

VISITING THE SICK

From Liberation Theology to Health Care: Lessons Learned in Rural Ecuador



Similar to the crucifix on the cover of Gustavo Gutiérrez's landmark book, *A Theology of Liberation*, this image of Christ resembles the indigenous Quechua people of the Ecuadorian Andes. It invites us to identify His sufferings on the cross with the sufferings of the poor and marginalized.

Thursday, May 10

6:30pm Reception | 7:00pm Presentation

DePaul Student Center, Rm. 220 (2250 N. Sheffield Ave.)

How has missionary medicine evolved? In the past, it meant foreigners delivering health care to underserved communities who were dependent on outside resources and personnel. But today, in most areas of Latin America, opportunities exist for nonprofit foundations to work with local personnel and even local financing.

Drawing on 20 years of experience in rural Ecuador, Dr. David Gaus, an American physician and public health expert, explores this evolution as well as its parallels with liberation theology, born in Latin America out of the people's needs to interpret the Bible for themselves in their own communities.



David Gaus, MD, is the founder/CEO of Andean Health & Development (AHD), a nonprofit that provides high-quality, sustainable health care in rural Ecuador and operates a residency program for local family physicians. Honored by the World Economic Forum as Social Entrepreneur of the Year (2010), he lives in Quito.



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