

Life Lines

IHS Ministry Highlights

In Their Own Words

The year 2009 marks a point in time when International Saline saw phenomenal growth. Thanks to the collaboration among partner organizations – seven international healthcare associations joined in the International Saline Partnership – the numbers trained in October leapt up to 350 workers in 23 countries taking the training in six languages, a 295% growth over October 2007, almost matching the total workers trained by IHS in 2007.

Trainers who enthusiastically have engaged the vision, methods and materials of International Saline are creating this burgeoning ministry. As a result, IHS is seeing the “multiplication effect” that the partnership has been anticipating during the past two years. Comments coming from newly trained healthcare workers and novice trainers attest to their wholehearted embrace of International Saline tools to be a witness in their workplace and their bold courage in answering God’s call.

Prayers Sought in Madagascar

Starting out as a new trainer, Martine wrote from Madagascar, “As I wrote before, there were 47 persons for our third teaching about International Saline. Some people are ready to train others next time! We did it for about five hours and it is better than for our national congress [earlier that month]. We can give them also books in Malagasy! Our next program is now the Ministry of Health, but we have some problems with the state not stable until now.”

Sharing with Muslims and Hindus in Malaysia

“In my area of work I come in contact with my staff more than with patients,” wrote Peter, a Malaysian nurse, after attending training in his country. “They are mostly of Islamic faith and some Hindus. They are very committed to their belief, but I try, whenever there is an opportunity, to tell them of my God in ways that I might not offend them. I try not to argue but hopefully what I share might sink into them. I believe in planting seeds and allowing the Holy Spirit to work through the seeds.”

Plans for Expansion in Germany

From Germany, Cornelia Klappenhecker reported after her first experience teaching International Saline using the German translation: “I am only a beginner, having done my own course in Schladming, Austria, in 2008. I have started to integrate the principles of International Saline into my daily routine on an internal intensive care unit. As for Germany, I do think we need regular courses for beginners and refreshers. The groups should be rather small, maybe only 15 participants each. We should give the chance for people to meet in six months for a short follow-up meeting, with sign-up during the first course. We definitely need more trainers (right now we are two) and maybe a Training of Trainers session.”

With the Holy Spirit’s Guidance in Pakistan

A staff worker with Healthcare Christian Fellowship International, living in Pakistan, said, “I myself was blessed by the way of teaching and material which have been prepared in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I am trying my best to translate into the national language of my country Question One: Why is faith important in healthcare? By the grace of God I am praying for other [medical students] with whom I can communicate International Saline.”

YEAR IN REVIEW SPECIAL EDITION



During training in Coventry, England, the demonstration of barriers encountered in patients solidifies the concept that people go through a series of micro-decisions on the journey to faith in Christ.



Bob Snyder plays a character named John in Malaysia, to get across principles of engagement with patients that create a safe environment and provide opportunities to understand their spiritual condition. John's name changes depending upon the cultural context — to Jan in The Netherlands, Juan in Spain, Herr Müller in Germany or Abing in Singapore; and John could become Julia in France, if played by a woman trainer.



In Tula, Russia (south of Moscow), participants work together on a training activity geared toward skills building, also laying a sound foundation to put principles into practice after the training. Small groups formed during training are encouraged to continue their connection as prayer and accountability partners afterward.

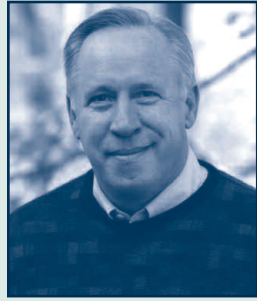
Year-End Reflection

God's Abundant Blessing

The snapshot of IHS ministry in this issue of LifeLines gives us great hope for 2010!

Your prayers and financial support have made possible more than we ever could have imagined. Our faithful God has...

- given a vision and a calling to physicians, nurses and other caregivers for evangelism in their healthcare facilities throughout the world;
- empowered our staff and worldwide team of master teachers to train with enthusiasm and to instill confidence in new trainers;
- entrusted us at IHS to train thousands more requesting it, from Siberia to South Africa, from Indonesia to Switzerland; and
- given us the privilege of partnering with you financially and in prayer. God used you to provide the foundation of a burgeoning ministry effort.



May God richly bless you for your loving support.

With Deep Gratitude,
Bob Snyder, MD

IHS Welcomes New Board Member Cam Hicks

Cameron (Cam) Hicks is IHS' newest board member. For the past 20 years, Cam has served MDS Inc., an international health and life sciences company, including the last seven years based in King of Prussia, Pa., as senior vice president of human resources and organizational development. As a Canadian now resident in the U.S., Cam brings a global business perspective with a passion for excellence in all things. "We are excited to have Cam join the IHS board and further strengthen our community," Bob Snyder said. Cam and his wife, Nancy, worship at Church of the Savior in Wayne, Pa., and serve there in several areas, including the music ministry.



Cam and his wife, Nancy, with their sons Aaron and David.

2009 MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

IHS Heartbeat: Prayer and Vision Lead to Action

New trainers expand critical ministry to patients, families and communities

Among the International Saline Partnership, training activity in 2009 has brought fruitfulness, with joy, in the equipping of 95 new trainers. As new trainers are setting out to teach others, IHS is seeing movement into new geographic areas and fields of ministry.

Africa

From a training center in Rynfield, South Africa, workers from Healthcare Christian Fellowship International (HCFI) have moved into Madagascar and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, new locations for International Saline, where the availability of materials in French translation has been a critical feature. Expectations are for new trainers also to bring International Saline to French-speaking West Africa, and to Nigeria and Uganda.

