

# MARION MEDICAL MISSION

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**- EMBANGWENI SCHOOL**

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"I was thirsty and you gave me  
something to drink." - Matthew 25:35

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## When We Pray, We Move our Feet BY TOM LOGAN

We live on a blue planet that circles around a ball of fire next to a moon that moves the seas...how can you not believe in miracles?

Marion Medical Mission is different. It is different because we have come together as God's people; because of what we do together. The light that shines through MMM is so desperately needed... especially now. Marion Medical Mission means joy, making life count, making a difference, sustainable life, goodwill.

There are Travel advisories against visiting Africa, as a result MMM can't field volunteer teams in 2021.

Mr. Khosa, Coordinator of Synod of Livingstonia/Marion Medical Mission Well Program issued this statement to the MMM Board:

"We have worked together and because of this our communities in Africa are safer. You are truly our neighbors. It is important we work together hand in hand on the ground in Africa. But if this is not possible due to covid-19 your African partners are confident 3,000 wells can be and should be built in the year 2021 because the communities need them. The virus is bad, and we have a protocol the Coordinators have established we will follow. However, contaminated drinking water poses a greater and immediate ongoing threat to poor communities. A well means safe drinking water for many years."

Rev. Mwasakifwa, Coordinator of ELCT Konde Diocese/MMM Well Program who was recovering from covid-19, said: "Safe drinking water means the children won't die and the people will be healthier, year after year after year."

The Marion Medical Mission Board unanimously, and with great confidence, agreed to set the 2021 well goal at 3,000 and approved the budget needed to achieve this goal. We are excited and optimistic over the limitless possibilities of God's creation. Black people and white people, the poor and the not so poor, Muslim and Christian working together. Marion Medical Mission means loving your neighbor as yourself!

**When we pray, we move our feet!** In addition to your prayers, the next best, most powerful thing you can do is to share MMM with your friends. Again, and again, donor surveys show most supporters have heard about MMM from friends, family, and church presentations. Please prayerfully consider sharing a presentation with your friends, family, church, and Sunday School class. There are boundless possibilities of ways to share through email, Facebook, and Zoom. Please let us know if we can assist with a speaker, videos, or mail brochures and literature. We must tell this story so that we continue to receive the financial support to fund these wells, Coordinators, and Field Officers that are so desperately needed.

Only together can we be who God created us to be.





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## EMBANGWENI SCHOOL FOR HARD OF HEARING

BY JOCELYN LOGAN

The Embangweni School for Hard of Hearing was the first school for the deaf in Northern Malawi founded in 1994 by the Synod of Livingstonia and built with financial support from Marion Medical Mission. Today, the boarding school serves 200 or more students, ages 6-21. They attend pre-school for 3 years, before entering primary school. There is a faculty of 12-14 teachers and support staff. Without this school, children would languish at home, unable to communicate and earn a living.

MMM continues to support the school with transportation scholarships for children who otherwise may not be able to attend; fertilizer and seed and farm tools for the older students to learn agriculture and to plant and harvest the maize essential for the school's food security; carpentry students who graduate from the Vocational Training Center receive a complete set of tools so that they can earn a living. The 2020 carpentry class made 24 beautiful desks and chairs from a large tree that had to be chopped down for school safety.

Our last visit at the school was on November, 2019. Tom and I were excitedly greeted by the children and they welcomed us by signing our name. My sign is "head, shoulders, knees and toes", an activity and song I taught them back in 1996. We were there for the Vocational Carpentry and Joinery graduation. The mothers were so proud and jubilant, dancing around their children, one girl and three boys, as they received their certificates and carpentry tools in a large wooden box they made. They entered the school as pre-schoolers. It was a celebrated 14 year achievement.





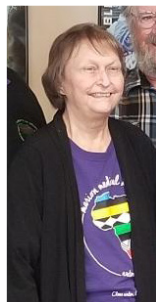
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Marion Medical Mission celebrates Joyce Heath of Decatur, IL. Joyce retired in 2020 after serving over 20 years as a volunteer and board member. As a Nurse Practitioner, Joyce's expertise in the medical field was just one of the many gifts she shared with MMM. We thank Joyce for her unwavering support and unconditional commitment.



### MMM EARNS VERY HIGH RATINGS *by Ruth & Charles Dow*

We first heard about Marion Medical Mission (MMM) when Tom Logan came to our Central Illinois church 27 years ago. We have happily supported it since then, although our prior commitment to teach on many other international mission trips did not allow us to participate in a Wells trip. We are pleased to provide wells, now 10 wells each year.

Years later we moved to Naperville in Northern Illinois. Our church, River Glen Presbyterian Church, commits to give to missions 10% of the congregational contributions to the general and building funds. We urged the church to support Marion Medical Mission. Our World Mission Team carefully evaluated each of our current and potential missions. We considered the Christian Commitment of the mission; Congregational Involvement, including communication between our congregation and the mission; Impact—effectiveness, accountability, and transparency (administration, overhead); and Efficiency—planning, organization, implementation, and self-evaluation. As MMM earned our very high ratings, River Glen Church continues to support it generously to provide many wells (10 wells each of the last several years). We were pleased when a Marion Medical Mission representative came to give presentations in church. We continue to encourage others to support MMM's valuable mission.

Ruth and Charles Dow taught nutrition, gardening and solar cooking 28 years in 24 countries.



## CATERPILLAR® EMPLOYEE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM By Bob Price

Are you a current or retired Caterpillar employee? If you are, you can take advantage of the Caterpillar Foundation Matching gift program for gifts to Marion Medical Mission (and other 501C3 organizations). The employee application and rules are at: <https://www.caterpillar.com/en/company/caterpillar-foundation/matching-gifts.html>. The 1:1 matching gifts maximum increased from \$2000 last year to \$10,000 in 2021. You can also donate appreciated stock by stock transfer and get matched for the appreciated value without cashing in the stock and paying income tax on the appreciated value. Your tax advisor can explain other benefits. Perhaps you work for another company that supports a similar foundation with a matching gifts program.

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*Happy Easter!*  
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## LOGAN RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Congratulations to Tom Logan, recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 100th annual Marion Chamber of Commerce Awards Program on January 14, 2021. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes dedication and achievement in a professional capacity for 30 years or more.

*"I was asked what this award means to me. It is an opportunity to tell how God took a very ordinary person and filled his life full of the extraordinary and impossible. Tom Logan, blessed by God. A believer in the power of loving your neighbor as yourself. Understand, this award really belongs to many. Especially my wife Jocelyn."*

# REV. DR. MLK DAY CELEBRATION



Tom Logan was honored to speak at the Boyton Street Community Center's celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 18, 2021. Tom told how Rev. King had defined his life, and that he'd named his son after him, and that his grandson officially took Martin as his name. One of Tom's favorite Rev. King quotes: *"I have decided to stick with love, hate is too great a burden to bear."*

Tom took this picture in Selma in March of 1965 after "Bloody Sunday" when John Lewis, future U.S. Congressman from Georgia, led around 600 marchers across the Edmund Pettis Bridge in Selma to protest for voting rights for black citizens. The marchers were met and brutally beaten by law enforcement officers.

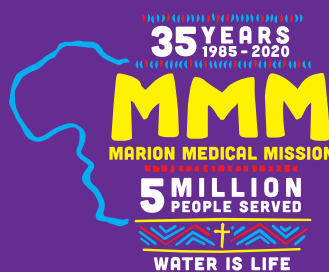
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