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Introducing AIMS President-Elect**

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# EDITORIAL

With this edition of the *AIMS Journal* I am pleased to introduce to our readers the new AIMS president-elect, Dr. William McGhee. Please refer to the story about him on page four along with his photograph.

Dr. McGhee recently returned to the United States after a stint of overseas mission service in India where he was on the staff of the Vellore Christian Medical College in south India.

His responsibilities included being on the staff of the Department of Psychiatry of the hospital and school, and over the weekends he and his wife, Julie, coordinated the activities of all Seventh-day Adventist students attending the school.

Dr. McGhee is the third psychiatrist to serve as a Seventh-day Adventist representative at Vellore. I had the privilege of recruiting the first two during

the time that I served as an associate secretary of the General Conference taking care of the liaison affairs of the Southern Asia Division.

The new president-elect is back at Loma Linda on the staff of the Department of Psychiatry of Loma Linda University School of Medicine and through the years has taken an active interest in the Association of International Medical Services.

You will also find a report of the meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, in connection with the General Conference Session on page three. We are indebted to Dr. Ed Krick for leading out in this meeting and for the major participants, including Dr. Allan Handysides of the General Conference Department of Health; and Richard Hart, the President of Loma Linda University Health Sciences Center. This is the third such General Conference Session that AIMS has had a meeting at of this kind. □



—Don A. Roth, Editor  
*General Conference  
Representative,  
Loma Linda Campus*

*On the cover: This is the administration building and main entrance to the Penang Adventist Hospital in Penang, Malaysia, one of the leading Adventist hospitals in Asia.*



## From the President

by **Edwin Krick, MD**

**W**hat a privilege and blessing it was to attend the recent General Conference 59th Quinquennial Session in Atlanta! More than 70,000 family members assembled, so you can imagine what fellowship there was for ten days.

Thanks to the careful planning of our editor, Don Roth, more than 150 attended the AIMS meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Richard Hart, president of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center, briefed the attendees on the outstanding work of Adventist Health International (AHI), now providing management services for 26 mission hospitals worldwide, often saving them from closure.

During the past year a major thrust was assisting the Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti in coping with the aftermath of the 7.1 magnitude earthquake that hit

January 12, 2009. Several teams from Loma Linda have done a magnificent job of providing medical and surgical services as well as assisting with management of the tremendous influx of supplies and medications arriving from around the world.

We then welcomed Dr. Allan Handysides, director of the General Conference Department of Health. We are indebted to his team who prepared an outstanding Sabbath School lesson series for the second quarter of this year. He presented some exciting developments regarding the development of plans for several new overseas Adventist medical schools around the globe. His challenge to AIMS was that we find innovative ways to enhance the growing medical work of the church, including assisting in these educational centers.

*See **President** on page 15*

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# William McGhee Selected as President-Elect

by Don Roth

**D**r. William McGhee, long-time staff member of the Department of Psychiatry of Loma Linda University, is the new president-elect of the Association of International Medical Services.

Dr. McGhee recently returned from an overseas mission stint where he served as senior consulting psychiatrist in the Department of Psychiatry at the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India.

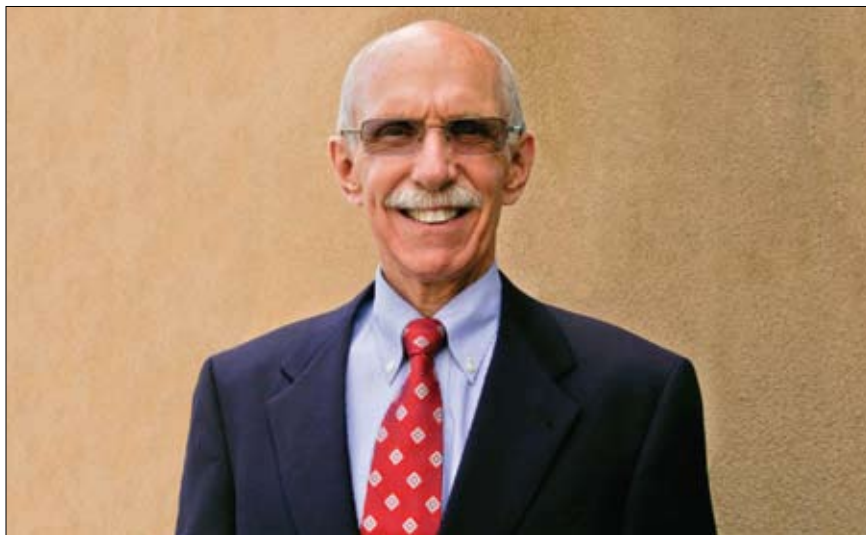
He is currently professor of psychiatry of Loma Linda University School of Medicine and is medical director of the Electro Convulsive Therapy Service of Loma Linda

University as well as outpatient private practice in the Department of Psychiatry.

