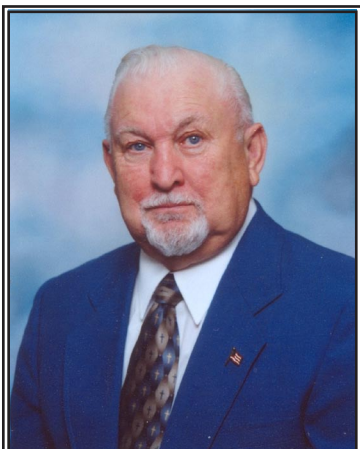


AUXILIARY NEWS

Witness Zoned in to Muslims



**LLL
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Edward A. Wright
LLL Communicator

LHM Ghana Director, John Donkoh, describes an "Out of the Comfort Zone" team that

was sent to minister to the inhabitants of Dadieso, a small farming village in western Ghana, as "clearly the Holy Spirit at work."

The team, which primarily focuses on rural outreach, set out early on a Saturday morning to Dadieso, found a central location and began the evangelical mission with musical performances. Within no time at least 100 curious villagers congregated to listen to the performers and the message.

At the end of the program, the team was surprised to receive an invitation to visit the chief of Dadieso in his palace. Fearing they may have violated some customs or laws of the land they were soon pleased that the Muslim chief expressed his gratitude for the program they had put on.

He also appealed to the team to visit his community more often to spread their message of hope ... and to their surprise, he gave them a donation to support the outreach ministry and added that "it was a seed he was planting to grow and serve all humanity."

An LHM Men's Club in Action!

What can a bunch of dedicated men do to serve people in need?

During an LLL Missouri District Convention the attendees were alerted that a tornado last September ripped through Perry County, the birthplace of the Synod, and devastated the community of Crosstown. Many of the convention attendees diverted going home but went to see how they could assist victims.

Delbert Holtzen arrived home, notified his Trinity Lutheran Men's Club in Cole Camp, and they later rallied to send a dozen workers to rebuild two farm structures. A week later they repaired and re-roofed a braille center. Delbert also works on construction projects with a group of Mennonites that he brought to Crosstown.

We in the Florida-Georgia District can empathize with tornado victims such as occurred recently in central Florida and should always be ready to lend a Christian hand.

Global Care Packages Deliver Hope!

We have been advised that the 2007 edition of Global Care Packages (GCP) are in the works for southern India. Boxes should arrive at the Orphan Grain Train

warehouse in Norfolk, NE, by January of 2008. The school supplies, hygiene kits, toys and Bible Stories will be sent to the ministry center in Chennai, India, for distribution.

The distribution of packages from past campaigns is still taking place in Kazakhstan, Kyrgystan, Uganda and Uruguay. According to Andrew Fitzgerald, who manages LHM Int'l. Volunteer Services, the most recent campaign, GCP-Uruguay, has been tremendously successful ... easily passing the goal of 12,500 packages. The 2006 program received more than 16,500 box orders and with that in mind the target for GCP-India has been set at 20,000 care packages.

For more info, visit www.lhm.org/globalcare or call Jeanne Lawrence at 800-944-3450 x4168. □

My Way



**LWML
NEWS**

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Several years ago, while learning to scuba dive in South Florida my husband and I wanted to go for a shore dive off Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Beach.

When we arrived, the wind was up and the ocean's undercurrent was very strong. My pride and desire to show

I knew what I was doing and even though my husband was stronger, I could swim as good as he could or so I thought.

After diving for a while, I surfaced to get my bearings

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and to look at the shore and saw that I was out much farther than we had planned on going. I didn't worry at first, I went back down to where my husband was waiting for me at a coral reef. We decided to keep diving even though we knew we were off course.

Finally it was time to surface and get back to shore. It was a very hard struggle; every time I would go a foot ahead the currents would through me back two feet. We decided to dive down and try and swim under the current, and I was struggling.

Yet the harder I worked, the farther I was pulled out.

Struggling more, I began to panic. I was getting so fatigued. I decided to let myself sink to the bottom - about 14 feet down - to allow my feet to touch the ground and get some rest. Then I would push myself to the surface again and try to swim in.

I surrendered and let the water take me. I don't remember how, but within a few minutes I turned up on shore. I was quite

a way from where I began, but that was where my problem had been. I had been trying to swim STRAIGHT back to shore, doing it under my own power. The current was pulling back to shore at an angle, leading me in quite a different direction than I would have thought. When I stopped fighting, I was brought safely home.

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In quietness - when we are no longer consumed with

our own "busyness" and we are listening to His voice - He can reveal to us and convict us of the things that prevent us from being truly surrendered.

It is about being consumed with something infinitely greater than ourselves. Then we can truly love others and be used of Him for His kingdom purposes. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 5:15).

It is not about being successful; it is about being faithful.

It is not about commitment; it is about surrender.

These are just some of God's principals that we learn by being a Lutheran Woman of the LWML. □

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