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CFSA exists to spread the Word of God and to champion the underdog! Join a team and you can experience as much joy as Joe, pictured left. Read about him in this issue! Thank you for your prayers, compassion and support.

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**The Lord Works Quietly Behind the Scenes for Us**

*Anne L. Press, Executive Director*

Have you ever asked, "Where IS God?" Before I go on, I have to ask a second question. Have you ever said, "Oh, THERE He is!"? Of course you have. I would venture a guess you've said each. You've said them when tough times were over; or when things *miraculously* turned out ok just when they couldn't have looked more than bleak. Well, get in line because I have felt exactly the same way and asked and said the same thing. In fact, I just relived those very things on CFSA's recent ministry trip to Thailand. We had been invited to a new village way up in the mountains near Puu Chi Fa. Our local Pastor is doing exploratory work there and it was quite the 'feather' that we had been invited to give medical aid in a village where Christianity is an unknown. Our clinic was going great guns all morning and then 'just like that' there were no patients. It was noon so we thought, "Ok, lunch!" After lunch we waited and waited and waited, but there were no more patients. I was 100% "Where-is-everyone-What-are-we-doing-here-if-there-are-going-to-be-zero-patients-I'm-jet-lagged"-complaining and worrying. After all, I brought a full team to a foreign country and on the first day we're already taking a break? What's up with this?! I'll tell 'ya, I'd never have made it in the wilderness with the Children of Israel! Staying as positive as I could, I asked Paula, an assistant, if she'd like to take a short walk with me. We ended up sitting on the tailgate of the Pastor's truck when we saw a site that bolted us into action. We ran into the clinic and said,



APRIL 2016 MINISTRY TEAM



THE TEAM IN ACTION

"This is going to be bad. There is blood everywhere." A 15 year old boy had been in a motorcycle racing contest with his friends and he 'lost'. Big time. The team jumped up and immediately went to work. Everyone was involved in his care. Paula and I cleared a wooden table laying plastic bags and paper towel on it trying to make it as sterile as possible. We were immediate ER assistants handing and retrieving every instrument and supply the nurses called for. Joe and Pastor Ken supplied muscle and carried the boy to the table where they continued to care for him preparing bandages for his wounds and calming him. The boy was so afraid, in great pain, was crying, and worried for his mother - who fainted! Remarkably, it was Joe's voice that calmed him. Without one word being translated, the tone of Joe's voice worked wonders. Our nursing team was amazing with each person, Mary-Kathryn, Jo, Marjorie, Kristin, doing as directed. The boy had a deep gash above his eye, his knee was injured, his hands were shredded, and the 'road rash' that covered the rest of his body was acute.

The immediate care he received, saved him from severe infection. Marjorie said teams she's worked on in the States didn't work together as well as we did and we did it without training!! The boy was eventually transported to the hospital in Chiang Rai, given overnight treatment and released. Looking back on that entire experience we can easily see, "Where IS God?" and to say, "Oh, THERE He is!" As Joe reminded us, the Lord cleared that clinic of patients because He knew that boy was coming. The Lord moved the heart of the village leader to invite CFSA for medical work because the Lord knew that boy needed our help. Quietly the Lord works behind the scenes for us. We never need to question or worry that the Lord isn't near or that we're not doing enough. Make no mistake. The Lord has everything under control and is working everything out so the final results are the best results we could ever want or imagine. Our team went on to work in two more villages that week seeing a total of 563 patients. We are already thinking ahead to our November 2016 medical clinic in Village 9 and are putting out the call for more workers. The Lord is calling for you. Answer His call!!!



### **B.E. Active in 5**

*Anne L. Press, Executive Director*

It is with great pleasure that CFSA announces B.E. Active in 5. CFSA named this new opportunity after Bruce Eberle, the man who made CFSA possible. After hearing CFSA's Executive Director give a 5 minute presentation, Bruce acted. He was moved by the Lord who led him to see the intrinsic value of this work, he stepped forward with his support, made CFSA a legal reality and because of his action, CFSA exists. God knew that the 6,622 people we have served to date needed to know who He is. Bruce's action helped to make that possible. B.E. Active in 5 is a fund CFSA has started to assist potential volunteers with the \$2500 fee required to join a ministry team. Funds are Board approved and will be distributed to those who act by exhibiting a "Yes, AND..." attitude about this ministry rather than a "Yes, BUT..." attitude. For more information about this, contact CFSA's Executive Director. We are forever indebted to Bruce Eberle for his selfless efforts on our behalf, and for his deep and unwavering love for the Lord and His Word. Our gratefulness to God for the gift He gave us in Bruce is indescribable. With the Lord's help, we will continue to be active with the work we have been blessed to do and never stop spreading His Word.

