that malaria has on the lives of people in tropical countries, especially with its severity in children and the frequency with which it is contracted by some."



2009 RETREAT/SEMINAR

This year's Retreat/Seminar brought doctors, their spouses and families from around the country to Loyola Marymount University to learn about short term service opportunities with Mission Doctors Association. This 12th year of the Retreat/Seminar was the largest to date!



One of the attendees, Dr. Terese Bauer, whose husband Dr. Paul Bauer also attended the weekend, said *"We loved everything knew about MDA, but attending the retreat allowed us to confirm that the people involved with MDA truly share our vision for mission: from a spiritual, medical and cultural perspective.*

AUXILIARY NEWS

2009 Auxiliary Gala Benefit

The 2009 Auxiliary Gala Benefit was a huge success! Veteran Mission Doctors from around the country gathered with members of the Auxiliary and friends new and old to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Mission Doctors Association.

The night included presentations from board members, veterans, an exciting silent auction, wonderful food and a special video presentation (view it [here](#)).

The Tidings, the Los Angeles Archdiocesan Newspaper covered the big event. Click [here](#) for the complete article.

During this 50th Anniversary Year, there are many exciting Auxiliary events coming up. For those in the Los Angeles area, [Sign up](#) to become a member of the Auxiliary. There are a number of upcoming events.

May 20	Installation Mass, Luncheon & Bake Sale
September	Game Day – 10:00 a.m. Wilshire Country Club
Date TBD	Concert in the Garden

A WORD FROM OUR FOUNDER, MSGR. BROUWERS



"If we cannot give self or means, **we can pray**. And if we pray, we (or others through us) shall learn to give self and means!" Msgr. Brouwers wrote this for the Tidings in March 1961 in response to the needs for Catholic missionary presence in Africa.

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