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Chairman, Board of Directors Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome **Scotta Williams** as our new executive director. Board member David Parsons has worked with Scotta at Mexican Ministries for several years and admired her organizational and administrative skills. He was sorry to see her leave, but alertly realized she would be perfect for a part time position with Com Care International (CCI). We are looking forward to working with Scotta as she helps with our administrative activities.

We want to thank Julia Roskamp for her service to CCI over the last six years. Since she came on board in 2000, CCI has undergone substantial changes. When Claudia and Dieter Walters resigned in 2002 for other ministries, Julia helped us move ahead by representing the CCI solar powered hearing aid to the audiology community. We now dispense nearly 400 aids per year to a variety of humanitarian organizations. Julia's first love is going on mission trips to less developed countries to work with the hearing disadvantaged. She has been to Haiti, Nigeria, Ukraine, Mexico, India, Cuba and Israel to teach, train and help set up Hearing Health Centers. The one which she helped with at Evangel Hospital in Jos, Nigeria has a goal of dispensing 10-15 aids per month. There have been heart warming stories of children who can now hear, and no longer have to go to the local school for the deaf, as well as adults who can once again have gainful employment. Julia will continue to be involved with CCI as a board member and plans to continue her overseas activities. We wish her well as she moves into this new stage of service in her life.

We thank all of you for your support and look forward to partnering with you in the future.

James D. Smith, MD



Scotta Williams was born and raised on a farm in rural Iowa. Her family was one of the first in the community to open their home to foreign exchange students. It was through that experience that Scotta spent a summer with a family in Mexico City while in high school. She developed an affection for the Spanish language and a love for cultures beyond her home existence. In college she majored in Spanish and later taught Spanish and English in Iowa for thirteen years.

While teaching in a small community, Scotta was led to a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as her Savior. An insurance salesman shared his faith with her and "sold" her an eternal insurance (assurance) policy that cost her nothing more than total acceptance and obedience. The blessing of this "policy" was that it was free and hers to keep forever. From that

point forward, Scotta felt the calling to use her language skills to minister through foreign missions in whatever way the Lord directed her.

Before long she had the opportunity to work with a group of medical missionaries that took short-term trips into rural Mexico. They ministered to the physical and the spiritual needs of destitute people. After six years, she was asked to consider relocating to San Antonio where the ministry was based and served as their first missionary executive secretary coordinating the teams of volunteers from all over the United States and Mexico. Through much prayer and consultation with godly advisors, she raised her support and made the move

In May, 2003 she married John Williams and in doing so became the stepmother to his then 5year-old daughter, Adriana. After a year of marriage, she and John built a home in Bulverde, a community about 15 minutes north of San Antonio, where she could minimally return to her rural roots and get away from the confusion of the city-life.

Through all of this, Scotta felt the calling to do more with missions, but the responsibilities of a family limited that. When David Parsons, a board member for ComCare International, contacted her regarding the open position for an Executive Director for CCI, there was an immediate peace about the job for Scotta. She had been considering an "at-home" job that might generate additional income for the family while presenting more opportunity for her to serve the Lord

Scotta looks forward to working with the CCI board in the effort to expand the ministry. She brings with her contacts which can enhance the outreach as well as an expertise that will augment the viability of the ministry throughout the world. She will continue her work at the church and administrate CCI out of her home office. The church has agreed that she can conduct CCI "business" from the church office when necessary thus adding a further sense of fulfillment to her calling to serve. As the new office is relocating, please make note of our new contact information:

> 3027 Split Rock Circle, Bulverde, TX 78163 Phone: 210.317.9998

One of the joys of this job is getting to hear or see some of the testimonials about how our aid is helping people around the world. Here is one from Jamaica:

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Simply listening for the kettle from another room without my son's help, holding a good conversation without asking everyone to repeat all the time, it's great.

I can imagine the joy that these have brought to many others around the world.

Thanks again and I will continue to pray for your organization to carry on with this important work.

Best regards ...

Clarence Bonnick

I have been using the Hearing. Aid over six months now and find it invaluable. It helps me in more ways than I had imagined

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those I have come to know during my 6 years as ComCare's Executive Director. Since God is clearly leading me into other ministries, I am stepping down from the role of fundraiser, office manager, program service director, receptionist and accountant. But I am NOT leaving ComCare. I believe too much in the mission of ComCare - to serve the disadvantaged, hearing-impaired in less developed countries by:

- manufacturing a low-cost, rugged solar rechargeable hearing aid;
- working with other organizations or individuals to establish or augment audiological services through training, encouragement and equipment donation;
- serving as a network facilitator for audiologists, otolaryngologists and others who desire to participate in international missions.

I have met you at conventions, or talked with you on the phone or corresponded with you via email. Whatever the mode, it has been good to work with those of like mind – those who are actively working to assist the hearing impaired in various parts of the world. One of God's blessings is to know our purpose on this earth and to use it for His glory. May you be blessed abundantly during this coming new year!

Thank you.

Julia Roskamp

Welcome to our newest board members.

Samuel J. Girgis, M.D.

Dr. Samuel J. Girgis is a board certified otolaryngologist. He completed his specialty training at Loyola University. Dr. S. Girgis specializes in general ear, nose and throat patients with an emphasis on treatment of sinus diseases. Dr. Girgis goes on mission trips to Cuba and Mexico.

John Greinwald, M.D.

is a pediatric otolaryngologist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the Fetal Care Center of Cincinnati. Dr. Greinwald goes on mission trips to Mexico annually.

William Pritchard, Esq.

He is an entrepreneur and practices law in Tulsa, OK. He has traveled extensively throughout the world for business ventures and adventures.

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