

The Wilson Thompsons Profile

Next month's Seminar on "Health Care Alternatives" at the Seminary Depot is the latest community service project of the Wilson Thompsons. Wilson and Mona arrived in Seminary on a blustery day, without power, due to Hurricane Georges in 1998. Since then, Dr. Thompson has served as a visiting lecturer in Sociology and Anthropology at William Carey and recently at Mississippi College, while Mona has worked in the operations center of PriorityOne Bank in Magee. Dr. Thompson has also helped organize the annual Life Chain in Collins, taught adult Sunday School locally and served as a Bible teacher in the Covington County Jail. Other captive audiences include William Carey students who joined in the Life Chain for a grade.

The Thompsons have a long-standing commitment to good health using conventional medicine augmented by alternative approaches to health care. Their youngest daughter, Rena, is a Clinical Nurse Specialist serving at the University of Chicago Medical Facility. Eldest daughter, Penny, has served as receptionist for pediatric physicians in Highland Park, IL. Mona worked in inventory control for disposable surgical instruments at Alexian Brothers Medical Facility in Elk Grove, IL. Dr. Thompson took pre-med biology at the University of Oregon. He has since studied hospitals as types of complex organizations. He also has experience as a participant-observer of successful surgeries in this country and Canada.

Dr. Thompson shares concern about affordability of medical care, particularly for seniors. He also offers practical hints and tips about how to improve health through improved nutrition wherever possible. Further, he warns of hazards in our food supply. "Dr. T" cautions against overreliance on prescription drugs and surgery. Finally, he points out how government rationing of medical care raises the horrific prospect of enforced euthanasia. Extended longevity that results from affordable food and medical care is on a collision course with meat-axe cuts to Medicare coverage. This is the real "train wreck" tearing through the government's "Affordable Care Act." Senior citizens, and even young dads and moms, need to safe guard their families' health through wise use of available health care options, beginning with our food and water.