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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE

Thank you very much for the generosity you have shown through your financial donations, especially in response to our needs for the China Project. It not only helps us with upcoming mission trips, but it also serves as means of motivation and encouragement for our team leaders. You can check our website www.healthteams.ca for a way to donate on-line safely.

Thanks!

In his book, *Shanghai Doctor*, Dr. Nicholas Comninellis writes of his decision to go to China to practice medicine:

Sure, I know a lot of facts about health care, but there are other things that I know nothing about. I want to take time to experience some of the

FROM AROUND THE WORLD**MISSION TO CHINA**

HTI's medical mission to China in 2008 was a resounding success in several ways. First of all, getting permission to conduct our clinics was a major accomplishment but only to the diligent work of Liping Martinez of Grace for Asia. Our partnership with GFA was a new one, but one that opened the doors for further joint ventures. Finally, our medical, dental, and vision teams met a great deal of success in being able to treat hundreds of patients in a church location and at a local government hospital.

The work that was done in China last year opened the door to more opportunities to bring medical services and evangelism to other areas of this vast country--bringing these to people who would not otherwise have an opportunity to have their physical and spiritual needs taken

adventure of life!

LOST IN THE TRANSLATION

While walking alone with another doctor and a student, Doctor Comminellis said,

"That's a cheap shirt you're wearing." I said.

"Do you mean that?" the student asked.

"Oh yes, it is very cheap." I reaffirmed

My guests asked in shock, "Do you know what you're saying?"

"It was then that I remembered that the word for 'cheap' and 'pretty' were pronounced very similarly. I corrected my mistake, and we all laughed."



care of. We have chosen to continue our work with Grace for Asia because our free clinics serve as a draw for them to actually place a Bible in the patient's hands and take the opportunity to freely deliver the message of salvation on a one-on-one basis.

We need the help of **dentists, dental assistants and hygienists, ophthalmologists/optometrists, nurses, audiologists**, and others to make this happen. This two-week trip will take us first to Shanghai, then we'll fly to Chengdu where we will bus to our health service site and begin our work. Some of the work will be in Nanchong Church hospital with other work being done in rural Nanchong churches.

We are in the process of finalizing our team and building our inventory. Contact the team leader, Gerald Roussie at roussie@sympatico.ca for details on how you can join the team and/or contribute to our inventory.

REPORT FROM MYANMAR

Dr. Bill Johanson's trip to Myanmar in March was not only successful in terms of providing medical care to more than 2,000 people, but also because of the response from more than 200 who expressed an interest in accepting Christ and the many more for whom a seed was planted.

Continue to pray for the people of Myanmar that they may gain religious freedom to worship the Lord; for the country's leaders that they may open the doors to a world that is willing to help them; and for the missionary pastors who work diligently under extremely difficult situations

Medical mission trips to Myanmar can be a bit frustrating, especially when you consider the fact that our entrance into the country is entirely at the whim of the government as to whether or not we will be accepted. However, very few mission trips are free of frustrating moments, but we persevere and patiently do whatever is required to overcome these obstacles.

REPORT FROM THE PHILLIPINES

Doctor Johanson also led a team of 18 workers (2 MDs, 6 RNs, 1 nursing student, 1 pastor and his wife, 1 dentist, and six others who were eager to do God's work in the Philippines). Originating from North Carolina, Texas, and Indiana, the team converged in Manila on May 24 to begin their medical clinics--dental, medical, minor surgery, and optometrics. Over 1,200 people were ministered to, with many of them seen at at least two different clinics. In addition, a men's conference and a pastors' conference were held and more than 200 individuals accepted to follow Jesus.

The team expresses many thanks to all who prayed, supported, and participated in this mission. To God be the



glory and praise!

CONTINUING WORK IN INDIA

Health Teams International has been involved in health missions in various parts of India for several years under the leadership of Dr. David Inderjeet, and most recently with the assistance of his daughter, Dr. Daphne Thomas. In August, he will be returning to South India and can use your help. You can contact him at 703-787-8911 for more information.

Doctor Inderjeet is a retired American ophthalmologist who has dedicated many years of service to people in his native homeland. His devotion to the Lord's work, his energy on the mission field, and his commitment are indeed exemplary.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA PROJECT

Physicians, dentists, dental assistants and hygienists, nurses, ophthalmologists, optometrists, and audi-ologists are needed to complete Dr. Richard Charlick's mission to Equatorial Guinea. You can contact him at 810-229-9247 or by e-mail at ddchar@earthlink.net.

The team will be working with Rev. John N'Goh a member of the Board of Directors for Health Teams International and Associate Director for Africa.

REPORT FROM CAMEROON

Dr. Dan Wiklund, a semi-retired professor of medicine at the University of Washington led a large team of twenty medicalcare workers along with an additional 20 local volunteers on a mission trip to Cameroon. Dr. Dale Louis of Berthoud, CO had the unique opportunity of using a new pocket-size drill that allowed him to do a number of fillings in front teeth that would ordinarily have had to be extracted. One of the hygienists also used the drill with a different tip to do cleanings. On this trip, Doctor Dale also trained a local Cameroonian medical doctor to do emergency dental care.

A local Cameroonian plastic surgeon and expert on the dental disease, Noma, Doctor Nesoah, worked on a seven-year-old boy who had the disease. This is a terrible affliction that is literally the "face of poverty" in the developing world. It is a severe, gangrenous dental infection most often found in children who live in conditions of poor hygiene or malnutrition and leaves the patient hideously deformed. Doctor Nesoah was able to treat the boy with medicine that may hopefully arrest the disease.

The doctors also performed a number of surgeries mostly for hernias, which are very common in countries like this were they are required to do so much hard, physical labor.

MISSION TRIP CALENDAR FOR 2010

Several mission trips are already planned for 2010 and more will be announced shortly. Dr. Richard Charlick will be leading a team to Myanmar again from January 23 to February 7 and Dr. Bill Johanson will lead a team to Uganda in the summer of 2010. Check our website for announcements of other mission trips.

We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God. (John Stott)

HTI DIRECTORS MEETING

The annual HTI Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for October 24 in Tulsa, OK. If there are items you think should be discussed at this meeting, your input would be appreciated. You can send your suggestion to any Board Director. Check our website www.healthteamsintl.org for contact information or send it to hti.executive.director@sympatico

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