

St. Stephen's News

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A parish in the classical Anglican tradition

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FROM THE TREASURER

Please consider giving to the Endowment Fund

THE VESTRY is asking our parishioners and friends prayerfully to consider making a gift to the parish's newly established Endowment Fund. The purpose of the fund is to provide the parish with the financial stability essential to sustain its growth.

Long established parishes traditionally have endowment funds which provide the necessary financial stability to permit long range planning and enable the church to maintain its missions even in difficult economic times and .. Newly-founded parishes like St. Stephen's, however, are rarely blessed with endowments because it is usually necessary devote all available resources just to keeping the church doors open.

But after 20 years of living from hand to mouth, the vestry decided it is time for the parish to start building an endowment fund to underpin its long term future. And the recently launched fund drive has gotten a splendid start with gifts amounting to some \$23,000.

No ultimate target has yet been set for the fund, but the initial goal is to raise at least \$200,000. The fund will be invested in a parish money market account, managed by the investment firm T. Rowe Price. The income will be primarily devoted to reducing the parish's outstanding mortgage.

The Endowment Fund Drive team welcomes contributions large and small. If you would like to donate to the fund, please send your check to the Treasurer, made out to *St. Stephen's Traditional Episcopal Church* and marked on the memo line "*Endowment Fund.*"

If you wish to make an donation in memory, or in honor of a loved one or friend, please give us the information in a separate note. Also let us know if you would like to be named in the newsletter as a donor to the fund. We hope you will respond as generously to this as you have to past appeals. **BILL HAWKINS**

FROM HAPPY RILEY

Life-changing medical mission to rural Peru

This summer, parishioner Happy Riley set off on the trip of a life time. It was a medical mission, led by the Sisters of Mercy to the children of a remote community in northern Peru. For Happy, one of the medical team's laboratory technicians, it was a life-changing experience. Here is Part One of her story:

THE nerve center of the Mercy Medical Mission to Chulucanas, in northern Peru, was Harmony House, a lovely brown shingled home in Roland Park, which serves as a small convent for Sisters of Mercy. It is the home of the leader of the mission, Sister Karen Schneider, R.S.M., M.D.

On Thursday, August 12th, I joined Sister Susie -- a friend of 63 years -- to help pack medical supplies for our mission to the small town in the province of Morropon. It is located about 400 feet above sea level in the Andean foothills and the summer temperatures average a toasty 90° F.

Under Sister Karen's instructions, we took the elevator to the convent basement where there were boxes, bags and empty suitcases waiting to be stuffed with all our needed supplies.

Bob Bollinger -- a senior at Loyola High School whose father Robert, Sr. is Chief of Infectious Diseases at Johns Hopkins -- logged in the inventory on Sister Karen's lap top as we filled two large bags with the things needed for the first day at the clinic. The plan was for the other supplies to arrive

by bus by our second day of operations. Everything from antibiotics to duct tape was packed, including a supply of cranberry sauce and peanut butter for the "good Sisters." These favorite goodies are unobtainable in Chulucanas.

In addition to Sister Karen, Sister Susie, Bob and me, the mission team members included: Sister Marilyn Graf from Mobile, Alabama (the most fashionable Sister of Mercy and the only gal on the team who wore lipstick every day); Dr. Jana, a resident, who didn't mingle much with the rest of us; Dr. Rufus, our senior pediatric cardiologist; Dr. Brian, an energetic resident with three kids of his own; Jamie Lambisck, (who so kindly brought me alpaca yarn from the mountains); Sister Mary Mulholland from Silver Spring; Allecia, a nurse practitioner from Pikesville; Anna, her sister-in-law; Sam, Annie and Ashley, the pharmacy team; Dr. Chris, Dr. Sam and Dr. Matt, residents; Dr. Karen Cartwright, a visiting pediatric surgeon from Fresno, CA; Nurse Nayra Zimmerman who was on her fourth mission with Sister Karen; and nurses Arlene and Tina.

Our departure was scheduled for Tuesday, August 24th. Naturally, I was a bit apprehensive, but Karen Ruthig told me to read Psalms 139: 9-10: "If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me." Reading that, I knew God would be with us as we traveled.

We left Washington D.C. on time, and upon arrival in Atlanta Airport, we headed in small groups for various restaurants. Sister Mary Ellen, Sister Mary, Sister Susie and I opted for salads at TGI Fridays -- our last raw veggies until we returned to the States.

Our flight to Lima departed on time and six and a half hours (and 3200 miles) later, we arrived in Lima. It was 10:30 PM. and the airport looked like Times Square on Saturday night. Long lines at the customs were made even worse by an inspection for each of our medical bags for expired drugs.

