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*“Connecting and Advancing
Leaders in Mission and Service
to Win the Lost for Christ.”*

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CALMS' Four Impact Areas

As a mission organization, CALMS seeks to link God's people in the USA and in Central America so that they use their Heads, Hearts, Hands and Health to serve Him and each other.

This means that those we involve in God’s mission will grow in the knowledge of God’s Word and will eagerly learn more about other cultures, how to work effectively with others and how to apply God’s Word in culturally sensitive ways: **HEAD**.

They will have God’s heart as they reach out in compassion and love to members of their own mission team and to their cross-cultural partners, and as they share their faith with lost and hurting people: **HEART**.

They will use their use their hands and the gifts God has given them as they willingly serve others doing things that really help: **HANDS**.

Finally, they will change and become more like Christ as they grow closer to Him and relate in a healthy way with the body of Christ and those around them: **HEALTH**.

In the coming months and years, with God’s help, we will continue to focus on our four impact areas as we work with partners in both Central American and the United States to fulfill Christ’s Great Commission!

CALMS’ 4 Impact Areas
Head: Learning from God’s Word and “reading” the culture correctly in order to make a difference...
Heart: Demonstrating God’s heart of compassion and concern for “lost” people...
Hands: Using our gifts, skills and experience to serve others with the right outcomes in mind...
Health: Working in healthy ways with others and growing closer to Christ in order to reflect his light to the world...

Yours in God’s Service,



Rev. B. Steve Hughey

CALMS’ Executive Director



Nurse Karla Jacobsen-Mogge, one of eleven team members from Wisconsin vaccinates a young child in Campanero La Avanzada, a village near La Union, Guatemala where CALMS is reaching out to needy children and their families with the Gospel of Jesus and much needed medical care.

CALMS' Medical Team Serves Sick Children in Guatemala

CALMS facilitated a medical mission to Guatemala Feb 3-11, 2010 in partnership with First Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cedarburg, Wis. A team of eleven included doctors, nurses, and outreach workers reached out to the struggling community of Campanero La Avanzada near La Union and at Clinica "Santa Cruz" near Lake Amatitlan.

Over 500 of patients were seen in both locations including over 200 children in the village in La Union where CALMS has been helping since a devastating landslide destroyed dozens of homes in July 2008. **NOTE:** Since most of the children in the mountain village near La Union suffer from malnutrition, CALMS is working to send regular medical teams and provide protein drinks and vitamins to improve their health.

Following are comments from medical team participants:

“Over 180 kids in the last two days and like last year its scabies, parasites, and a whole assortment of infections. But it’s worth every minute when the parent gives you a thank-you hug as your probably the only medical professional they have seen in their village in well...since last time we were here. I’m thankful for being able to work with an amazing group from First Immanuel and Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin!” --**Dr. Ernie Stenski**

“What a great trip so far! It was 80 degrees today. The old men in the town said that this is their summer weather and very unusual for this time of year. The children are awesome—we have seen so many and wish that we could do more. When I am back at work in Children’s ER, I will never have to ask the MD if the rash I am looking at is scabies or something else—so many kids here have them. Watching the kids get their scabies wash was a stitch—many of them cried but they will be better off without the constant itching. Dr Ernie and I –ER co-workers back home—triaged and treated 80 children in 2 ½ hours this am—wish we could do that in the USA. Learning more Spanish will help me with my work at home too. I have made new friends and want to come here again.”—**Joyce Ennis**

“This trip is more than I ever could have imagined!! What a wonderful group of people to work with and learn from!! The people of this area are amazing! They welcome us with open arms and are so thankful for the small amount of care that we are able to give them. I am overwhelmed with the beautiful children and loving parents and grandparents...and also the beautiful mountains! This experience is amazing and I am thankful that all of you are interested and following this blog! Thank you! I am trying so hard to learn Spanish!”—**Patsy Wilhelme**

“It’s great to watch this mixed group pull together as a team. The level of professionalism among this group is amazing. Their commitment to the care of the patients and their quick grasp of Spanish for the purpose of diagnosing the kids is nothing short of a miracle. I’m so glad that they are having a good experience here, hopefully it means that they will continue to offer their expertise in the mission field for many years to come!”--**Team leader, Lori Newhouse**



Most of the children in the village of Campanero La Avanzada near La Union, Guatemala like the three in this picture, suffer from malnutrition, skin diseases and parasites. Thankfully, the CALMS team from First Immanuel, Cedarburg, Wis., made a huge difference as they treated these children and brought them and their parents hope and healing.

Pray for Us...

Ask the Lord of the Harvest to raise up additional workers in Central America to reach out to the hurting and lost people in that area of His vineyard.

Ask the Lord to comfort Nanci Jasinto, wife of Pastor Luis Jasinto; a key CALMS' partner in Gualan, Guatemala as she mourns the death of her mother in New York following a long battle with cancer.

Thank God for protection and for using the gifts and talents of a mission team from Concordia Seminary who served in Belize February 20-27 with CALMS' mission partners at Lord's Bank Community Church near Belize City.

Thank God that he uses ordinary people like the medical team from First Immanuel, Cedarburg, Wis. to be the hands of the living Christ and to bring hope to hearts that need a simple touch. Praise the Lord that he uses His people to bring the most important ingredient of life, for where there is hope, there is life--abundant life through Christ, the living hope!



A CALMS' medical team of 11 people from Wisconsin served sick children and adults in Guatemala in February. Under the leadership of Lori Newhouse and Dr. Ernie Stremski, the team provided much-needed healthcare and shared God's love in word and deed. (L-r) Dr. Ernie Stremski, Karla Jacobsen-Mogge, Brigitte DeBruyne, Joyce Ennis, Heather Moore, Joy Friede, Nancy Switzer, Sonia Greengrass, Patsy Wilhelme, Jeremy Rose, and Lori Newhouse. Seven team members are employees of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. The remaining members come from Columbia St Mary's, Aurora Advanced Healthcare and First Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cedarburg Wis.