Eurasia

Russia and Siberia have been active fields for new trainers to emerge in 2009. After years of cultivation among small communities of believers, Christian medical workers are connecting with each other and leaders are growing in confidence as they share their learning experiences. In Armenia, a training session sparked a vision among Muslim background believers to reach others from their cultural roots through healthcare.

Asia

International Saline reached into the Uttar Pradesh region in the north of India for the first time in 2009, with a session for 21 workers at the Kachhwa Christian Hospital. At the other extreme, a session held in Sri Lanka, off the southern tip of India, made use of the Tamil translation — another "first".

Eastern Europe

New locations for International Saline in Eastern Europe included the Czech Republic and Poland in 2009, with expectations of also reaching into Romania and Moldova in the coming year. Trainers from Hungary have had opportunity to cast new vision for their country and begin using the new materials, which are available in Hungarian. In Ukraine, trainers are beginning to emerge, using the Russian translation, but with anticipation of completion of the Ukrainian translation by the time a Training of Trainers session is held in the new year.

Southeast Asia

The HCFI Asia Pacific Conference 2009 held in Malaysia was an opportunity to identify training leaders in that region whose influence collectively reaches into several restrictive countries. In that same vein, the HCFI leadership team meeting, also in Malaysia, was a time for 37 board members and country leaders from all over the world to learn how to train healthcare workers to bear witness Christ's love in the field of healthcare.

Western Europe

The United Kingdom experienced a landmark event for trainers who are transitioning to the new International Saline materials. That meeting brought together seasoned and novice trainers from throughout the United Kingdom, including nurses eager to start training their colleagues. The training debuted in Paris in 2009, and a session in Spain provided impetus to plan a Training of Trainers session early in 2010. In Sweden, interest was cultivated for the ministry in Norway and Denmark, while in Switzerland participants cast a vision to reach European countries represented in its official language groups of French, German and Italian.



PRAYER: Participants in the HCFI Asia Pacific Conference commit their plans of action to prayer during International Saline training. Principle: "It all begins with prayer."



VISION: In Coventry, England, members of Nurses Christian Fellowship International, discuss training implications for their setting. Principle: "Develop an action plan."



ACTION: Doctor in Mongolia brings ministry in music with his delivery of healthcare. Principle: "Act with permission, sensitivity and respect."

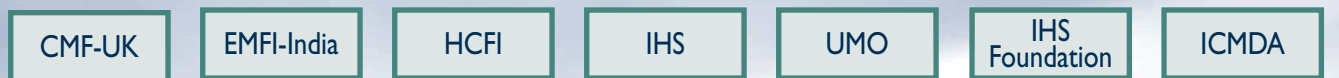
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THEN AND NOW...

	Partners	Coaches	Trainers	Workers	Patients
2007	5	4	4	398	597,000
2009	7	10	95	1,176	1.8 million

In 2009, the **International Saline Partnership** began to see the effects of new trainers getting started (*In Their Own Words*, pg. 1), but the multiplication has yet to be fully seen in the number of patients reached. Conservatively, we expect that each new trainer will conduct two training sessions in 2010, averaging 25 participants in each and yielding on average two new trainers per session. At that growth rate, the partnership could soon see a jump to 380 trainers (95 x 2 x 2), with 4,750 trained workers (190 x 25) using International Saline tools and reaching 7.1 million patients (an average of 1,500 patients seen per worker each year). Can you imagine the salt and light — the multiplied witness to Christ's love — when 380 new trainers get started?

95 Trainers from Partner Organizations



Witness training using the International Saline evangelistic process

4,750 witnesses trained

7.1 million patients met by IHS-trained medical workers

Please Join Us in Prayer

► For International Saline and Training of Trainers Sessions in 2010

- **March 19-21**, Brisbane, Australia, with Christian Medical Fellowship Australia and International Christian Medical and Dental Association Oceania region (Australia, New Zealand and surrounding islands); for vision casting for the region and effective collaboration among healthcare associations
- **June 10-13**, (restricted country); for team unity among organizing groups and for safety and protection of organizers and participants.
- **July 7-11**, Punta del Este, Uruguay, during International Christian Medical and Dental Association's 14th World Congress attended by 1,000 healthcare workers from all over Latin America. For God to bring those He desires to the sessions and for good communication in this cross-cultural setting.



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- A specific piece of personal or real property
- Conditional bequest based upon certain criteria that must be met
- Residuary bequest – the “rest, remainder, and residue” of your estate after all other specific bequests, expenses and taxes have been paid

► For the International Saline Partnership

- Christian Medical Fellowship–UK – wisdom in using training methods and materials in the British context
- Evangelical Medical Fellowship of India – development of capacity to hold training sessions in northern and southern regions
- Healthcare Christian Fellowship International – workers trained in Malaysia who are introducing the training in diverse contexts among Muslims and Hindus
- International Christian Medical and Dental Association – preparation for the World Congress in Uruguay, July 2010
- Nurses Christian Fellowship International – wisdom for making application of training in the nursing field of healthcare
- Ukraine Medical Outreach – Praise God for enthusiasm for the training in Ukraine! Preparation for Training of Trainers session in 2010 and God's encouragement of trainer candidates.

Praise God!

- “God is doing a new thing in healthcare globally and it pleases Him to use HCFI as part of His plan. We are so grateful that since we started to actively network with like-minded ministries, God has blessed us with amazing opportunities for growth.” – *Chris Steyn, international coordinator of Healthcare Christian Fellowship International*

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Jayanthi Stephen, new trainer in Sri Lanka



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