## extends health care to Third World

It reached out for the first time to Experance Clinic in Brazil in 1981. Since then, Mercy International Health Services (MHS) has belped bring improved health care to some of the poorest people of the world in many Isolated, generally forgotten parts of the globe. Calls for assistance have taken the Exemplacian Hillschaed, accord to

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Her vision, as described by M.

## Floral designs honored at fair

A Farmington Hills florist was among the ribbon winners in the floricalium competition at the Mitch-studies of the manner of the

David Shroeter Florists of Farm-ington Hills won the rosette on Aug. 31. His designs, "South America, Take it Away" and "On The Good Ship Loilipop," both won blue rib-bons. A second place ribbon was awarded for his entry in the "Wea-rin" of the Green" class.



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Joanna Regan in her book "Tender Courage," was to "connect the rich to the poor, to he beathy to the sick, the ducated and skilled to the unistructed, the influential to those of no consequence, the powerful to the weak . . . to do the work of God on earth."

MIHS connects healthy, well-educated, health care providers with those in desperate need of training, new skills and improved ways of serving the sick, the poor, and the uneducated.

DRAWING ON the resources of the 16 divisions of Sisters of Mercy Health Corp. and other Mercy Health Services subsidiaries, MIHS sends skilled personnel overseas to

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enable local health workers in other countries to improve health services. Mercy's assistance to local health professionals abroad ranges from training in hospital administrative and management skills to clinical nursing, to housekeeping, to repair-ing couloment.

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A few projects are different, like that of the operational cost study of the Fiji School of Medicine in Suva and the medical malpractice and quality assurance studies in Micronesia and Polyneatis, buth projects culminated in three-day workshops on Guam for government health leaders from Pacific developing countries.

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Projects such as the current U.S.
Public Health Service-funded Al-

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concism and substance Abuse Com-munity Care training program in the Federated States of Micronesia are designed to have a major impact on the health care delivery system of an entire developing country.

AT TIMES, health personnel-from abroad are trained in institutions here in the United States. For example, in cooperation with staff leaders at Mercywood Hospital on the Catherian McAuley Health Center campus in Ann Arbor, selected personnel from the island states of Pohppel, Truk, Yap and Kosrae are being trained in community-based mental health and substance abuse care through a program designed specifically to fit the social, cultural, eco-

nomic, and health system requirements of this newly emerging Pacific Island nation. But MIIIS services are not limited to developing nations. Requests for assistance have also come from congregations operating hospitals in developed countries.

In Perth, Australla, for example, MIIIS is enabling the congregation of St. John of God to organize the first Catholic hospital system on that continent MIIIS projected director there is Sister Mary Maurita Songelaub, RSM, of the Detroit Province of the Sisters of Mercy, who is on a two-year assignment.

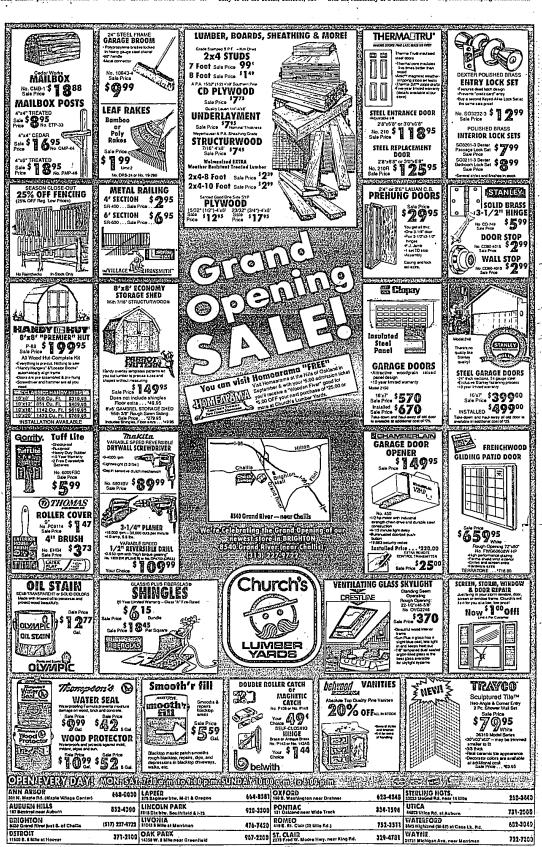
In Brazil, MIIS has assisted the Holy Cross congregation as it examines the feasibility of a clinic for the

poor.
Testimony to the efforts of Mills has come in a letter from William Newbrander, officer in charge of the World Health Organization office in Papua New Guinea: "I recently returned from a trip where I met with a number of health leaders from the South Pacific. One of flose in attendance was Mr. Isamu Abraham from the Federated States of Microcesia, "He spoke of his and his government's high regard for the work of Mills. He mentioned that Mills was distinctive because of the spiritual

distinctive because of the spiritual commitment involved in its work.

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