The check of just the first of our 26 bags took more than 30 minutes. Finally, after about an hour and a half, the inspection team grew weary of the task and waived through the remaining bags.

We quickly made tracks for the vans waiting to transport us to The Hotel Bolivar -- a trip that took us through a part of town that featured "ladies of the evening" waiting in the doorways for customers.

The hotel, itself, was most impressive. It was old and elegant with a lovely glass domed ceiling in the lobby and huge rooms with 14 ft ceilings, reminiscent of The Belvedere back home.

We hastily checked in and put all the medical bags safely behind the registration desk. The hotel staff took our passports until morning, which was a bit unsettling as we had been instructed never to part with our travel documents. Traffic horns sounded all night and I didn't sleep well.

After breakfast the next day, a money exchange lady came to convert our dollars into Peruvian Soles and set off on a guided tour of Lima. Later that afternoon, we left for our flight to Piura, the nearest major city to Chulucanas.

The lines at the airport much longer than anticipated, and there were numerous passport and customs checks. Upon arrival in Piura, we were bused to Chulucanas. At Centro Pastoral in Betania where our clinic was located, we were loaded moto-taxis and taken to the convent -- an unusual building with the rooms located around an open-air courtyard, with screen doors to keep out the bugs.

Next morning an opening ceremony was held in our honor. After a welcome from the local bishop, we were each given a small stone, representing the gifts and skills we were giving

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

being Sunday, October 17th, 2010

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM

HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-21

The Gospel: St. Matthew 22:1-14

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalms 145

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 2:1-9.13

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 22:1-14

the children at the clinic. The stones were then placed in a basket in front of a small altar in the center of the compound.

After lunch, our first patients arrived. Sister Marilyn and I are serving as the "lab techs". The trouble was we only had our first day's medical supplies. The bulk of our supplies did not arrive until the next day when we started seeing patients in earnest.

The children were beautiful, but their mothers looked as though they were their grandmothers, haggard from constant hard work and an inadequate diet. They looked worn out, but were so gracious.

Sister Marilyn and I were kept busy with urine analyses, strep tests, stool specimens and pregnancy tests. In between, we packaged vitamins and such like, in small containers. It wasn't a glamorous job, but a very necessary one, and I was so glad that I was able to help. **HAPPY RILEY**

✦ **PARISH PRAYER LIST** ✦

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To add a name to the list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the office at 410 560 6776.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am -- Holy Communion

9.15am -- Holy Communion (Nursery & Church School)

11.15am -- Morning Prayer (Nursery)

(1st. Sun. of the month: Holy Communion at 11.15am)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday: 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday: Noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday: 5.00PM Family Eucharist.

RECOVERY: Helen, Alma, Sara, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Linda, Robert, Nancy, Sharp, Edithann, Doris, Jay, Robert, Nancy, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Helen, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, James, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Bob, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erlene, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, Katherine, William, Betty, Cal, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom, Leliliah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, Steve, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Marian, Edith Anne, Steven, Jeanne, Tammy; Ellen, Jim, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Robert, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, George, Bryan, Jason, Jane, Joan, Frances, Ernie, Pat, Lynn, Michael, Ray, Leslie, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Robert, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Alma, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, John, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Elizabeth, Gloria, Lee Emily, Elsie, Bruce, Regina, Lewis, Madolin, Linda, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, Jody, Sheila, Jo Anne, John, Geradine, Thomas, Jeanne, Sister Catherine-Grace, Maxine, Ann Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Rebecca, Dorothy, Joanne, Albion, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Carol and Debbie.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Ned, & Stephen, Rachel, Robert & Renee, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Georgetta, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Doris, Drake, The Norris family; Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, David, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, Tom, Susan, Debbie, Kathy, Owen, Douglas, Amy, Jo Anne, Mary, Gregory, Isabel, Bobby, Dorothy, Darren, Scott, Rebecca, William, Charles, Joyce, Asfa, Eleanor, Kathy, Linda, James, Barry, Ann, Evelyn, Jeanette, Elizabeth, Virginia, Mildred, Chris, Micki, Stephen, Carol, Sandra, Elsie, John, Mary, Michael and David

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: LTC. R. J. Lytle, PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, U.S. Army, Alex Bursi, US. Navy; Capt. Charles Bursi & LTC Harry Hughes, U.S. Air Force.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL: Graham King

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: Reginald King & family

**COLLECTS FOR SUNDAY, TRINITY XIX
& ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST**

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou commandest; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN. BCP, Page 214**

ALMIGHTY GOD, who didst inspire thy servant Saint. Luke the Physician, to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of thy Son; Manifest in thy Church the like power and love, to the healing of our bodies and souls; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN. BCP, Page 253**

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