

# A Message From Our President

As we celebrate our history we want to give honor and glory to our Lord for his faithfulness and inspiration.

Change and time creates history. As most of you are aware the mission residence at 433 South Main Street in Old Salem was donated to the Mission Society by the Pfohl family in

1958. Since then, the Mission Residence has been home for missionaries on furlough, missionaries passing through, college students and fellow Moravians in town. The up-keep of the residence has always exceeded its income. However, we kept it going.

In 2005 it was determined that the roof was beyond repair and needed to be replaced. The

residence was built with a “standing seam” metal roof and because it is located in historic Old Salem, the replacement must be similar material. It was estimated that a replacement roof would cost \$45,000. The Society does not have the financial means to cover such cost.



Earlier this year, after much prayerful consideration by the board, the Mission Society decided on the sale of the residence. As a result the residence will be sold to Old Salem Inc. effective May 17, 2007.

Our prayers have been answered, we have engaged in a missionary housing relationship with Hope Church where Hope’s

parsonage will be the new home for our visiting missionaries.

Hope women’s fellowship has graciously agreed to assist in the care of our residence. Our relationship with Hope can only be a positive experience for our missionaries and an enhancement of Hope’s long term commitment to missions. Thank you Hope, and may God continue to bless your congregation.

Missionaries wishing to use our new residence may continue to contact Sheila Beaman at 336-773-1732. Financial return on the proceeds of the sale will be used to offset some of the cost in the maintenance of the parsonage. *Evon Crooks, President, Mission Society, Southern Province and a member of New Philadelphia Moravian Church.*

## Moravian HIV/AIDS Ministry: Breaking Down Walls—Tanzania

In 2001, the Prevention of Mother-To-Child-Transmission (PMTCT) was begun at the Sikonge Moravian Hospital by Drs. Bill and Peggy Hoffman. The following year the program was expanded to the Moravian dispensaries. Using a grant received from Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation in 2003, government and NGO dispensaries are now included in the program. Starting in 2005, there has been full treatment of AIDS with antiretroviral medication.

All Moravian pastors in the Western and Lake Provinces of Tanzania have attended HIV/AIDS training courses held



in 2001 and 2002. Due to the importance of women in Tanzania, all pastors’ wives participated in similar seminars. Advanced pastoral training in HIV counseling is planned for the future.

Beginning with 34 orphans in 2002, the program has rapidly expanded to include 28 villages in the

Sikonge District and 5 parishes in the city of Tabora. 2,500 orphans are now receiving assistance. Women from the local Moravian churches register the orphans and assess their needs. The children are then provided school supplies and uniforms, sleeping mats and sheets, free medical care, supplemental food, and personal items such as skin oil and soap. Full secondary school scholarships are available to orphans who pass the government exam. Program funding is sought through individuals, congregations, foundations, and *Adopt A Village* program.

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