



## Firmly Established on 2 Continents—Africa and Central America

***Teethsavers Mission*** — To introduce and facilitate the provision of simple and inexpensive dental care for children—being careful to always give the credit to God.

Some exciting things have been happening in conjunction with our Teethsavers operations around the world!

Quite seemingly by accident, although it surely was God's handiwork, we learned about some people from Malawi that were in Post. They're a part of an organization called Circle of Hope (not to be confused with the Ministry of Hope). They have a center in MVERA, Malawi, only about an hour away from our Teethsavers team in LILONGWE, Malawi. Their purpose is community development, home based health care, education and orphan care. We were able to meet with them and set up future plans to provide care for their children and work together with them. They provide much care for malaria, typhoid and HIV now and are planning to be able to provide even more extensive medical care.

In Malawi, we were finally able to clear the immigration hurdle with Zambia and have gotten one of our Zambian team members back and added another team member who was one of Jack's original graduates in Zambia. They are both trained operators. So far, the Malawi team has still been able to stay where they were, but if the landlord manages to sell the place, they will have to move very rapidly. The team, has gone to many villages and seen, treated, examined and educated hundreds of children and parents even while working through many political problems the last few months.

Plans for next year include working for our NGO in Zambia and putting our graduates that are there to work as a team. We have 8 or 9 trained people wanting to work there. We're hoping to set up an agreement with the Zambian government to split their salaries with them if they put them to work.

The women of the Sewing Ministry at Westminster have continued to make dresses, britches and shirts for the children of Malawi. These are being well received and are really appreciated when our team takes them to the villages when they go to treat the children.

One big praise we have this month, is that we were

able to get Dr Rudd safely back from Sierra Leone after he had contracted Malaria and Typhoid Fever there and was seriously ill and unable to help himself. Our Executive Director, Tracy Ebarb, flew to Sierra Leone and assisted Jack on the flights back to the States. While there, they were able to set up plans for future expanded work and receiving government certification. Jack had been able to complete the academic portion of the ART training before he became ill, and Dr. Patrick Davis will complete the practicum portion, so the students there in Sierra Leone will be able to complete their training and become certified operators.



Jack received two pints of blood after his return to the States, as his

hemoglobin was very low and he had lost an extreme amount of weight. As I've heard him called by many people, the Energizer Bunny has bounced back and seems to be healthy and full of energy again.

We are hoping to receive our final NGO in Nicaragua before the end of this year.

Keith Rogers has been seeing many children with his Teethsavers graduates and teaching English around their home area and witnessing about God to all they come in contact with. We hope to send him two more graduates beginning in 2012 so he can continue to expand his Teethsavers work in San Juan Del Sur as well.

Our students in Jinotega have been really branching out providing care to many villages. In fact, they've seen so many children already they needed 5,000 more toothbrushes to get them through the end of this year.

Some of the toothbrushes that had been donated to us have also been used to assist in the Food Voucher/ Hygiene Bag ministry here at Westminster. Our God uses all to His glory.



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## From Behind the Six Year Molar

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Please continue collecting used childrens' books and toys for our small ocean going container to Malawi.

Beyond Great News = a Malaria vaccine has been developed by a scientist supported by the Gates Foundation. What a break through to save lives. The vaccine cuts in half the risk of developing Malaria. Further work looks promising for it to be even more effective against the malaria parasite itself.

Teethsavers is being included with Texas Tech University Education grant proposals in fighting illiteracy in Sierra Leone. The object is the whole gamut of health - education - literacy - clean water and sanitation. Dr Michael - San Francisco Assoc VP for Research has checked out Teethsavers with other dentists and is more than favorable for our prevention techniques and literacy efforts. ART treatment and literacy, combined with the "journey of motherhood" you received with the last newsletter - treatment at 3 months combined with reinforcement visits and utilizing a used children's book with each mother and child are the most important aspects for child development in Sierra Leone for years to come. "Teaching a New Tradition to a New Generation". Our next meeting with the people from Texas Tech University is November 2nd.

All of these expansion plans, which God is leading us to, will require an increased budget for next year. This year has been very tight as donations have been down (as for all non-profit agencies), and it took an unexpected amount of money to bring Dr Rudd back on an emergency basis. Teethsavers would greatly appreciate any donation you might feel led to make at this point.

You may mail your donations to: Teethsavers International, Inc., c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3321 - 33rd St, Lubbock, TX 79410. We covet your prayers for our work with the children and their parents and their learning about our Lord Jesus as well as receiving dental care.

Please consider supporting Teethsavers, a non-profit 501(c)3 agency. All donations are tax deductible and are appreciated. You may send your contributions to Teethsavers International, Inc., c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3321 -33rd Street, Lubbock, TX 79410 or call for information at 806-799-3621.

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