

NOMMS NEWSLETTER

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2004 MISSION TO ECUADOR SCHEDULED

Plans are being made to conduct the third medical mission to Ecuador in the fall of 2004. Our partner foundation in Ecuador has requested 38 medical staff attend the mission. Thus far medical interventions in the specialty areas of EENT, OB-GYN, General Surgery and Orthopedics are scheduled.

NOMMS received an Auto Refractor as a donation. This will allow the mission team to administer eye exams and distribute eyeglasses as part of the fall mission. We plan to dispense 1,000 eyeglasses during our mission.

To support the various medical interventions and our medical teams, supplies, instruments and equipment

are being staged in our warehouse. Donated materials are being sorted, checked for proper quality, inventoried, repacked and palletized. It is projected that a 40 foot container will be sent by sea transport, approximately 11 pallets will be sent by air freight and 34 foot lockers will be sent as checked baggage with the mission team.

One of the ancillary activities performed by the mission team is to distribute rosaries, religious medals and holy cards to the hospital staff and patients. In the past the mission team collected and distributed small stuffed animals to the pediatric patients. Our mission team will continue this very popular activity by distribution over 400 stuffed animals during the fall mission.

SUCCESSFUL GALA — “MISSION POSSIBLE 2004 “

Over 100 volunteers, 300 patrons and many friends who donated food, beverage and auction items, made MISSION POSSIBLE 2004 a fantastic success. The final results of \$ 77,732 will fund the fall 2004 medical mission, the planned missions for 2005, allow the donation of 4 containers of medical materials and fund the operating activities through 2004.

Because of the outstanding response for donations of auction and raffle items as well as materials to stage the fundraiser, the cost for the entire event was under \$6,000. NOMMS Directors thank the Gala Commit-

tee, all donors of auction items, food and beverage and the patrons who were so generous with their financial support.

Our patrons participated in a fun night of great food, beverages, music, auction bargains, a mission documentary and of course socializing with friends.

Everyone is welcome to volunteer to help make MISSION POSSIBLE 2005 an even greater success. We are planning to the Gala in April of 2005 depending on available and suitable location.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our foundation is now in the third year of operation. We have been blessed with outstanding support from patrons and volunteers. Through generous donations of time and money, we have directly and indirectly ministered to the poor. As communicated in this newsletter NOMMS is positioned to expand the good that we do in Latin America and, through partnerships, in other parts of the world.

You are invited to visit our web page at medicalmissionservices.com. We regularly update the web site to reflect current activities and information. You can view a PowerPoint presentation to learn about our plans, accomplishments and goals. Please feel free to

pass this newsletter and our web site along to friends and associates.

We acknowledge and thank Fr. Stanley Klores of St. Patrick's Church and those parishioners who were so generous in the special second collection during the Sunday service in May of this year. Fr. Klores invited our Directors to make a brief presentation at each of the masses. The second collection resulted in a donation of \$4,302.00.

Again, Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

R. Daniel Jacob M.D.

PLANS FOR FUTURE MISSIONS

With your continued support, NOMMS is positioned to expand the number of medical missions we conduct on an annual basis. We are currently having discussions with representatives from Honduras, Dominican Republic and Belize. We have sufficient resources to plan two missions in 2005. There are tremendous medical needs in these countries and our desire is to form partnerships within each country as soon as realistically possible.

With our new leased warehouse facility which was occupied in September of 2003, we are better able to support the procurement of sufficient medical materials to support not only the medical missions but provide a continuous

flow of medical materials on an ongoing basis.

Critical to our success is the willingness of the medical community to donate excess, outdated and/or redundant medical supplies, instruments and equipment. We have established a consistent supply of these materials from local doctors, medical facilities and several major hospitals. If it were not for outstanding cooperation and support of the medical community, NOMMS would be unable to provide our current and planned services. In addition to local support, NOMMS has been approved by several domestic medical suppliers to receive donations of medical materials.

The NOMMS Directors and volunteers are focused and enthusiastic working together to be able to provide additional help to the people in Latin America who would never be able to receive the medical attention to relieve their pain and suffering.

NOMMS is committed to the Ministry of healing the sick and providing help to the poor. The needs are great in numbers and we can never complete our work. However, we can and will continue to expand our efforts by sending doctors and nurses on more missions to help more people.

SHIPMENTS SENT TO ECUADOR AND AFRICA

Two 40 foot containers were sent to the Junta de Benefecencia Foundation in Ecuador in February and June of 2004. The containers contained a heart machine, six exam tables, one operating table, five complete dental treatment systems, sixty four reception chairs, x-ray and developing equipment, miscellaneous lab equipment and several pallets of surgical and medical supplies.

A third 40 foot container will be sent to Ecuador in September of 2004 along with eleven pallets of medical materials to support the fall mission trip.

Heritage Ministries Foundation of Baton Rouge conducts treatment missions to Kenya, Africa several times per year. In March of this year, NOMMS donated non controlled medicines to Heritage Ministries for the work in Kenya. NOMMS will make a second donation in September of 2004 to Heritage Ministries.

The value of medical materials donated though 2Q04 is in excess of \$3,000,000.00. Since the inception of NOMMS, over \$7,000,000.00 has been donated



Teamwork at the Hospital Luis Vernaza, Guayaquil Ecuador.

NOMMS ENGAGES EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The Directors of NOMMS have engaged Bernard and Franks, a corporation of Certified Public Accountants to perform the tax reporting and external audit for the foundation. Bernard and Franks is located in Metairie Louisiana and was established in 1978. The firm handles accounting, auditing and tax affairs for over 50 nonprofit organizations.

Bernard and Franks will perform the external audit starting with year 2004 and will file the tax reports for 2003. A volunteer Finance Committee will work closely with the staff of Bernard and Franks to establish and ensure the proper systems, processes and controls are in place.

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