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Our Church Family

Prayer Group To Prison Ministry

Jean and David Lehman's first baby, "a miraculous answer to years of prayer," brought understandably deep happiness to the this long-waiting married couple.

Yet for some inexplicable reason Jean slipped into a heavy depression afterwards, an inner sadness the petite woman so struggled with that only her husband and closest friends ever knew it even existed.

The arrival of a second child did not alleviate, but rather intensified those negative feelings which so dragged her down. What caused Jean additional anguish was the supposed baselessness of it all: she had a caring husband, a good marriage and two healthy children.

Good Friday six years ago this music-wife-mother approached a priest for the sacrament of penance, and poured out the story of her interior conflict. He listened and finally held out a crucifix toward the tormented woman and said, "Do you realize how much the Lord loves and cares for you?" The confessor suggested she come to a newly formed prayer group.

His words, a Life in the Spirit seminar, and regular participation at these sessions released all those sad feelings and restored joy to her life.

Jean actively became involved nights in the developing charismatic prayer group until one free evening her little boy remarked, "Mom, how come you are home tonight?"

The innocent question cut deeply and she suddenly realized the family's deprivation because of her over-involvement in meetings. Stronger now, she was able to give up those helpful sessions and turn attention to the home.

God works in unexpected ways. Gradually, her husband and children adopted the same prayerful approach to life and the trust in a personal Lord who constantly breaks into our world which she had discovered at the prayer group.

During a reflective moment she asked God to use her in some special manner for others.

A surprise response unfolded over the next year or so. She first received an impulse to pray for criminals or prisoners. That was utterly out of character for this woman whose total

training, experiences and very being abhorred any type of violence, law-breaking or destructive behavior.

But Jean prayed and conveyed to her husband this impulse within to tell some hopeless person in prison how much Jesus loved him or her.

Within a few months, they attended a parish education evening not knowing the teacher or topic beforehand. The guest lecturer was a priest working full-time in the local jail ministry program. The next day she phoned the man and told him of her desires. As he pursued the matter, it became evident the absence of a car and babysitters made it impossible for Jean to follow up this apostolate.

Within a few months, in a totally unrelated step, the Lehmans moved into another section of the city. The husband, for other motives, found a ride to work and they placed there at-home child in a nursery school. Suddenly, she was free for jail ministry.

Under direction of the priest chaplain, she paid her initial visit to the local jail. Scared to death, Jean wondered how to react and what to say to the violent young man behind the screen across from her who had been arrested several times for robbery and assault. Hostile and unresponsive during their first meeting, he wept at the second, accepted a bible, began asking questions and, a natural leader, organized a scriptural study class among his fellow prisoners.

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X-ray Machine on Trip From Corning to Africa

Corning — When Ziki Makoyo left his village of Musona, Tanzania, to study medicine in the United States, he promised he would return someday to work in the village hospital.

Musona's Sharati Hospital was begun as a dispensary in 1935 by Mennonite missionaries; remodeled in

1965, it now has 100 beds, including a 15-bed Leprosy Control Unit.

Sharati Hospital has been without an X-ray machine since its antiquated one broke beyond repair many years ago. This year, when the now Dr. Makoyo, medical director of Corning Hospital's Emergency Department, returned to his village for a

work-visit, he brought good news. Corning Hospital had recently replaced its portable X-ray equipment, and will donate its older model Sharati Hospital.

According to Corning Hospital radiologist, Dr. Richard Goldwin, the Picker X-ray unit was purchased in 1967 and remained in use until 1979. "The machine is still in fine working order and will give Sharati Hospital a beginning in X-ray medicine," said Dr. Goldwin.

Little government funding for health care and the increasing confidence of Tanzanians in modern medicine as opposed to the tribal witch doctor, have placed a great strain on the hospital's resources. As many as 200 patients may be cared for in the 100-bed Sharati Hospital, which serves the remote North Mara District's 25,000 residents.

Getting the machine to Musona will be carried out through the generosity of Corning Glass Works International Division. The journey will take three months, including a boat trip to Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania's port capital. From there the unit will travel by train to Lake Victoria and boat to Mwanza and Musona, a journey of 700 miles.

Christmas — In July?

Hornell — July 25, five months before Christmas, the nutrition department at St. James Mercy Hospital celebrated Christmas in an effort to help people forget the heat wave.

Santa Claus, in the person of Ann Ferrill, dietitian, attended the party dressed in a bright red suit, but ready for July, wearing beach sandals, a straw hat and sun glasses,

carrying a beach towel, suntan lotion, a beach ball and gifts. "Santa" also made a surprise visit in patient areas.

The cafeteria was decorated in Christmas style, and the menu featured roast pork and dressing, and decorated Christmas cakes. Arrangements for the event were the efforts of the nutrition staff.

Hospital Honored

Corning — Corning Hospital has been awarded a certificate of appreciation from Medic Alert Foundation International for outstanding service during National Medic Alert Week.

Corning Hospital has been an active participant in Medic Alert Programs since 1979. The internationally-known, non-profit organization provides an emergency medical identification system designed to protect individuals

with medical problems that cannot be easily recognized.

Membership applications, which include a complete history of the Medic Alert program, are available at the Corning Hospital's reception desk.

At Your Parish . . .

St. Mary, Canandaigua

A School Reunion will take place at St. Mary's, Canandaigua, on Aug. 10 beginning at 5 with Mass at 12 noon. Anyone who has attended St. Mary's School in past years is "cordially invited to attend with their spouse," a parish release said. Eddie Meath, TV personality and former student at St. Mary's, will serve as emcee. Further information may be obtained by calling Helen Doran, 394-1220 between 7 and 9 p.m.

St. Mary, Ontario

St. Mary's parish, Ontario, will hold its second annual Summer Festival at Fireman's Field on Aug. 8-9. This year's event will feature a "Fun-Run", Chicken Barbecue and an Auction. Proceeds from the festival will be used to finance the new Parish Center now being built. Fireman's Field is located on Route 104 in Ontario.

St. Philip Neri

The Widowed-Single-Divorced Group at St. Philip Neri will next meet on Friday, Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. in the school hall, 1772 Clifford Ave.



Planners for this year's reunion and some former students are shown here from left, Sister Deanna Gears, Mary Fennell, Sister Mary Benedicta, Kim Boyd, Eileen Ross, and Father James Sauers, associate pastor at St. Mary's.

Sacred Heart, Auburn

The Sacred Heart Church Reality Group of Auburn, recently held a car wash to benefit students that wish to go on Teen Seminar. Members of the group that assisted Father Raymond Wahl included Kathy, Jim, Mike and Lisa Brennan, Tom Hole, Tom Clark, Tim Molloy, Vince DeWitt, Chris Welch, Margaret Simon and Debra Bryant among others.

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