



### *Children's Day health fair held at LLUCH*

Children watch intently as physicals are given to dolls and teddy bears at the teddy bear clinic during Children's Day. More than 1,400 children attended the health fair held on May 15, 1996.



### *Delegation visits North Korea*

A three-member delegation from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) delivered medicines valued at \$500,000 to clinics in flood-ravaged areas of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in early May. The group included Joan Coggin, MD, professor of medicine and special assistant to the LLU president for international affairs. Choe Chang Sik, MD, vice minister of public health for the DPRK, told team representatives that many rural clinics and hospitals have been running low on medicines due to damaged supply routes. Dr. Coggin met with Dr. Sik to discuss the possibility of bringing the LLU Overseas Heart Surgery Team to the DPRK. The heart team would visit the Kim Man Yu Hospital to train surgeons in new heart surgery techniques.



Members of the liver transplant team at Loma Linda University Medical Center's Transplantation Institute take a moment to extend their congratulations to Henry Guerrero (seated), the 50th liver transplant patient at LLUMC.

### *50th liver transplant performed at Transplant Institute*

Henry Guerrero, a 57-year-old Hacienda Heights man, was the 50th person to receive a liver transplant at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Mr. Guerrero, a retired animal control officer, was transplanted on April 13, 1996. He went home on April 24 and is doing very well, according to his surgeon, Erik Wahlstrom, MD, FACS, director, liver, pancreas and kidney transplantation at LLUMC's Transplantation Institute. "This is a significant milestone for our program," Dr. Wahlstrom says. "The liver transplant team has achieved one of the best survival rates in the country and we are continuing our rapid rate of growth." Ninety percent of LLUMC's liver transplant referrals are from outside LLUMC. According to Dr. Wahlstrom, the program should achieve full funding by Medicare and MediCal by the end of 1996. Last year, 24 liver transplants took place at LLUMC with a 91 percent one-year success rate (compared to the national average of 76.7 percent one-year success rate). The first liver transplant at LLUMC took place in August, 1993. That recipient is doing well and has returned to his home out of state. LLUMC's liver transplant program is the only one of its kind in the Inland Empire. According to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), currently, there are 5,748 people in the United States waiting for liver transplants.