

# ICMI

# NEWSLETTER

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## STEPPING OUT IN FAITH

Rosemary Auma graduated with her ICMI Diploma in 2001 and enrolled in the degree programme in October 2001. Rosemary held a senior nursing position in Karamoja where she was an LC5, a high office in local politics.

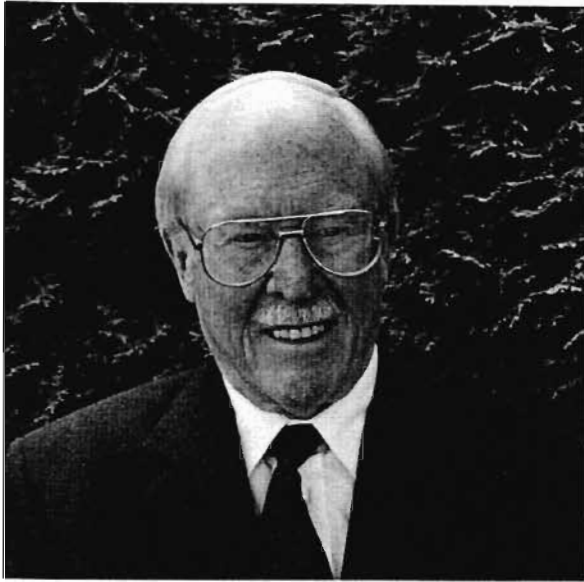
One week before the start of the second semester, Rosemary was seriously injured in a shooting incident. She was taken to Mulago Hospital in Kampala, where her leg was amputated above the knee. Carl and Loraine visited Rosemary in hospital and found her physically weak but emotionally and spiritually energetic. She was disappointed that we had not brought her textbooks so she could study and keep up with her classmates.

Even more startling, Rosemary said, "I wonder what God has for me to do. It must be something important. You see, He saved my life."

We stepped out on faith and promised Rosemary that ICMI would pay for a simple prosthesis, knowing that there had not been any money budgeted for it. Returning to Canada we learned that a group of Christian women that Loraine knows had taken a collection at a worship service and decided to give the money to ICMI. The amount was almost exactly the cost of Rosemary's prosthesis. Another small miracle!



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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I pause awhile to reflect on the events that have transpired since our last Newsletter in the fall of 2001, it would be easy to lapse into a sombre mood of disappointment and disillusionment.

The unbelievable tragedy of the 9/11 terrorist attack in New York and all that has flowed from it has surely sobered our world-view, as have also the terrible convulsions of nation confronting nation in the Middle East and in other parts of our strife-torn world.

But this issue of our Newsletter comes as cool water to a thirsty traveler, and can be called a Good News Newsletter. You will read how we are bursting at the seams in an effort to accommodate the exciting influx of new students for the Health Administration Diploma program. You will be able to understand what strains this places upon our classroom facilities, the extra textbooks needed, the recruitment of extra teaching assistants, our need for more Bibles and hymnals, more computers for training purposes in our computer courses.

But these students represent the leaders in their respective communities, and their desire for training and learning bodes well for the future of Uganda, and speaks volumes for the value and acceptance gained by our ICMI training courses over the past years.

Our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving to God for the blessings we have experienced. We praise Him also for the wonderful volunteers from here in Canada whose skills, experience and time -- donated so freely -- have made the Health Administration program and now the Degree program, partnered with the Uganda Christian University, such a success.

Please continue to support our efforts, asking for divine blessing on the people of Uganda, and our projects and our personnel, and please help to increase our membership amongst like-minded friends and colleagues.

Dr. Cherer G. Penny,  
President, I.C.M.I.(C.)

## OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO HEALTH ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

When ICMI opened its doors on June 10, 2002 to its next group of Ugandan diploma students, the staff could not believe their eyes. Sixty students from all areas of Uganda turned up asking to be admitted to the program! ICMI normally admits 30-35 students but the program's reputation for providing quality education in a Christian context is attracting an increasing number of senior health workers needing management training.

We thank God for prospering us. We also recognize the responsibility that the Lord has placed on us when He sent such a large number of students. "Feed my lambs ... feed my sheep." A difficult task when we have only 35 Bibles and hymn books available in the classroom for the students' morning prayers and devotions and only 35 of each of the textbooks. But we believe that when we step out in faith, the Lord will surely provide.

