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NIC Presents *A Drop in the Ocean*

North Island College's Global Nursing Network, in collaboration with the World Community Development Education Society, is pleased to present a screening of *A Drop in the Ocean* on Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 pm in the Stan Hagen Theatre, located at NIC's Comox Valley Campus.

A Drop in the Ocean tells the story of one courageous woman's experience serving with Doctors Without Borders, the humanitarian medical aid agency. Dr. Claudette Picard's mission with the agency began in Liberia, a small country of West Africa, six years before Doctors without Borders won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999.

Dr. Picard left a secure practice and comfortable life in Canada to provide medical care in the midst of the danger and devastation of war-torn countries such as Zaire and Afghanistan. This film follows Dr. Picard on her rounds through Harper, a small town in Liberia still suffering after a decade of civil war. Director Lise Ethier explores Picard's motivations for leaving the rural area of Quebec where she grew up to face impossible challenges with only limited resources and a comforting presence.

In addition, a panel of four local registered nurses who have done humanitarian nursing work in a variety of countries in the developing world, as well as in the high arctic in Nunuvut, will share their stories and experiences. NIC Nursing instructor, Cathy Clark, will facilitate the discussion around the question "What is the role of the Canadian Nurse in respect to global health?"

In 2009, students and faculty travelled to Uganda, Nepal and Mozambique as part of NIC's Global Nursing initiative and plans are in place for students to return to Nepal in 2011. The intent of the project is to facilitate a greater understanding of global health issues, by learning about social and health practices in foreign settings, and to provide Bachelor of Science in Nursing students with opportunities to practice overseas. Global Nursing has partnered with such organizations as World Community and Africa Community Technical Service (ACTS) to realize these goals.

Doors open at 6:30 pm and admission is by donation to NIC Global Nursing. For further information, please contact Susan Auchterlonie at 250-334-5271 or visit www.nic.bc.ca.

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