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## From the Executive Director: After 15 Years, an All-New MMC Will Hit the Road

To paraphrase an old saying, if the patient can't come to the clinic, bring the clinic to the patient. That was the motivation 15 years ago when Lahai excitedly acquired our first Mobile Medical Clinic, which we call the MMC. This gently used vehicle – basically a box truck with two exam rooms and a nurse's station – allowed us to serve patients without the need for permanent space, taking medical care into the heart of the communities that need it most.

Today, our workhorse MMC is on the road every week, bringing care to two clinics in Lynnwood and two in Everett. But like any aging vehicle, our faithful truck has begun to require frequent repairs and maintenance. What's more, the height of the truck's floor makes it a struggle for some patients to enter. Over the past few years, the need for a high quality, modern, accessible mobile medical clinic has grown increasingly clear. Yet the high cost of a new vehicle seemed insurmountable.

But the Lord had other plans. Late in 2024, we were literally amazed when a private family foundation in our community blessed us with an overwhelmingly generous grant to fully cover the cost of a brand-new mobile medical clinic! After a lengthy review of our options, we are pleased to announce that we have ordered a new MMC from a manufacturer in Oregon. Unlike our present MMC, this new clinic-on-wheels will be custom-built on a Winnebago commercial chassis, akin to a large recreational vehicle, which will make it far more spacious and accessible.

We anticipate taking delivery of the new MMC in the first half of 2026. Once the new vehicle is put into service, we are planning to re-purpose our current tried-and-true MMC. For now, we're thrilled to share this news of God's generous provision! The purchase of the new mobile medical clinic is a huge answer to prayer, one that will greatly bless our patients, volunteers, and staff.



photos show the bare chassis that will receive customization to fit our specs

# New Counseling Center Opens This Summer

The need for affordable, accessible mental health counseling services has never been greater. The American Counseling Association calls the current state of mental health care in the U.S. “troubling.” According to the Association, “the demand for licensed mental health therapists has skyrocketed in recent years,” yet patients “are unable to access or afford mental health services.” At Lahai, we’re determined to do what we can to change this situation for our clients.



Since 2013 when Lahai launched our mental health counseling program, this service has grown. Today, we recruit 6-8 volunteer master’s program student interns as counselors each year, overseen by the program director, Robert Deeble, a licensed mental health counseling supervisor. Our counseling team meets weekly with about 50 clients. Yet despite the program’s growth and the demand for more services, our counselors have never had a dedicated office in which to meet privately and professionally with their clients.

However, that’s about to change. This summer, we will inaugurate our first-ever Lahai Counseling Center, a four-room suite of spaces upstairs from our fully-remodeled Haller Lake Clinic in North Seattle. This custom-designed space will offer the ideal safe environment for private conversations where discretion is paramount. Funding for this project was provided by donors to the Haller Lake Clinic remodeling campaign. The Counseling Center was named in honor of Dan and Cathe Rommel.

**"Some 20 years in the making, I'm grateful that we will now be equipped to serve many more counseling patients."**

**-Robert Deeble, Lahai Counseling Director**

Once construction is complete, we plan to make space available to other counselors on days we are not using them. We are thrilled to be able to provide this valuable service to more people in need through this expansion.



## Volunteer Opportunities

Lahai is a volunteer-driven organization. We are always looking for people who want to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. Currently, our biggest needs are:

**Dental Assistants**  
**Dental Hygienists**

**Dentists**  
**Site Coordinators**

**Chiropractors**  
**Hospitality**

**Prayer Support**

Please contact our volunteer coordinator for more information:

(206) 899-4754 or [volunteer@lahai.org](mailto:volunteer@lahai.org)

## Staff Spotlight

This quarter, we're shining our staff spotlight on Dental Hygienist Brook Boice. Brook grew up in Medford, Oregon, and later moved to Bothell where she attended Northshore Schools. Brook came to Christ in 2019 and began volunteering with Medical Teams International as a dental assistant. In 2021 she joined Lahai as a part time dental assistant and soon felt a powerful desire for additional dental schooling. She left Lahai to train as a dental hygienist at Lake Washington Technical College, with the hope of returning to Lahai after training. Sure enough, in 2024, Brook received her license and is now back with Lahai as our staff dental hygienist, serving patients every Friday. A self-described sports nut, Brook is now learning to golf. She says she loves the unique opportunity at Lahai to use her skills and education to bless others and show them Christ's love. Brook's professional skills, friendly disposition, engaging personality, and strong faith make her a wonderful addition to our dental team.



## Share the Care Gala Returns

Our annual Share the Care Gala is barely six months away, on September 27th, and planning is well underway. Besides raising the funds needed for the work of Lahai, the Share the Care Gala is a great opportunity for volunteers, staff, donors, and friends to celebrate the work we've been doing together. The Gala is also one of the best ways to introduce your friends and associates to the work of Lahai.

Save the Date announcements for this year's Gala will be going out soon. Meanwhile, mark your calendar for the evening of Saturday, September 27th at 5:30 in the Community Life Center in Lynnwood. Also, if you are interested in becoming a Gala table host or sponsor, please contact David Grisham, Lahai Development Director, at [dgrisham@lahai.org](mailto:dgrisham@lahai.org) or (206) 899-4763. See you there!