

Reaching Out

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LINCCO has been very active again this year. It is my pleasure to share with you some of the stories that show how our skills training programs are making a difference in the lives of people in the developing world.

On behalf of LINCCO and all the people whose lives you have improved, I thank you for investing in our programs. I hope these stories will encourage you to contribute to them in the coming year. The returns are truly enormous.

I especially want to extend my best wishes to you and your family for a Merry Christmas and a very happy 2012.

Silvia Ugolini, president

New Project in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has one of the highest infant and maternal mortality rates in the world. The single most important factor is the lack of adequate professional training for medical practitioners and nurses.



LINCCO is working to change that through innovative education programs.

In collaboration with our partners in the DRC and in Canada (visit www.lincco.org for details), we are launching a three year project that will raise the professional expertise of doctors and nurses in the DRC.

Graduate level programs in nursing will produce not only more highly qualified nursing instructors but also nursing professionals capable of developing health strategies for the population as a whole.

A Master's program in nursing will be given at ISSI (Institute for Advanced Nursing Studies) with the collaboration of professors from the University of Montreal. Programs in general duty nursing and midwifery will follow.



Graduating Class BA nursing ISSI

In January 2012, Professor Marie Hatem from the University of Montreal will go to DRC to select 30 candidates for the master's program in nursing.

Close to 160 physicians and nurses from Monkole Hospital and other hospitals from Mont Ngafula and Gombe will receive specialized training in neonatology and pediatrics. Continuing clinical training will keep medical practitioners up-to-date in the latest techniques and contribute to a reduction in infant and maternal mortality.



Medical Team, Monkole Hospital

To fund these vital projects

**LINCCO NEEDS YOUR HELP
TO RAISE:
\$167,000**

Fighting Malnutrition in the Philippines

“Malnutrition robs many Filipino children of their future” the Philippine Ambassador to Canada, Leslie Gatan, told an audience in Ottawa.

With LINCCO's support, FAMCOHSEF is fighting that problem with the second phase of the Community Health Worker (CHW) training program.

Building on the highly successful first phase of the CHW training program in Muntinlupa, LINCCO will sponsor a second phase which is focused on nutrition and care of infants and the elderly.

On May 23, 2011, 90 newly-trained CHWs graduated from the FAMCOHSEF training program sponsored by LINCCO. The CHWs are a vital link between their communities and the Health Centre run by FAMCOHSEF.

The CHWs are a trusted source of information about basic health care, hygiene, immunization and pre- and post-natal care.

In the new program, 80 CHWs will receive instruction in infant nutrition, food preparation and care of infants and the elderly. The nutrition program includes supplements for those needing them.

OUR FUNDRAISING TARGET IS \$40,000

WE STILL NEED \$27,500 to MEET IT!!

Teacher initiatives in Kenya

Thirty educators in the Teacher Enhancement Program at Strathmore University developed action plans to improve teaching techniques and upgrade facilities in their rural schools.

Their plans are designed to increase school attendance.

Help for displaced women in the Ivory Coast

LINCCO's partner in the Ivory Coast, ADESC, reports that the project to Aid Displaced Women in Abidjan got underway in October. Job search training for 50 women will help them join the labour market while 300 women will benefit from medical aid.

Other news

LINCCO volunteer Clarissa Soriano, a third year law student at University of Ottawa, visited FAMCOHSEF and accompanied a CHW while in the Philippines this past summer. “It is a model for all of the Philippines” she told CHIN radio host, Regina Sosong.



Clarissa Soriano (left) at FAMCOHSEF office

University of Montreal professor, Marie Hatem received the Businesswomen of Quebec prize for dedicated social service, which includes her work in the DRC for LINCCO.

We wish to welcome Mrs. Reine Abi Rached to the LINCCO team as our new Project Co-ordinator.

Fundraising Events

A benefit concert in Ottawa in November launched LINCCO's campaign to fund the second CHW training program. Our thanks to

organist, Gilles M. Leclerc, Maryvale Academy Choir and Himig Pilipino Choral Ensemble.



Philippine Ambassador (centre) with Himig Pilipino Choral Ensemble

Art exhibit, “Moments In the City”, at the Bruyere Family Medicine Centre in Ottawa continues until March 2, 2012. Proceeds from sales go to the CHW project.

Proceeds from sales of the CD ‘Once Again With Feeling’ by organist Glenn Hunter also go to the CHW project.

How you can help

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