The Board of Directors of AIMS recently took action to name Dr. McGhee, who will take over leadership of the organization upon the completion of the term of service now being given by Dr. Edwin Krick.

The new president-elect has been connected with the Loma Linda University School of Medicine since the completion of his residency in psychiatry in 1975. He has been a professor of psychiatry at Loma Linda since 1995. From 1992 to 2009 he was vice-chair in

*See McGhee on page 6*



*Dr. William McGhee*

# Deferred Mission Appointees Now Serving Overseas

as of September 2010

James E. Appel	Bere Adventist Hospital, Chad
Trixy Colwell	Buea SDA Dispensary, Cameroon
Warren Creed	Davis Memorial Hospital, Guyana
Herbert N. Giebel	Ile Ife Hospital, Nigeria
Mindi Guptill	Niger
Ryan Hayton	Malamulo Hospital, Malawi
Belen Lohr	Valley of the Angels Hospital, Honduras
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Seth Lukens	Maluti Hospital, Lesotho
Norman McNulty	Community Hospital of SDA, Trinidad
Julie Namm	Guam SDA Clinic, Guam
Danae Netteburg	Bere Adventist Hospital, Chad
Olen Netteburg	Bere Adventist Hospital, Chad
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Erica Parker	Guam SDA Clinic, Guam
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Crystal Pierson	Saipan Adventist Clinic, Saipan
Kenneth D. Pierson	Saipan Adventist Clinic, Saipan
Tiffany Priester	Blantyre Adventist Hospital, Malawi
Michael J. Robinson	Guam SDA Clinic, Guam
Mark Sandoval	Community Hospital of SDA, Trinidad
Aaron Sartin*	Scheer Memorial Hospital, Nepal
Sally Sartin*	Scheer Memorial Hospital, Nepal
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Sarah-Jane Shearer	Saipan Adventist Clinic, Saipan
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Michael Stafford	Saipan Adventist Clinic, Saipan
Edwin J. Supit	Guam SDA Clinic, Guam
Darrell L. Vaughan	Adventist Dental Clinic, Okinawa
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Wayne E. Ward	Guam SDA Clinic, Guam
Josef Wollmann*	Community Hospital of SDA, Trinidad
Robert Wresch	Guam SDA Clinic, Guam

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## McGhee

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the Department of Psychiatry at Loma Linda University School of Medicine.

Dr. McGhee did his undergraduate work at Walla Walla University in College Place, Washington, where he majored in biology and minored in chemistry. After graduation he was accepted into the School of Medicine at Loma Linda University and graduated in 1972. He took his residency in psychiatry at Loma Linda and has been connected with the Department of Psychiatry ever since.

He is a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology as well as with the National Board of Medical Examiners.

He is a member of a number of professional societies including the American Psychiatric Association and the American Medical Association. He is a life member of the Association of International Medical Services in Loma Linda.

Through the years Dr. McGhee has given a great deal of volunteer service overseas and has been to Brazil, Zambia, India, Papua New Guinea, Guam, Peru,

Ethiopia, China, Fiji, and Thailand.

In 2009 he was given the title of “Distinguished Life Fellow” of the American Psychiatric Association. In 2003 the State of California gave him an honor of “Sustained Superior Accomplishment Award.” He was the “Teaching Faculty Member of the Year” in the Department of Psychiatry in 2002.

Since 1992 he has been associated with Patton State Hospital. At one time he served as Clinical Management Committee chairman. From 1990 to 2007 he was the medical education committee chairman.

He is married to Julie Ann Witcombe, a practicing dentist.

For two years he and his wife served as interdivision missionaries for the Seventh-day Adventist church at the Vellore Christian Medical College in India.

Over a period of 12 years Dr. McGee and his wife made 21 different trips to medically underserved areas in developing countries and assisted in the church’s medical program at hospitals, clinics, and schools. □

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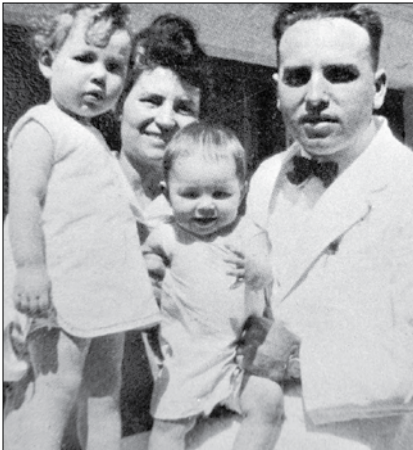


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*A Passion To Heal, A Heart To Care.*

## Penang Hospital Serves Malaysian Peninsula

**T**he Penang Adventist Hospital is a Malaysian-owned and controlled company. It is part of an international network of some 500 not-for-profit hospitals, clinics and dispensaries worldwide operating under the Adventist Health Network.