ICMI faculty and staff in Uganda have been working extremely hard to accommodate all the needs of the 60 new students while at the same time ensuring that ICMI's high standards are not compromised. We applaud their heroic efforts and ask for your continued prayers and support. The total cost of purchasing 25 additional sets of Bibles, hymn books and textbooks for the new students, to enable them to complete the program successfully, will be \$6,675.00. This works out to \$267 per students. Based on students' experiences in the past, we know that students who obtain their diploma will be better able to feed and educate their children. Because of their training, the students will also be able to act as Christian role models for other young Ugandan men and women working in their hospitals.

## FOUR HONOURARY DIPLOMAS AWARDED AT ICMI GRADUATION

The Honourable Miria Matembe, Uganda's Minister of Ethics and Integrity, was awarded an Honourary Diploma at ICMI's graduation ceremony which took place at the Sheraton Kampala Hotel on March 2, 2002.

The diploma was awarded in recognition of the Honourable Minister's efforts to stamp out corruption and to restore honesty and integrity to Ugandan society. In her remarks, Miria Matembe said that we must be prepared to stand out from the crowd. Zacchaeus was a short man. He could not see Jesus because the crowd prevented him. He found a way to get away from the crowd, and so must we.

Reverend Dr. Alex Kagume, Registrar of the Uganda Christian University, chaired the ceremony. Twenty-four students, who had successfully completed all the requirements, received their Diplomas in Health Administration. Two hundred people attended the ceremony to support family and friends who were being granted their diplomas and to celebrate their accomplishments.

Reverend Dr. Charles Preston and his wife Dr. Mary Preston were also awarded Honourary Diplomas for their work in Uganda. Charlie taught at Bishop Tucker Theological College at Mukono from 1959-1965. Mary, a medical doctor, worked at a local clinic and was an early proponent of family planning.

Dr. Norgrove Penny, an orthopaedic surgeon from Victoria, was given an Honourary Diploma for his work in Uganda with children with club foot. Since 1996, Norgrove has made it possible for hundreds of disabled children to stand up and walk. In his remarks, Norgrove Penny said that he wanted to dedicate the occasion to his father, Dr. Cherer Penny, ICMI's president. He thanked the doctors in Uganda for their excellent cooperation and especially his friend, Dr. Chris Kyohere, Medical Superintendent of Mengo Hospital.

One of the very important characteristics of all of the Honourary Graduates was their love of the Lord and the wonderful way in which this love was reflected in their daily lives.



### CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN MWESIGWA

John Medad Mwesigwa, a graduate of the ICMI 1993-94 diploma class, has been awarded the designation of Registered Public Accountant, the highest designation for an accountant in Uganda.

John Medad has been a Teaching Assistant in ICMI's Financial and Management accounting courses since 1995. We are proud of John Medad's accomplishments and proud to have him as a member of the ICMI faculty.

Congratulations John Medad. May God continue to bless you.

### B.A.S. THIRD SEMESTER

Two courses were offered in the third semester of the Bachelor of Administrative Studies degree program which was held April 8 to April 29, 2002. Drs. Sam Biraro and Edward Mukooza taught the Community Health course and Rev. Dr. Elisha Mbonigaba, from the Uganda Christian University taught a course in the Old Testament. Dr. Mbonigaba, an old friend of Drs. Charlie and Mary Preston, said that it was very challenging and stimulating teaching ICMI students because they were more mature and had more life experience than the average university student. All of the students with one exception passed both courses. One student will be required to write a supplemental examination in Community Health. We pray that he will be able to pass it.

## REVISITING UGANDA

*By Dr. Mary Preston*

Trinity Western University at Langley, BC was the venue for the second national Anglican Essentials Conference. Charlie and I, along with several others from New Brunswick, made the long trek westward.

It was a memorable few days, not least because of our meeting for the first time with Carl and Loraine Garry. I am sure that it was God that directed us to sit beside one another at that final dinner.

We discovered that we had a common love for Uganda and its people. Charlie and I were working at the Bishop Tucker College in Mukono from 1959 to 1965.

We also discovered that Loraine's Nova Scotia grandparents, Colonel and Mrs. Laurie, were friends of my parents. Charlie and I spent some wonderful times at the Laurie's home in Oakfield during our early years together.

Since Carl told us that ICMI needed someone to teach Social Psychology in January and February 2002, we agreed to come back to Uganda.

While Charlie was teaching, I was able to do some work at Mengo Hospital. Home visits to the terminally ill AIDS sufferers impressed me as a testimony to the Christian love and devotion of the nursing and counselling team.