### **NEW 2016 FUNDRAISERS**

*Anne L. Press, Executive Director*

This year is seeing the addition of two new fundraisers for CFSA. We were awarded a grant in late 2015(!) which allowed us to purchase a XEROX WorkCentre 7545, and to produce and mail our first in-house mass mailing. It is also allowing us the production of our newsletters and other advertising products. The savings this creates gives us the ability to put more funds into our overseas work and gives the opportunities to introduce CFSA to a broader audience. Our second new fundraiser is a formal, by invitation only, dinner hosted by our Board President and his wife in their home state of Utah. This is the first fundraiser of this kind and we are very excited about it. We're having a silent auction and will be selling one-of-a-kind items from Thailand. Proceeds will go directly into our treasury for the continuation of our work. We are eager to try all manner of fundraisers and are looking for go-getters to host them. Do you have any special ideas you think we should try? Pass them on!! Contact CFSA today!



**YOUR IDEAS**

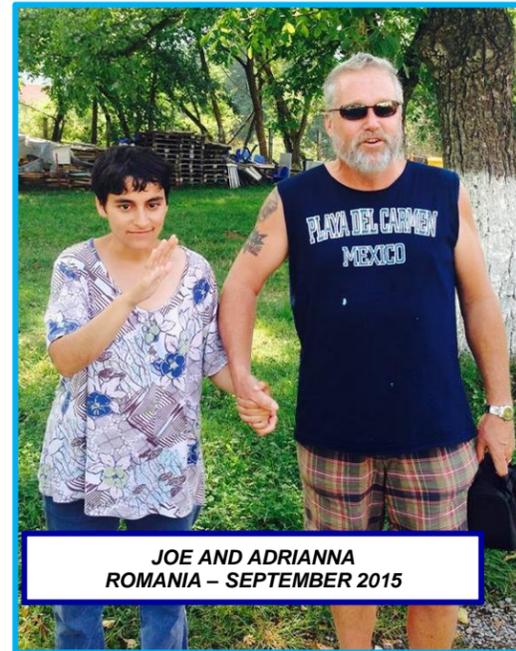
*Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"*

For I hold you by your right hand I, the Lord your God – And I say to you, Do not be afraid. I am here to help you. Isaiah 41:13



### **VOLUNTEER'S VOICE**

*Joe Fraser*



**JOE AND ADRIANNA  
ROMANIA – SEPTEMBER 2015**

Recently, I was blessed to be asked to serve as President of this great organization. After joining two separate missions, it has been made very clear why this organization exists. This organization is the conduit for planting the seed of God's Word. In Romania, we painted at a public hospital, and also at a care center for the mentally handicapped. I was stopped on the street and was asked if I was with the group of Christian volunteers from America. We were not wearing the same shirts, or handing out pamphlets on the corner, we were simply leading by example. Seeds were planted, and we have been invited back. In Thailand, we worked side by side with Pastor Ken Pasch, and WELS native Pastors. Our medical team went to very remote mountain villages. "Wow!" is the first thing that comes to mind. During our 5 days there, we cared for 563 patients dispensing OTC meds.

Every day we handed out the Book of Lukas written in Hmong, cross necklaces, bouncy balls and suckers, hearing amplifiers, reading glasses, pillow case dresses and shorts. I have never seen as many people with such great physical and spiritual needs, in my life. With the Lord's guidance, CFSA addresses the physical needs and opens the door for our missionary Pastors to address the spiritual needs. I would like to thank every person that is part of CFSA's work. With your help and support, we will keep this work going! To God be the glory!

## **FYI**

#### **UPCOMING 2016 MINISTRY TRIPS!!**

August 31 – September 14, 2016...Oradea, Romania...Manual Laborers Needed!!  
November 02 – 16, 2016...Village 9, Thailand...Medical Staff Needed!!

#### **LANGUAGE STUDY**

CFSA's Executive Director and Vice President are working to save for language study. The Executive Director will be continuing where she left off last summer and our Vice President will be starting from ground zero. Please pray for their success.

#### **PRESENTATION**

Interested in learning more about CFSA's exciting work? Contact CFSA's Executive Director and schedule a personal presentation for your Ladies/Men's Group, Church or School. Act quickly. 2016's Calendar is filling up fast!

#### **ABOUT THAT 1/2 MARATHON**

CFSA's Executive Director and Board Treasurer are signed up to run on October 16, 2016 in Bar Harbor, Maine!! More details to follow!!

#### **NEW WEBSITE!**

If you haven't seen much of CFSA on-line lately it's because we're getting our website 'remodeled'. It's almost done and will be ready for its reveal very soon. Stay posted! Thank you to our new designer, Brian Armstrong, for all his work!

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*Moving Forward with YOU*