FEATURING: Hopital Adventiste d’Haiti Expansion—building a new wing
Over the several decades of my professional life, I have been a voting member of many different kinds of committees. This includes church organizations on every level from the local church to the General Conference. Some of these committees were tedious and bothersome, even burdensome. I attended these sessions because of duty, not because I had a special affection for them.

I readily admit that one of the more favorite committees to which I have belonged is one that I am currently a member of, the AIMS Board of Trustees. This group consists of super-busy physicians, some of whom are now retired but still active in various areas of medicine.

Our executive director, Dennis Park, and I are the only non-physicians on this committee. I enjoy attending meetings because there is always a positive tone to the discussions as well as the decisions.

One of the most significant decisions that this committee has ever made was recently voted at our last meeting, the expenditure of more than $80,000 to complete a first-class wing at our Adventist Hospital in earthquake-battered Port au Prince, Haiti.

The action came as a result of a request to AIMS by Adventist Health International, an organization that has a genuine concern about the status of church hospitals on the continent of Africa and a few other choice places in the world.

But we cannot leave out of our thanks and appreciation for the main source of funding for this action—the Clifford Walters Family Trust. This giant philanthropic action on the part of this Northwest American family will make it possible for the hospital in Haiti to assist potentially thousands of Haitians who are unable to pay even the most simple of medical procedures.

Members of the AIMS organization around the world are invited to pray for this special place in God’s world—Haiti. They have been battered by poverty, slammed by pestilences of several kinds, and left in a state of hopelessness.

We salute AHI, Loma Linda University, and the hundreds of volunteers who have already given assistance to this island nation and hope that action of AIMS will help in some small way to relieve suffering and deprivation.

This edition of the Journal is the first for 2011. We thank all members for their continued support.

—Don A. Roth, Editor
General Conference Representative, Loma Linda Campus
As we enter the beginning of 2011 there is much for which to be grateful here at AIMS headquarters. We have an excellent, involved Board of Directors; our president-elect, Bill McGhee, is chairing a by-laws committee which will help strengthen our operations; and due to a large grant from the Walters Family Foundation we’ve been able to fund a project at the Hopital Adventiste d’Haiti which will help provide long-term financial stability to that member of Adventist Health International (see details starting on page five).

I’d like to share with you some of the inspiration my wife and I experienced at the Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) conference held recently in San Diego. This organization is dedicated to the goal of sharing the gospel, especially in North America, that AIMS has espoused for our Adventist witness overseas for the past 35 years. The weekend was entitled “CPR’ Christ: Patient Restorer.”

From the Thursday evening presentation by Dr. Neil Nedley (“From Fractured to Whole”), through the morning worships (“Wholeness with God, Your Spouse & Your Family” by Dr. Edwin Nebblett and his family), and the breakout sessions, there was a non-stop spiritual feast. Mark Finley, former “It Is Written” speaker and General Conference Vice-President, has come out of retirement to be the assistant to General Conference President, Ted Wilson. His Sabbath message reviewed the four primary reasons for our health message: 1) To prolong life and enjoy it to the fullest, 2) To enable us to know God in all His fullness by listening to the Holy Spirit, 3) To answer the call to give Him our all, physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, and 4) To
enable us to be the most powerful witness—a loving medical ministry that opens doors.

In one of the breakout sessions, Pastor Louis Torres from Guam encouraged us to use Christ’s methods of demonstrating loving concern for our patients by getting to know them—asking questions about their families, occupation and possibly religious/spiritual interests. Then he suggested that we describe a personal experience (testimony) that helped solve a problem or relieve stress, and watch closely their responses, looking for a clue as to their receptiveness for spiritual solutions that can help deal with complex problems.

I would encourage you to become a member of AMEN, which I consider to be our sister organization, and to attend their annual convention. Next year it will be held in Hilton Head, South Carolina, from October 27-30, 2011. The website to visit for more information is: www.amensda.org.

The opportunities for mutually beneficial co-operation between AIMS and AMEN are numerous and I believe will enhance the Lord’s work in the future as outlined so well by Ellen G. White in the book *Ministry of Healing*.

Rereading that classic would be a great resolution for your New Year. We wish you a blessed and happy 2011 and hope to see you at our AIMS meeting the Sabbath of APC, March 5.

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### AIMS Annual Meeting

by Don Roth

The annual meeting of AIMS will be held on Sabbath, March 5, at 12:15 p.m. at the Wong Kerlee International Conference Center on the campus of Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California.

