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Greetings CAMM supporters and happy September!

Fall is such a beautiful time in Minnesota. Our son is a soccer player and we have enjoyed watching his games and experiencing the changes in the colors of the fields and trees around us and the cooler air. I need to find my hats and mittens that were tucked away from this past winter and pack an extra blanket for my lap. Change can be hard. I find comfort in James 1:17 which says, *"Every good gift and every perfect present is from above, coming down from the Father of the celestial lights, who does not very or change like the shifting shadows"*. What a comfort! In a world where it feels like change is all around us, our God is always the same, always with us, and always loves us.

Our newsletter this month is written by CAMM Executive Director, Kate Wood. She talks about her transition into the Executive Director role and the change that it is bringing to her and her family, as well as the clinic staff in Zambia and Malawi. Please join me in prayer this month for her as she takes on this new role.

I am happy to announce, that the clinic in Malawi has worked through their pill bottle inventory and can now accept more donations. They still have a healthy supply to keep things running smoothly but you can now begin to ship to this location in addition to continuing to ship pill bottles to Zambia. You can find instructions on how to prepare and ship pill bottles on our CAMM website.
https://www.camm.us/howtohelp

Thank you for your continued prayers on behalf of CAMM. Please reach out if you have any questions.

God's Blessing,

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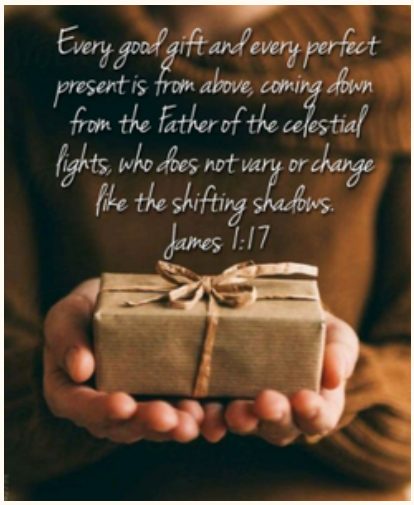
CAMM Stateside Committee Opening!

CAMM is seeking an enthusiastic, organized Communications & Outreach Coordinator to help advance its mission through engaging communications, public relations, outreach, and events. This volunteer role will develop digital and print content, manage social media and newsletters, coordinate with staff and ministry partners, support conferences and events, and help share CAMM's message with churches, schools, and supporters. The ideal candidate is a strong communicator who enjoys building relationships, managing multiple projects, and creating meaningful content that connects people with CAMM's mission. The position is part of the CAMM stateside committee. For more information on what the role entails, please contact Angela Sievert at chairman.camm@gmail.com



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GROWING THROUGH CHANGE

In the United States, September marks the return to school. Summer break ends, bedtimes are reinstated, and early morning commutes resume. For many, change is uncomfortable. We settle into routines and expectations, and when those shift, we either struggle or learn to adapt.

Over the past seven years, our clinics in Malawi and Zambia have seen many changes. Gary and Beth Evans began working in Malawi (again) in 2019 as Clinic Administrator and Nurse-in-Charge. As the clinic staff began to get comfortable with their leadership, it wasn't too much longer before the COVID-19 pandemic began. While the pandemic didn't affect many people in Malawi, it changed the way we ran clinic - including running clinic without Gary and Beth's leadership, when they were instructed to return to the U.S.. After their return to the field, change was in store for the Mwembezhi clinic in Zambia. Since the clinic staff in Zambia had been nationalized for several years, the One Africa Team (OAT) requested Gary Evans then assist with managing clinics in both countries, requiring frequent travel between Malawi and Zambia.

In 2022, Gary and Beth's tenure with the Lutheran Mobile Clinic concluded, and the Malawi clinic staff was fully nationalized as well. This change meant that day-to-day operations would no longer be overseen by expatriate leadership. Instead, Gary stepped into a new role as Field Director, visiting both countries three to four times per year. Under this model, clinics in both Malawi and Zambia continued to flourish. Encouraged by this stability, the CAMM Stateside Committee (CAMMC) began exploring opportunities for expansion, provided that growth would not jeopardize ongoing operations.

In 2024, we held our first short-term medical camp in Kenya. Many CAMMC members volunteered their time, talents, and treasures to assist with this new and exciting change.

Now, in 2026, we find ourselves in another season of change. I (Kate) was selected as the new Executive Director of CAMM, after serving on the CAMMC as secretary for over three years. In my new role, I spent eight months learning about clinic operations, administration, and management from Gary Evans, prior to his retirement. This change has affected not only the two of us, but also our staff in Malawi and Zambia, the Committee, our families, our One Africa Team missionary partners, the LCMC-Kenya team, and many others.

Change is rarely easy, but I am working to embrace it. I am establishing new routines, setting new expectations, and relying on my education, my background in health care administration, and my experience on the CAMM Stateside Committee to guide me.

While this change is significant for me personally, it is also another opportunity for all of us to adapt and grow. I am eager to continue building on the work carried out by CAMM leadership over the past 65 years, and I look forward to seeing where God leads the Central Africa Medical Mission in the years ahead.

Kate Wood

Executive Director