I also went out to the villages with Mengo's District Outreach Team. We spent the greater part of a day at a designated home where we would set up a small clinic. Medications were dispensed, vaccinations done, along with well baby clinics and antenatal examinations. I was happy to serve with my new friends from Mengo.

Perhaps the climax to our time in Uganda was the grand convocation for ICMI Diploma graduands. Charlie and I were very honoured to receive the Diploma in Health Administration, *Honoris Causa*. It was a great occasion, important enough for almost five minutes on the national news.

As we leave to return home to New Brunswick, we are thankful to God for His goodness in allowing us to return to Uganda once again.

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Coming to Uganda in April, 1959, as the first missionaries sent by the Anglican Church of Canada, we found a peaceful and prosperous country. We had seven happy years working out of Bishop Tucker College (now Uganda Christian University) at Mukono.

On our arrival in January, 2002, we found a very different place, full of variety and complexity. We can't believe the urban sprawl and the traffic jams in Kampala!

The ICMI contribution to health care in Africa is amazing, and we thank God for all the ICMI members who are making it happen by their prayers and gifts.

It would be easy to look at the great needs in modern Uganda and throw up helpless hands. Professors Carl and Loraine have not done that. Instead they have discerned ways of making manageable projects work, projects which have wide-ranging impact. Upgrading the skills of health care workers at all levels spreads out into every region of Uganda.

After thirty years teaching psychology in Canada at the University of Waterloo and Memorial University in Newfoundland, it has been interesting to interact with the thirty-five students in the new ICMI degree program. The class included one Muslim and several Roman Catholics, all worshipping and studying together. All of them hold important positions, not only in the hospitals, but also in the wider community. The presentations from their group workshops were quite intriguing. Dr. Edward Mukooza, the ICMI coordinator, worked with me in delivering the Social Psychology course.

The Mengo Rotary Club in Kampala is interested in supporting the ICMI continuing medical education project in heart disease with help from the St. Stephen-Milltown Rotary Club in New Brunswick. This project is possible because of the willingness of eminent Canadian specialists to volunteer their services through ICMI.

Highlights of our two months in Uganda included attendance at a day-long golden wedding celebration in a rural village, a brief stay at the Nile Resort where the Victoria Nile starts its northward journey to Egypt, visits to hospitals and schools, dinner in the home of one of the degree students, and a preaching trip to the parish on the Ssesse Islands in Lake Victoria. We thank the Lord for this opportunity to serve Him in company with His people in a land so far from and different from our own.



*Left to right: Carl Garry, Henry Regehr, Loraine Spencer Garry*

## REUNION OF ICMI PIONEERS

Carl Garry and Loraine Spencer Garry were delighted to have a visit from Henry and Lillian Regehr, from Warkworth, Ontario in June, 2002.

Carl, Henry and Loraine went to Uganda together in May, 1989. They conducted Organizational Development workshops for staff at five Ugandan hospitals and at the Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau.

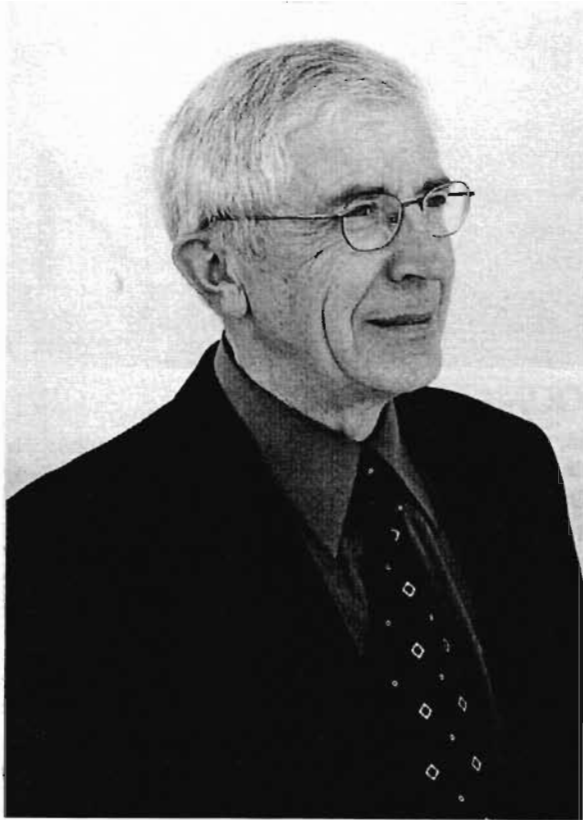
Conditions in Uganda at that time were devastating. There were virtually no roads, no telephones and electricity was available only infrequently. Military check points manned by teenagers with machine guns were everywhere. Almost everyone they met had lost a child, a spouse, or a parent in the difficult times of the civil war. But the Ugandans were bright and positive, eager for knowledge.

