

Word from Amy and Norm



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Norm, Amy and all the missionaries invite you to celebrate our 15th anniversary on August 1, 2009. Because of the hard economic times and because we did not want to leave anyone out who has supported us over the years, we are having a free, 15 hour celebration right at the mission! This way all of our supporters, plus those we serve in the neighborhood, can all join together in celebrating God's goodness.

We know that not only is money limited nowadays, but also time. So come spend the day, come spend a few hours, come when you want, come when you can. We will be open all day. For a full schedule of the day's events please see the center pages of this newsletter (pages 6 and 7). Each and every one of you is important to us and so we make this an open ended invitation to all of you. Please feel free to bring family and friends and take a tour of the grounds. This will be a great time to see what we do but also to pray with us, eat with us, be entertained by us. It will be a wonderful day for the whole family.

It is so important to us that in this 15th year all will feel welcome to come and celebrate with no worries, just a thankful heart. We are so grateful to all of you who have supported us in any way and this is our way of saying thank you. So please join us. We would love to see your shining face there.

As always, thank you for all that you do for us. You are in our prayers, please keep us in yours.

In His mercy,
Amy and Norm



St. Luke's hosted Outdoor Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, and the whole community took part! Anton (center) was later Baptized at the Easter Vigil. Haven't been to the Mission in a while? Come join us! Mass during summer months is at 11:30AM each Sunday, and at 4:30PM Mon.- Fri. You are always warmly welcome!



Fidelis Care New York Really Does Cares about St. Luke's!

Melissa Lee, Fidelis Care Outreach Specialist, presents a check for \$18,000 to missionary David Marciniak to support "Project Primary Care", this year's health initiative from Our Lady of Good Remedy Health Services at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. For three of the last four years Fidelis Care New York, the health insurance company owned and operated by the Bishops of New York, has generously supported health programs at St. Luke's, including health fairs, Saturday clinics, emergency prescription funds, and other worthy endeavors. This year's program includes CPR training, the purchase of an AED to protect our community and visitors, new and exciting health fairs and programs, and a partnership with a local Catholic Health provider to insure primary care for all in our St. Luke's community.

In the past four years Fidelis Care has awarded grants to St. Luke's totaling thirty-eight thousand dollars. These funds have been a life-saver! Through screening and other health events we have identified non-diagnosed diabetics, folks with hypertension, thyroid disease, high cholesterol, and other conditions and were able to see them treated and linked with primary care physicians. In addition, flu shots and over-the-counter medications keep us feeling good all year long. Thank you Fidelis Care New York, Bishop Kmiec, and all those who assist us in caring for the health of our community!