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THE LUKE PROJECT 52 CLINIC NEWS



In this issue: Don't Just Do Something, stand there...then do something.

"When what you are doing isn't working, there are two things you cannot do: (1) Do what you've already done (2) Do nothing"

This is from Tod Bolsinger's book CANOEING THE MOUNTAINS, but actually it's just common sense. If in trying to address the high infant mortality rate in Detroit, the healthcare delivery system just continues as is, then babies will continue to die at 3rd world country rates. If the church just continues as is in our efforts to share the good news of Jesus Christ that ALL are loved unconditionally for who they are, in the circumstances they are, then it will continue to be a declining church in America. If we continue to do what we have been doing, we will continue to get what we have always got. That's not acceptable to me in either of the circumstances above and doing nothing is not an option for those who believe. "Let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18

This is why The Luke Project 52 Clinic exists. We are trying to do something different to address the issue of infant mortality in Michigan AND to change the perception (not the reality) of the work of the church in carrying out Christ's call "to make disciples of all nations".

Our clinic at Family of God has grown beyond our wildest expectations. The birth of 21 babies in 2017 will be 60-70 in 2018. 427 appointments in 2017 will be 785 in 2018. We are out of room at Family of God so what to do? We receive 4-5 calls every week from new mothers begging for us to see them for prenatal care. We cannot bear the thought of saying no, we are full and have no room. What to do? How about a 35 foot fully outfitted mobile clinic with 2 exam rooms, lab, and pharmacy which at this writing looks like it will arrive at the beginning of June. It will double our exam space to go along with our expanded staff and enable us to serve our current community as our med team learns how to provide care in a mobile unit before we expand to a second location. For now, our focus will be on our current location. We are going to stand there...then do something!



Our mobile unit was being used by Hackensack University as part of their student medical services. It will have the existing wrap removed and we will put our logo and partner logos who are interested. With only 5000 miles on our 35' Airstream unit we anticipate it serving us well for 10 years. We would love to see the logos below communicating their support for our efforts to "save babies, change lives, and help churches"



WANTED: Retired driver who would like to adopt our new mobile unit as their "baby" to make sure she is well cared for and travels safely. We will provide orientation and training

GREAT NEWS: our grant proposal to the LWML Michigan District has been approved to be placed on the ballot at their convention this July. If you know a LWML member or delegate please put in a good word for us.