The team from Canada tried to think what they could do to help. Between them, they determined that the Ugandan health workers needed a diploma course in health administration, divided into short three-week intensive semesters so the students would not have to be away from their work or their families for too long.

On their last day in Uganda the team met the Minister of Health who told them that he saw Uganda's most serious health need as an educational and training program for health administrators and asked the Canadians if they could offer one.

Negotiating a contract with the Ugandan government and the Uganda Protestant Medical Bureau meant a visit to Uganda for each of the following summers. In April 1993, Carl, Loraine and Henry were back in Uganda meeting the first ICMI diploma students. Henry taught ICMI's first course in Counselling, Loraine taught Research Methods, and Carl taught Human Resource Management.

Since that first class, more than 300 students have graduated from the diploma program and there are 35 students enrolled in ICMI's new degree program. Both programs are currently being offered in partnership with the Uganda Christian University.



**BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE:  
DR. M. HARRY JANZEN, M.D.,  
F.R.C.S.(C)**

ICMI members are very happy to welcome Dr. Harry Janzen as the newest member of the ICMI Board. Dr. Janzen fills the vacancy on the board set aside for a senior physician.

Dr. Janzen hails from Winnipeg, but has retired from his practice as an Obstetrician-Gynaecologist there and has relocated with his wife, Martha, to Brentwood Bay on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. They have two married daughters and a son – all living in Canada.

Dr. Janzen received a B.Sc. and his M.D. from the University of Manitoba. He did his internship at the Winnipeg General Hospital. His residency in Obstetrics/Gynaecology was done at the University of Manitoba and at the Charity Hospital of Louisiana State University, New Orleans. Dr. Janzen is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and is certified by the American board of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Throughout his career Harry Janzen has been in active clinical practice in Winnipeg, on staff as Assistant Professor (part-time) in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Manitoba, and on active staff at the Health Sciences Centre and Concordia Hospital. He was the Head of Gynaecology at Concordia Hospital from 1981 to 1998, and President of the Medical Staff from 1989 to 1991.

Dr. Janzen has served on several short-term medical assignments to developing countries, including the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, and Zaire (Congo). He was the Canadian volunteer with the FIGO "Save the Mothers Program" in Uganda for the first three months of 2001. He returned to Uganda for a short time in September 2001.

Harry's knowledge of and familiarity with health needs in Uganda, together with his medical training and experience, will be a great asset to ICMI and its board.

Harry and Martha are active Christians, and members at the Saanich Community Church.

Welcome, Harry! We look forward to working with you.



## TEACHING COUNSELLING

Arnie Toewes, a Registered Counsellor from Victoria, plans to go to Uganda with ICMI in October. He will be teaching a counselling course for students in the BAS programme. Arnie received a BRF from the Canadian Bible College and earned his MTFC at Trinity Western University. Arnie will be accompanied by his wife, Linda, who will be helping with the programme. Arnie and Linda attend the Shawnigan Alliance Church. Please keep Arnie and Linda in your prayers as they prepare to go to Uganda.

## BECOME AN ICMI SUPPORTER

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join with us in welcoming the following  
new ICMI members:

Nicole Bliss, Victoria, BC  
Dr. Robin Bolton and Barbara Bolton,  
Sudbury, ON  
R.M. Keillor, Toronto, ON  
Wae Kim, Toronto, ON  
Roy Long, Newmarket, ON  
Drs. Charlie and Mary Preston,  
St. Stephen, NB  
Arnie and Linda Toewes, Victoria, BC

ICMI now has a total of 115 members. We thank the Lord for all of our members, new and old, and for their willingness to make a commitment to His work in Africa. Please continue to encourage other friends to join and become members of the ICMI family.

## IN MEMORIAM

ICMI members were saddened by the death this year of one of ICMI's oldest members, Hilda Rennie. Hilda was a faithful supporter of ICMI's work and she was responsible for establishing a bursary fund for needy Ugandan students. We thank God for her life and witness.