

MISSION CONNECTION



Miracles Happen Through Medical Mission

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THANK YOU! FROM DR. GEORGE F. POPE, MBF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In MBF's forty-five-year history it has served more than 100 hospitals and clinics in over 30 countries. In the last year and a half 1,006 Presbyterian churches and church groups as well as 2,357 individuals supported the work of MBF through the stewardship of their gifts. These gifts made possible the medical mission work reported in the following pages.

The real story lies not in the list of programs, hospitals, clinics and mission workers. The real story is a little girl who receives love and care in a community based orphan care



program, a doctor with needed supplies to perform life-saving surgery, a young person training to become a nurse, an infant who is vaccinated against childhood disease, a man or woman tested and treated for HIV/AIDS, a village well providing clean water; or one of the scores of people treated for malnutrition, malaria or tuberculosis. The real story lies in the lives of people, hundreds of thousands of them, restored to health in the name of Christ.

Your gifts have made miracles happen through medical mission.

[A REPORT FROM THE FIELD]

This month, MBF Board of Trustees member, Dr. Jerold Veldman, reports on a trip earlier this year to Miraj Medical Center in India.

While at Miraj recently I had the opportunity to see first hand the partnership and work of MBF, PC(USA), Project C.U.R.E. and ASHA /USAID (American Schools and Hospitals Abroad) in action. About three years ago, Lafayette Hospital in Nipani, India asked MBF for help in obtaining a CT scanner for this small mission hospital. Through Project C.U.R.E., we were able to locate and refurbish a CT unit donated by a hospital in Tennessee. The CT unit, along with a great quantity of medical equipment and supplies, was shipped in a 40-foot container to India in 2005.

I was privileged to be a part of the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Neuroscience hospital unit at Miraj. This grant was made possible through an ASHA/USAID grant of \$275, 000, to build facilities not available in

this region of India. Much of the diagnostic equipment for this unit will be obtained with the help of Project C.U.R.E., as they continue to look for good used equipment here in the USA.

The challenges facing our mission hospitals and nursing schools worldwide are enormous and at times overwhelming. Now, more than ever, they desperately need our continued support. The time I spent in India this year demonstrated in so many different ways the strong working partnerships that MBF has with IHM/WMD/PC(USA), Project C.U.R.E. and ASHA/USAID. As partners we will continue to

At Lafayette Hospital in Nepani, India, Dr. Veldman stands next to a CT scanner made possible by MBF-generated funds.

proclaim and demonstrate the gospel of Jesus Christ through a healing ministry.



YOU & MBF PARTNERS FOR HEALING AROUND THE WORLD

A report on MBF's medical ministry from January 2005 to July 2006

Read the information on these pages and join us in thanking God for the physical and spiritual healing of lives around the world through the ministry of the Medical Benevolence Foundation. In the past eighteen months, your gifts and matching grants from ASHA, have made this possible. Thank you!



The first class of nurses to receive their caps from the new Nursing School at Hopital Ste. Croix in Haiti.

Some of the growing number of abandoned children in Malawi who are now receiving food, education, and spiritual encouragement from a Community Based Orphan Care facility.



MBF supports ministries to HIV/AIDS victims like this African woman and her children.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Between January 2005 and July 2006, with the generous support of churches, individual donors, and the successful application of ASHA grants, the Medical Benevolence Foundation:

- Contributed to the support of 32 medical mission coworkers (see list next page).
- In partnership with Project C.U.R.E., shipped 5 forty-foot containers of donated medical supplies and equipment to hospitals and clinics in 4 developing countries.
- Provided the following for hospitals and clinics: items such as lab equip-

ment, an ultra sound machine, gastro scopes, washing machine and laundry supplies, photovoltaic solar system, blankets for a children's ward, hospital beds, water tanks, an ambulance, oil less compressors, and much more in the way of needed medical supplies, equipment, and medicines to assist medical missionaries as they work to bring hope and healing to

- those in developing countries around the world.
- Supported the operation of more than 28 hospitals and the development and/or operation of their numerous rural health clinics.
- Helped maintain HIV/AIDS programs of testing, education, and care in 6 African countries.



- Supported Community Based Orphan Care in China, Malawi, and Zambia.
- Helped repair a hydroelectric system, a hospital roof, hospital buildings, and a road leading to a rural hospital.
- Contributed to the training of hundreds of nurses and other medical personnel at 10 partner hospitals and nursing schools.
- Helped hospitals offer care to patients unable to pay for treatment.
- Accessed funds to finish the construction or remodeling of hospital or

clinic buildings in 8 areas.

- Helped support a crisis nursery for abandoned infants and a Malaria Bed Nets project for families in 8 mosquito-infested areas at 15 project sites in 8 countries of Africa and Asia.
- Raised funds for victims of the Tsunami in Southeast Asia, Hurricane Katrina in the United States, and the earthquake in Pakistan.

Certain funds raised in the past 18 months may not yet have been disbursed and will be reported later.

MBF CONTRIBUTED TO SUPPORT OF THESE MISSION CO-WORKERS

- Booth, Beverley - Nepal
- Brees, Carol and Jim - Pakistan
- de la Torre, Salvadore & Irma - Kenya
- Dimmock, Frank & Nancy - Malawi
- Griffin, Kathleen - Argentina
- Guyer, Janet - South Africa
- Haninger, Michael & Nancy - Congo
- Hanson, Dorothy - Ethiopia
- Iskander, Magda - Egypt
- Makin, Sue - Malawi
- McGill, Jim & Jodi - Malawi
- McLain, Paul & Joan - Haiti
- Morgan, Leslie & Cynthia - Bangladesh
- Sager, Bill & Sue - Congo
- Sommers, Martha - Malawi
- Streshley, Larry & Inge - Congo
- Turk, Dan & Elizabeth - Madagascar
- Weinberg, Caryl - Cameroon
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ALTERNATIVE GIFTS KEEP ON GIVING

Thank you to those who helped get us close to our year's goal of \$200,000 in alternative gifts. As of the end of June, MBF had received \$182,000.

For more information on how you can give alternative gifts this Christmas, call the MBF office or order materials online. You can vaccinate twenty children in Bangladesh for \$5, buy a malaria-preventing mosquito net for a family in Malawi for \$10, or feed an HIV orphan for a year in a developing country for \$225, all in the name of a loved one or friend.



We Give Thanks . . .

for the closing of the ASHA grant for these buildings at Ekwendeni Hospital in Malawi: primary health care building, three nurses' houses, a staff house, and a private ward. All buildings, except for the private ward, are now in use.

ACTIVE ASHA/USAID GRANTS

MBF is still seeking matching funds for the following grants:

- Lalitpur Nursing Campus, Nepal. Renovate Campus
- Mulanje Mission Hospital, Malawi. Construct a patient ward and staff housing
- Good Shepherd Hospital, DR Congo. Construction and renovation to facilitate a Class II Nursing School
- Miraj Medical Centre, India. Construct and equip a Neurological Facility
- Hopital Ste. Croix, Leogane, Haiti, Nursing School (FSIL). Construct a security wall, additional dorm space and housing for the Dean

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