

Alaska Medical Missions Report – July 24, 2013

Motivated by the love of Christ, Alaska Medical Missions provides medical resources and professional support to communities in need around the world.

Under the leadership of our Board of Directors (Dr. Jay Butler, Mike Gonzales, Dr. Byron Perkins, Keith Reed, Dr. George Stewart, Kathy Stewart and Janet Stookey) Alaska Medical Missions continues to provide medical supplies and equipment to individuals and groups with compassionate concerns for people in nations all around the world. In the first half of 2013, AMM sent out over 14,000 pounds of materials valued at more than \$273,000! That's an increase of 230% in volume over the same period of time in 2012! Thank God and everyone involved for this increase in effectiveness this year!

One very significant shipment of a 20' container filled with much needed medical resources was made to long-time friend, Dr. Issa, in Burkina Faso. This shipment was made in partnership with the McCreary Foundation and, after 6 months transit, it finally reached its destination early in July. You may view a video of Dr. Issa and friends unloading the container at <https://vimeo.com/70958574>. What a joy to be part of serving WITH such great people!

One of several sustainability goals our AMM Board set for itself is the establishment of committees that can focus efforts and break the work at hand into meaningful chunks while making fuller use of time, expertise and commitment of board members and additional members of the AMM support community. Standing committees for finance, resource development, and board development, along with ad-hoc committees focused on the executive director job description and improving the way supplies are requested from AMM, were all established at a recent Board meeting. We expect the work of these committees to increase the effectiveness of our Board and the success of our organization.

Another goal is to move AMM toward greater financial stability. With an annual budget of \$90,000, at the half-year mark AMM has received \$28,052 (compared to \$15,665 in the same period of 2012) and has spent \$35,868 (compared to \$40,832 in 2012). This difference in the financial picture is due to both an increase in regular contributions and the great work of our Board who put on a summer fund raising event – AMM Winetasting @ Villa Nova – that resulted in \$5,000 net proceeds! By God's grace and provision, with a successful "AMM Serving WITH Others" banquet and auction on November 2, 2013, we expect to finish 2013 "in the black," and with some reserve to begin 2014.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers!

Dave Kuiper, Director

For the AMM Board of Directors