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IHM Grant Process Assists Church Partners

Ministries of healing, community development and leadership training in nine countries received initial financial support through International Health Ministries 2006 grant process. Projects funded this year reflect the requests of IHM's overseas partners, and the strategic focusing of resources on projects that address diseases of poverty and their underlying causes.

Additional funding was made

available to church partners' health and development projects through grants from the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering.

The following projects have been funded as of June:

Democratic Republic of Congo:

—Good Shephard Hospital—\$3,600 for training

—Bulape Medical Center—\$5,000 for training

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"Wrap Project" Introduced to Support HIV/AIDS Prevention & Care in Africa

A brightly printed length of cloth is joining volunteer home-based care providers in Africa with Presbyterians in the U.S. who support HIV/AIDS ministries.

Known by different names in various countries of Africa, a "wrap" is a type of colorful skirt worn by many women,

PCUSA Moderator Joan Gray was given the Wrap fabric at General Assembly by Joy Raatz, HIV/AIDS Initiative Facilitator. Joy is wearing a dress made from the fabric.

(Photo: J. Williams)

including the volunteers who provide home health assistance in Malawi through the PCUSA-supported AIDS Home-Based Care project.

Home-based care coordinators from the three Synods of PCUSA's

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Training Equips Church Members to Help Communities in Congo

A leadership development program, "Training for Health," brought together more than two dozen church and community leaders in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to learn how to design and implement projects that address the AIDS issue at the grass-roots level.

For six days in May, 21 Congolese women, five Congolese men, and PC(USA) mission co-workers Nancy Haninger and Jeff Boyd participated in the interactive workshop held in Kinshasa. The workshop was

led by two facilitators from Global Health Action, based in Atlanta., and funded by a grant from the PW Thank Offering.

Congolese participants included 13 delegates from each of PCUSA's two partner churches in Congo.

The objective of the workshop was to build skills in identifying community needs and developing a strategy of activities, management and evaluation to address those needs.



The "Training for Health" workshop in D.R. Congo brought together participants from many of PCUSA's partner congregations.

(Photo: Nancy Haninger)

"Wrap Project" Supports AIDS Ministry

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The fabric designed for the Wrap Project is worn by both women and men in Malawi for their home care visits. (Photo: Janet Guyer)

partner, the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, worked together to design fabric for a wrap that illustrates the volunteers' varied home care activities. For the volunteers in Malawi, the wrap is a proud uniform for their ministry.

For Presbyterians in the U.S., the wrap is now available as a gift in appreciation for donations of \$200 or more to ECO #051700: Home-Based Care, or to ECO #862706: AIDS Crisis Overseas.

Donors in the U.S. will receive a two-meter length of the same colorful fabric worn by the HBC volunteers in Malawi, along with a packet of materials for educating and engaging U.S. Presbyterians in AIDS ministries in Africa. The fabric may be used to make a wrap-style skirt or the cloth can be used to create a communion table cover or an eye-catching wall hanging.

For more information on The Wrap Project, visit <http://www.pcusa.org/aids-international/wrap-project.htm> or contact Joy

Raatz, PCUSA AIDS Initiative Facilitator at 888-728-7228, ext. 5415 or jraatz@ctr.pcusa.org.

NetWorkers Mother's Day Project Honors Women

The sixth annual NetWorkers Mother's Day Project, which supports PCUSA's malaria prevention program in Africa, was blessed with the enthusiastic participation of Presbyterians across the U.S. Over 25,000 NetWorkers Mothers Day cards were sent to honor loved ones for the holiday. Donations made in exchange for the cards provide malaria prevention education and mosquito nets to families in Africa.

The Mother's Day mission activity will be offered again in 2007. Cards will be available March 1. See www.pcusa.org/health/international for details.

