

EM3 to Operate as Independent Nonprofit in Missions to Kenya



The Endless Mountains Mercy Missions (EM3) board met on February 7 at the Living Hope Fellowship church in Estella to discuss the organization's mission plans for 2016.

Pictured are: in front, John Piazza, and in back from left to right, Scot Magann, Phenny Magann, Russell Meredith, Patty Landis and Bonnie Killian.

The board of Endless Mountains Mercy Mission (EM3) International met on February 7 to discuss their mission to bring clean water access, an orphanage center and a medical camp to deprived regions of Kenya, Africa in the name of Christ.

The organization plans to travel to the Nyakach region of Kenya from July 18 to August 12, 2016, but this schedule is tentative.

Several volunteer positions on the trip need to be filled.

Before focusing on international aspects of the organization, the board members recognized the need to work on Project "U", which aims to "establish EM3 as a Christ centered, fully registered, independent and operational tax-exempt organization/charity."

Until this year, EM3 has operated under the umbrella of Living Hope Fellowship in Estella. EM3 Legal Counselor John Piazza and wife Kathy announced at the meeting that, having completed a 501(c)(3) application process, tax-exempt nonprofit status is now pending for the organization.

Bylaw adjustments, a new logo and updates to the vision document were noted.

Rusty Meredith, EM3 Vice President, then overviewed Project "K", which focuses on establishing EM3 as a registered nonprofit in Kenya as well as in the U.S., through a network of colleagues in Nyakach.

"If [Project "K"] goes like Project 'U', we will have a very, very good year," Rusty stated.

The meeting then reviewed projects that the summer mission trip will conduct in Kenya: Projects “O”, “M” and “W”.

EM3 Ambassador Olivia Magann heads up Project “O”, an ongoing vision to establish a Christ-centered orphan care operation with a family center and school in Nyakach. A land parcel of 20 acres has been obtained for the orphanage, and now EM3 must finish raising \$500,000 for construction.

The operation of free medical clinics in Kenya during the mission trip, or Project “M”, is the most familiar focus of EM3. Since 2012, EM3 President Phenny Magann has organized medical mission trips to Kenya, the country in which she was born and raised before she married Scot Magann and moved to the United States. Project “M” both funds medical supplies to bring to Kenya and provides volunteer medical staff for the clinic camps.

Finally, Project “W” will assemble a team from Living Hope Fellowship and a team in Kenya, as well as any applicants from the community, to provide access to clean water in the Nyakach region of Kenya.

Ideally, the team will obtain a borehole license from the Ministry of Water in Kenya and contract a Kenyan company to drill wells deep enough for the water to be free of contamination. If this proves impossible by this summer, the team will create hand-dug wells and install filtration systems to sanitize the water.

EM3 is looking for volunteers to go on the mission trip. Individuals with medical experience are especially needed, but anyone with a heart for the Lord and a desire to serve internationally is encouraged to apply by calling Living Hope Fellowship at 570-924-3600.

More information on Endless Mountains Mercy Mission International can be found online at em3international.org.

Donations can be made through the website or by contacting Living Hope Fellowship.

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