



HEALING HEARTS HERALD

Summer 2005

“Embracing Hope and Healing”

3rd Annual Health & Spirituality Workshop

“Embracing Hope and Healing” is the theme this year for the 3rd Annual Health & Spirituality Workshop held at the Temple in Independence, MO September 16-17, 2005. The keynote speaker this year is Vern Barnet, DMn, religion columnist for the Kansas City Star, minister emeritus at CRES (Kansas City’s multi faith resource), and is convener emeritus of the Kansas City Interfaith Council which he founded. His addresses will be “The Heart of World Religions and The Heart of the Patient”.

Breakout sessions will include:

Body Prayer - Carolyn Brock

Chair Massage - Dawn McCoun Hatfield

Enneagram, Health and Spirituality - Sharon Troyer

Financial Issues Related to Health - Orval Fisher

Healing With Spirit! - Dawn Beye

Hope as Reflected in Jungian Therapy - Mary Dian Molton

Hope in the Midst of Struggle - Jeanne Ernest

Is Uncle Ron Going to Die? - Ministry in the Midst of Medical Crisis - Joel Carmer

“A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like a Medicine” - Joyce Heath

Spiritual Care and Alzheimer’s - Pat Carver

Using Music to Facilitate Healing of the Spirit - Ron McCorkle

The committee continues to involve the community in planning and selecting speakers for the workshops. This year many of the session speakers are in private practice or are in the business and religious community utilizing their skills and expertise.

A special world religions and endangered animals exhibit will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony as a kick-off for the workshop. The exhibit consists of 8 large painted panels is on loan from Wichita State University. It will be displayed in the Temple foyer beginning with the Health & Spirituality Workshop through the Peace Colloquy in November.

Contact Paula at 816-833-1000 X 2262 or hma@CofChrist.org to register. Workshop brochure with more information is also available at www.hmaCofChrist.org

Cruz Nueva Village Selected For Stoves

Ruth Humbert, RN has been working in Guatemala for over 18 months providing village health care and training local women to be village health workers. During her travels she came across several villages which have no houses with stoves, only open fires used for cooking inside the house. As would be expected, the soot has built up on the inside walls. The health problems are manifested in multiple respiratory and ophthalmic problems. Ruth reports that 24% of the complaints seen at the clinics stem from the lack of proper ventilation of smoke. Health Ministries Association has chosen this project for 2005 to raise funds for stoves. Each Onil stove and support for Ruth's ministry is \$100.

Below are photos of Cruz Nueva villagers, some of the soon-to-be recipients of the stoves, and one Guatemalan woman showing off her current kitchen.



This is a typical Guatemalan kitchen and below is the amount of wood it takes to cook for one week. The Onil stoves are much more efficient so the environment greatly benefits from the use of an Onil stove as well.



“One Thing To Make The World A Better Place”

Marlene Swanson of the Community of Christ Central Congregation in Council Bluffs, Iowa sat in her Sunday school class in April and was given the challenge to do one thing that would benefit or make the world a better place. She had received the HMA newsletter on the previous day and read about the Onil stoves and nurse training project in Guatemala.

The spirit touched her heart to donate money for one stove, to make a difference for one family. The spirit nudged her again that there are others that would also like to help Guatemalan families. She asked the nurses in the congregation and money was collected for 3 more stoves. With some excitement building, Marlene challenged the congregation to match the nurse’s contributions. A total of \$1150 has been collected for 11.5 stoves- an overwhelmingly generous response. Marlene thinks that in this case God didn’t just nudge... He shoved!!!

“Gather In” Group Raises Funds

In April, the Gather In senior citizen group of the Stone Church invited Howard Braby, HMA president, to speak about HMA’s Onil stove and Guatemalan nurse project. Ray and Phyllis Holloway, who contacted HMA, later delivered \$300 collected for the project.

HMA has collected funds to build 22 Onil stoves in Guatemala and support Ruth Humbert, RN in her village health/nurse training ministry. Our goal is 50 stoves!

HMA MISSION

To promote health care to the underserved and those in need
To advance health education enabling self directed care.
To promote wellness of body, mind, and spirit.
To network with others to advance health care.

HMA VISION

To increase sustainable health and wellness
by providing services and ministries
that express our Christian commitment
and promote peace.

CONTRIBUTION AND/OR MEMBERSHIP FORM

Information may be taken over the phone by calling 1-800-825-2806 ext 2262 Mon., Thurs., or Friday

Name _____ Phone _____ Occupation _____

Address _____

Email _____ Signature _____

Level of Membership: \$ _____ Member (\$25-\$99) \$ _____ Sponsor (\$100-\$249) \$ _____ Patron (\$250 & up)

Additional Contributions: \$ _____ Onil Stoves/ Ruth Humbert support in Guatemala @ \$100 each
\$ _____ General Fund, \$ _____ Missions Fund, \$ _____ Chaplain Ministries, \$ _____ Cong. Health Ministries

Payment Method: _____ Check Please mail to: Health Ministries Assoc. 1001 W. Walnut Independence, Mo 64050
____ VISA _____ MasterCard # _____ Exp. Date _____ Amt. _____

Pledge amount: \$ _____ monthly, \$ _____ quarterly. Will make by check _____, Make by credit card _____

Ministry and Committee interests: _____

UP-COMING EVENTS

OPEN BOARD MEETING-July 24, 2005, 9 AM @ Temple Independence, MO

CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH MINISTRIES Training- July 31-Aug. 5 CLW @ Graceland Univ. Lamoni

HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY WORKSOP- Sept. 16-17, 2005 @ Temple Independence, MO

HEALTH MISSION- October 5-13, 2005 Leader- Ron Edwards, MD

RonEdwards@hmacofchrist.org

OPEN BOARD MEETING-October 16, 2005 9 AM @ Temple Independence, MO

WINTER FIELD SCHOOL- February 6-10, 2006 Congregational Health Ministry Training

"Bridging Faith and Health: The Role of the Church"

You can be part of a program that supports health and wellness in your congregation and community. How to begin?

Congregational Health Ministry training will be held at Congregational Leader's Workshop at Graceland Univ. July 31- August 5.

To register: call Poul Wilson at 816-833-1000 ext 1358 or

www.cofchrist.org/clw/default.asp