Health Projects Receive IHM Funding *(Con't. from Pg. 1)*

—Luebo Presbyterian Hospital: \$3,000 -malaria prevention; \$10,000- drugs

—Presbyterian Community of Congo: \$4,610 -micro loan project for widows

—Presbyterian Action Against AIDS: \$7,461-Orphans project

—Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa: \$6,450 -Orphans and Widows project

Ethiopia

—East Gambella Bethel Synod: \$12,000 - Vulnerable Children

Ghana

—Evangelical Presbyterian Church: \$3,546 -Sex Education

Malawi

—Church of Central Africa Presbyterian: \$27,137-malaria CCAP: \$1,626- AIDS workshop

Thailand

—Church of Christ in Thailand: \$14,950-AIDS Ministry

Pakistan

—Rawalpindi Leprosy Hospital: \$18,600

Nepal

—Tansen Mission Hospital: \$22,536

India:

—Society for Nurture, Education, Health: \$10,000 – community health development

—Christian Medical Association of India: \$13,051- AIDS policy development

—CMAI: \$28,000-malaria

—CMAI: \$25,000-healthcare leadership development

—American Leprosy Mission: \$13,000

—Mussoorie Community Health Program: \$10,000- community health project

Egypt

Care With Love: \$4,700- training for home health providers

Other funding requests from our partners are being considered by the Medical Benevolence Foundation.

The Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering program continues to be a critically-needed

source of financial support for health and development projects overseas. For 2006 the following projects submitted through IHM were funded by the Thank Offering:

Malawi

—Staff Housing at Nkhoma Hospital -\$28,800

China

—Amity Foundation: HIV/AIDS Prevention Training - \$20,000;

—Gynecological Screening in Henan Province-\$28,171

Ethiopia

—Training for Transformation Workshop-\$15,000

South Africa

—HIV/AIDS Project -\$20,000 Garden project-\$24,780

Haiti

—Nursing School, Leogane: Library-\$15,000

Egypt

—Synod of the Nile: Vehicle for health programs -\$30,000

—HIV/AIDS Prevention & Sex Education -\$25,000

G.A. Mandates Actions on AIDS & Malaria

The commitment of PCUSA to engage Presbyterians in global responses to the "Diseases of Poverty" was affirmed at the 217th General Assembly in Birmingham in June, when two overtures dealing with HIV/AIDS and Malaria were approved.

As a result of General Assembly action, congregations and presbyteries will be urged to

give a portion of their annual Peacemaking Offering to support HIV/AIDS projects.

In other action, the General Assembly called for the appointment of a special committee to explore strategies for the reduction of malaria in sub-Saharan Africa. The committee will be formed when funds are raised to support its work.



PCUSA Mission co-workers Nancy and Mike Haninger flank Medical Benevolence Foundation Executive Director Rev. George Pope and his wife Cindy at the International Health Breakfast during General Assembly. (Photo: Gail Bingham)

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News From Our Missionaries...

Dr. Mike Haninger is completing treatment for lymphoma. He and Nancy are confident they will return to mission service in the Democratic Republic of Congo where Mike is an OB-Gyn at IMCK/Good Shepard Hospital and Nancy works in a variety of community health programs.

Shirley Hill, RN is now serving in Cameroon, working with the HIV/AIDS ministries of PCUSA's partner, the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon. She lives in Buea in the South West Province.



Funding for missionary service is critically needed. Presbyterians are rallying to support our denomination's historic role in overseas mission work. In May, a \$2.6 million bequest was designated for missionary support. This generous gift filled gaps in missionary funding, but does not alter the urgent need to build long-term support for PCUSA's mission force around the world.

IHM Staff Looks Ahead to Restructuring of WMD

The downsizing that reduced staff of many program offices at the Presbyterian Center in May did not result in staff changes for the International Health Ministries Office. IHM anticipates changes in its working arrangement with other offices, as the Worldwide Ministries Division is restructured this fall, in accordance with PCUSA's Mission Work Plan. IHM will continue to facilitate the work of partner churches' health programs and mission personnel overseas, and assist the mission involvement of U.S. churches.

Financial gifts to fund missionary service can be directed to ECO 132192.

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