



*From the desk of Dr. Fred Leist*

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**FREDERICK LEIST M.D.  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

Dear friend of CERT,

I am writing this personal letter to you as Chairman of the Board of Directors of CERT and of course on behalf of our Board. I want you to know that I personally have been involved with CERT since the 1980's.

My first contact with CERT was being part of a team for two weeks in the La Moquitia (jungle) of Honduras. I went with Dave Courson, the former President of CERT, and Ken Daugherty who was then Vice President. My experience was unforgettable not only from seeing the results of the clinics and meetings but also having the experience of walking through the jungle in waste deep water and using canoes as our transportation. This was a new and never to be forgotten experience as a physician.

After we returned, Ken Daugherty invited both me and my wife to go with him on another team to Africa. I was very excited about the opportunity because I had seen first hand in Honduras how God was using the CERT teams. My wife was very reluctant but soon we both decided to go and together we then had some more first time experiences.

While we were in Mozambique our whole team was captured by communist Frelimo soldiers and each of us ended up in solitary confinement in Machava prison in Maputo. What an experience that was! However, with Ken Daugherty's leadership and a lot of prayer from across the country, God intervened and we were released after seven days. Of course there were moments and hours of fear and panic, especially for the two women on our team who were separated from the men and were threatened by prison guards.

You might think that after these experiences my wife and I would shy away from further involvement with CERT. Actually, the exact opposite happened because we saw God at work, and we witnessed the capable leadership of Ken Daugherty and the marvelous work being done by the CERT teams. Now we are really involved, as you can see, as Chairman of the Board of Directors. These experiences and others have captured my interest, involvement and prayers.

Our Board is blessed with the exceptional leadership and example of our president, Ken Daugherty. Under his leadership these past few years we have seen a magnificent growth in CERT. The ministries in Peru, the Amazon Jungle, Romania and many other countries are being blessed in a special way by God.

CERT is a team effort. Under the guidance of Ken Daugherty, a dedicated staff has been put together as well as an involved and supportive Board of Directors. Even though our staff has grown and we are helping more people, our overhead continues to drop. The 2005 independent audit reported another decline in overhead expenses to an all-time low of 1.6%. Its no accident that the Combined Federal Campaign ranks CERT International in the top 99.95% of over one million charities in America based on our extraordinary control of operating expenses.

BUT MOST IMPORTANT ARE WONDERFUL FRIENDS LIKE YOU WHO PRAY AND GIVE SO GENEROUSLY! You are a vital part of this team and we want you to know, as a Board, how grateful we are for your partnership.

I am excited about what I am seeing in CERT, as is our board. Our growth, we believe, is just beginning but we need many more wonderful friends like you to go that extra mile and get involved with CERT. My wife and I did this in the 1980's and it has changed our lives dramatically. I do hope you will increase your partnership with our board as together we watch God work in and through CERT International.

Cordially,

Frederick Leist, M.D.  
On behalf of the Board of Directors

P.S. We would be so pleased to hear from you today. Please use the enclosed response card and return envelope now. Thanks and God bless you!

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