

A Message From Our President

As we engage in various celebrations of our 550th anniversary, let each of us look within ourselves to the God given gifts and talents we each possess. It is our responsibility to use these gifts to lift up the lives of our fellow-man. Let us thank God for his everlasting love, the love that passes all understanding. The love that allowed God the Father to send his son Jesus Christ to die for our sins. What a wonderful gift!

What a tribute it is to God when we show our love for him by using the gifts that he has en-

trusted in us? Some of us have the gift of speech, some preaching and some teaching. Lets go out into the world and use these talents or gifts to spread the gospel, and enlighten those in darkness, heal the broken hearted and comfort those who live in misery. The needs are so great we cannot afford not to use our gifts.



When we think of how truly blessed we are, it is our obligation to share our blessings. 1 Peter 4:10 teaches us that each one should use whatever gift he has received

to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. Some might say we are doing enough, but are we? 2 Corinthians 8:12 teaches us: For the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. Every gift that we have comes from God; we are obligated to use those gifts to help our brothers and sisters. So, as we celebrate our 550th anniversary let's use our gifts in the mission field both at home and overseas.

Evon Crooks, President, Mission Society, Southern Province and a member of New Philadelphia Moravian Church.

Mission Team Heads to Tanzania

This summer a team of five Moravian women will journey to Tanzania. The team will be lead by Mary Kategile who is from Western Tanzania and currently a student at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem. Cynthia Rader-Geyer, Moravian pastor at College Hill Moravian Church in Bethlehem and college students, Anne Fagge, Melissa



Cox and Jessica Jelinski, will join Mary. The purpose of their trip is to strengthen relationships with pastors, youth and the medical community in order to continue working together on development of HIV/AIDS educational resources. The team will visit Teofil Kisanji University in Mbeya to learn about current

HIV/AIDS education and field test resources and educational modules for their cultural and theological appropriateness. The team hopes to visit the AIDS Orphans Ministry (Adopt-A-Village) and thereby strengthen relationships with those involved. Upon the team's return, they will share their new insights and learning with North American Moravian congregations.

Please pray for Mary and Anne who will begin their journey on June 13th and Cynthia and Jessica who depart for Tanzania on July 3rd. Melissa will meet up with the team in early July from Kenya. For further information, contact Kim Bartholomew, MPH, at 610-868-1732 or kim@mncnp.org

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