*Dr. Gardner and family*

The hospital was established in 1924 by Dr. J. Earl Gardner whose motto over the door of his clinic was “Poor Treated

Free.” Today we continue this legacy where all Malaysian patients (regardless of their ability to pay) are placed in proper and equal access healthcare where the outcomes and clinical services do not vary.

Charity patients enjoy the same high-quality care and technology at reduced cost or no charge at all. Today Penang Adventist Hospital has a statement over its main entrance which says “God Heals We Help.” For 85 years we have been providing holistic healthcare to the sick regardless of religion, race, creed and color.

From its humble beginnings it has grown to become a tertiary healthcare institution providing global healthcare for the Malaysian and international community.

The hospital is supported by a dedicated medical team: nursing and healthcare professionals employing up-to-date medical equipment to provide quality and affordable healthcare and treatment to all who come through its healing portal.

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## CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

Our centers of excellence include:

### Heart & Vascular Centre

- Over 20,000 heart patients annually
- 2,000 cardiac catheters annually
- 350 PTCA/PCIs annually
- Over 430 open-heart surgeries annually

### Cosmetic & Reconstructive Centre

- American-trained & board-certified surgeons

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- Health risk assessments

### Vision Centre

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- Keratoconus treatments

### Dental Care Centre

- Damon system braces
- Dental health & cosmetic dentistry

### Spine & Back Services

### Renal Care Centre

### Digestive & Liver Health Centre

### Oncology Centre

## MULTI-LINGUAL

### International Patient Services

Members of our team communicate primarily in English but are also able to speak Japanese and Bahasa Indonesia in addition to Bahasa Malaysia (the national language) and other local dialects such as Mandarin, Cantonese and Hokkien. Other language translators may also be made available provided we are notified in advance.

### Japanese Patient Liaisons

- Kimiko: 012-409 7611 (native speaker)
- Jeannie: 012-492 1133 (translator)

## ACCREDITATION

### Internationally Accredited

In 2007 we became the first private hospital in Malaysia to receive international accreditation from JCI – the leader in accreditation and the “Gold Seal of Approval™” in healthcare. We serve well over 50,000 international patients annually from over 20 countries.

We are also a member of the Malaysian Society for Quality in Health,



*The Heart & Vascular Centre*

and the first private hospital in Penang to be awarded the Baby-Friendly Hospital Certificate.

## CLINICAL RESEARCH

Today, physicians and healthcare makers are insisting on evidence-based medicine. This has spurred many pharmaceutical companies to conduct clinical trials. Towards this end, Penang Adventist Hospital entered into a joint venture with Info Kinetics a clinical



*An aerial view of the Penang Adventist Hospital*

research organization to conduct trials in the hospital. We have initiated the Cardiovascular Study, an on-going Phase 1 study of a novel compound for the treatment of Type 2 Diabetes.

The Penang Adventist Hospital is breaking new ground in cutting-edge stem cell technology. In the past, if someone had a heart attack, the damage was permanent. But by using stem cells we can now grow new muscles. We only use stem cells taken from a patient's own body; the stem cells are harvested from bone marrow taken from the hip area and this can be used to repair any part of the body ranging from heart muscles to knee cartilage.

We are also doing research on a new type of anti-coagulant which can

stop blood from clotting which may be successful in preventing deep vein thrombosis, or economy class syndrome which can cause problems for airline passengers on long-haul flights.

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## President

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I want to thank those who took the time to attend our AIMS meeting, provide their email addresses and offer ideas.

We are happy to announce the selection of Dr. William McGhee as our new president-elect. His two-year term as president will begin at APC in 2012. I'm looking forward to working with Bill, whose total term on the board will encompass six years. (See accompanying article on page four.)

Our congratulations to the LLU School of Medicine Class of 2010 for exceeding their \$100,000 goal for support of the Haiti hospital. This was due in part to a challenge grant of \$10,000 from AIMS, made possible through the generosity of the Walters Family Foundation and AIMS former president, Clifford Walters, M.D. As you may know, the class adopted the hospital as the recipient of their co-operative efforts on a permanent basis.

I'd like to remind you of the opportunity, voted earlier this year by your board, to allow a five-year period for payment of Life Membership. Your support as Life Members is essential to enable our AIMS endowment, which includes all Life Member funds, to meet the ever-increasing requests for our help. See the column to the right and the boxes on pages six and 13 for more information.

We solicit your prayers, ideas and financial support so that AIMS may be able to play a significant role in spreading the good news around the world. ☐

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