



LOOKING AHEAD: A New Year of Possibilities

A new year always brings the opportunity to look back, and ahead. We look back on the past year with a sense of gratefulness and sometimes, relief. We look ahead to the new year with renewed anticipation and energy for the things to come.

No doubt the past year was a combination of wonderful events and challenging circumstances. One of my friends summed it up well: "So much to take forward and lots to leave safely tucked into 2012."

Although challenges are rarely our first choice, it is certainly true that it is through challenges that we learn and grow. Our comfort and security lies in the fact that God is in control and because of His sovereignty, we can be at peace through difficulty.

At LAMB we are excited about the possibilities that lay ahead in 2013. We are grateful for a year of successes as well as frequent opportunities to see God's hand in circumstances.

Work and medical teams were a big part of clinic life, as always. One of the work groups began construction on a storage building. Another group cut the grass, painted, weeded and organized. We are so thankful for all of the groups that give their time to come to the clinic and help with the upkeep, maintenance and care of the buildings and grounds.



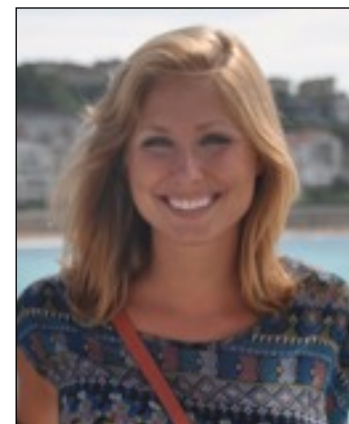
There will be opportunities again this year for those interested, to travel to Ecuador and take part in a short-term mission trip.

Our largest project for 2013 will involve the construction of a new hospitalization building that will improve the monitoring, recovery and care for patients who receive surgery at the clinic. We will keep you informed as we progress with this project.

INTRODUCING: Madison Paris, RN

We are thrilled to bring you the news that a new missionary is joining the Ecuador Team.

Madison Paris is a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana and traveled to Ecuador on January 16 to join the staff at the San Lorenzo Clinic.



Madison is not new to the mission field. She and her family, including parents, Derek and Rhonda Paris, and brothers Trent and Avery, and sister, Sloane have made several trips to Africa, Spain and Austria.

Madison says she has felt the call on her heart for international missions for most of her life. She can remember when she was 5 years old, announcing to her parents that she was going to be a missionary when she grew up.

Her college years were spent getting a nursing degree and, in her words, "fighting against God. Yet God's amazing grace and unending love for me kept pulling me back to Him. His still, small voice kept coming to me, telling me 'I love you and have greater things in mind for you.'" God's patient love won her back after years of fighting and struggling.

Madison has committed to being at the San Lorenzo Clinic for the next year, and past that will be waiting on God and trusting Him to take her where He wants her when the timing is perfect. We are excited and grateful to welcome Madison to LAMB!

JOINING HANDS

Our strong and heart-felt belief at LAMB is that we all can participate in missions away from home through our support of those who are in the field.



As we support missionaries with our finances and our prayers, we encircle them with the love, protection and resources that make their work possible.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT

Variety is the spice of life! In the past year we have added three additional ways for you to help support the work being done in Ecuador.

Organo Gold Coffee



Organo Gold is a healthy coffee that is non-acidic and has provided health benefits to many who drink it. The thing we like about making this coffee available to you is that it is a way to support LAMB

financially while you do something you do every day, anyway—drink your coffee (or tea)! When you buy Organo Gold products, 100% of the profit (\$15/box) goes to LAMB. Why not order one or two boxes to try? Once you taste it, you'll be hooked. This is a great, on-going way to support LAMB. There are 30 single-serving packets in each box (\$34) of the black coffee. That makes the cost just barely over \$1/cup. That's a great price for a great cup of coffee!

The Things No One Told Me About Motherhood

One of our own board members has written an incredible book that makes a wonderfully touching, treasured gift for any mother. Karen Crawford has produced a book that celebrates the special place children hold in our hearts. She has captured the essence of the precious moments and cherished memories that children create as they learn



and grow. Whether you are looking for a gift for a birthday, an anniversary, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day or a special gift for a new mother, *The Things No One Told Me About Motherhood* is a gift she will treasure through the years. Books are \$10 plus shipping, with all profits going to LAMB.

Coin Banks

We love it when kids are excited about participating with LAMB! We have had children who have donated their birthday or Christmas money, and those who have earned money to give to LAMB. Inspired by their generosity, we have created banks that children and adults can use to collect their spare change. As these banks remind us, a little "change" can be the first step in a big change.



We will gladly provide you with a bank and the label of your choice.

Annual Chili Supper

LAMB's cornerstone fundraising event, the Annual Chili supper will be taking place on **April 13!** An ongoing goal for the Chili Supper is to have fun, interesting and unique items for the silent auction.

This is where you can help! *Everyone* knows somebody! Maybe you are the owner of a business or company that has an item or items you can donate. Maybe you are a good customer of a certain business, or know someone who owns, manages or works at a business that might have something to donate. Experience has shown that the chances of receiving a donation goes up dramatically when the person in charge is asked for the donation by a customer or friend. The possibilities are endless! We certainly appreciate your assistance as we strive to keep the Chili supper fresh and interesting!

To order coffee, books or coin banks, to inquire about donating an item for the Chili Supper, or to ask questions about any of the above topics, call Karen Crawford at (260) 312-3177 or email her at: karen@LAMBonline.org.

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