The program includes a luncheon and a report from the international president, Dr. Edwin Krick.

The main guest speaker will be Dr. Ng Gan Theow of Silver Spring, Maryland, the general secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He will be in attendance along with his entire staff of associates in the Secretariat of the General Conference.

Another highlight of the program will be the presentation of the annual Global Mission Award as well as a report from the executive director, Dennis Park.

A special report will be presented about one of the major projects of AIMS for the past year: the funding of a special section of the Seventh-day Adventist hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which will serve as a first-class unit for people who are insured on the island of Haiti. Profits from this project will help the earthquake victims still in need in Haiti.

Officers of AIMS have urged all members to attend this annual meeting. Advanced tickets can be obtained from the Alumni Association.
A New Wing for Haiti Hospital
by Don Roth

The Association of International Medical Services has voted to underwrite a major renovation program to provide a new wing for the earthquake-shattered hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

The action was taken in response to a request by Adventist Health International, which takes care of hospitals in Africa and Latin America.

Says Richard Hart, president of AHI, “We are delighted with the support from AIMS for our hospital in Port-of-Prince, Haiti. AHIS has been managing this 50-bed hospital for seven years now and have a number of volunteers based there after the recent earthquake. It has become a major orthopedic and rehabilitation facility following the tragedy and is now establishing an orthotics and prosthetics center to serve the estimated 7,000 new amputees in the country.”

Dr. Hart, who concurrently carries the responsibility as president of the Loma Linda University Health Sciences Center, explained that one wing of the hospital was shelled but never completed during the original construction 30 years ago. He said that this will provide 15 additional patient beds with both private and semi-private rooms, and that the Board of Trustees has allocated $80,000 in order to upgrade the wing for first-class patients who are able to pay for medical services. Profits from the wing will then be used for the numerous charity patients now under care as the result of the tragedy that hit the country in January of 2010.
The 2010 graduating class of Loma Linda University School of Medicine chose this hospital as their class project four years ago and has been helping it during this very active time. They plan to continue their involvement during their residency years and thereafter.

Funding for this new wing has come largely from a major grant given by the family of one of our members of AIMS, Dr. Clifford Walters. He served as president for two years, 2005 to 2007, and still continues as a member of the board of trustees. The family has been in

A view of the southwest wing, showing the upstairs area which is to be converted into a private ward.

An HAH operating room with a new C-arm.
the business of medical philanthropy for many years. One of the awards given to the family was by the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in 2001. This was done “for grateful recognition of your visionary leadership and participation with your beloved parents in providing and equipping Forest Grove Seventh-day Adventist Spanish Church and Media Center as a facility of gospel influence around the world.” The objectives of the family were to be of major assistance to the work of the church in all parts of the world.

The board heard that before finishing work can begin on the wing the volunteers living there need to be relocated. AHI is now negotiating to purchase a building close by and to fix it up as a volunteer guest house. This will make it possible for work to begin on the wing for a rapid completion.

Because of some circumstances beyond their control, wall renovators have had a delay in getting things underway. However, the plans will move forward as soon as all the arrangements are made for this floor to be available for patients who are in a position to pay for services.

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Following the successful pattern of other countries, the hospital would like to develop this wing into private and semi-private patient rooms. It will include nine rooms for single occupancy and three for semi-private use. Individual air conditioning units have been purchased and need to be installed and wired. Plumbing needs to be completed. Quality painting, metal doors, and finishing work are imperative to attract the upscale clientele expected. The beds and furniture are available in Haiti, and with these additional 15 private and semi-private beds, enough revenue can be generated to subsidize the other 50 general-use beds enabling the hospital to fully develop and thrive.

Shortly after the earthquake hit Haiti, AIMS sent their president, Dr. Jack Bennett, to Port-au-Prince in order to assist in the rehabilitation program at the hospital. He was present many years ago when the hospital actually started in Haiti, during the time that he was on the staff of our hospital in Puerto Rico.

It is the plan of the entire staff of the AIMS Journal to provide a full report to members upon the completion of this major project. Readers will find on these pages photographs taken at the Haiti hospital following the earthquake.

It is reported that there has been some unscheduled delays in the beginning of this project. However, the plan is for this to go forward as quickly as possible so that the goals of the special gift will be realized for the benefit of the people of Haiti.
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