

NOMMS NEWSLETTER

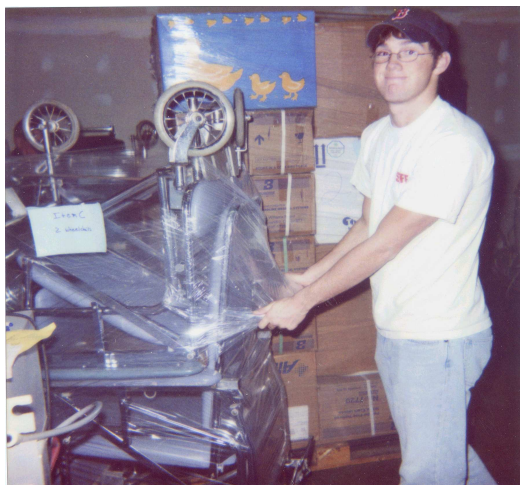
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DONATIONS TO PARTNER FOUNDATIONS

During the first quarter of 2005, New Orleans Medical Mission Services Foundation donated medical materials to several partner Foundations. Two twenty foot containers were donated to Fairhaven Ministry of Covington Louisiana. The donation included 2 complete sets of dental equipment and instruments, stretchers, wheelchairs, and a variety of medical supplies. The donation will be split between a free clinic in the Appalachian Mountains and a free clinic in Arad Romania.

Heritage Foundation of Baton Rouge completed a second medical mission to Kenya Africa during the first quarter of 2005. We



Rummel Volunteer prepares shipment

provided medicines and medical supplies for the mission. The needs in Kenya are for basic medical treatments. We will continue to support Heritage Foundation as they expand with more frequent missions.

Two pallets of medical equipment and supplies sufficient to fully equip a small emergency clinic is packed and ready to be shipped to Medjugorje. We are waiting on the required import approvals to ship the materials. The recipient is a small hospital built and operated by the Donum Dei Foundation of New Orleans.

The shipping documents and required approval are being secured to send a forty foot container to a small hospital in Mostar Yugoslavia. The shipment includes surgical gowns, shoe covers, gloves, wheel chairs, stretchers and a variety of medical supplies and instruments.

NOMMS is blessed with amazing generosity of physicians, hospitals and product providers of medical materials. This generosity allows us to not only support our own Medical Missions but provide donations to partner foundations committed to minister to the poor..

The supply network is growing as are the volunteers who move the supplies to our warehouse, sort the materials, quality check each item and repack the materials for use either on our mission trips or as donated items. If you would like to donate medical materials or would like to volunteer to reprocess and repack the medical materials, please contact us through our volunteer page at www.medicalmissionservices.com

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The New Orleans Medical Mission Services Foundation was formed in the year 2001 by a group of local medical and business professionals with the objective of providing one or two surgical medical missions per year. While we provided the logistical support for medical services, we rely upon our Chaplin to provide our missionaries with spiritual support in the form of daily mass, confessions, spiritual direction and to interact with the local community as a catholic Chaplain. We soon realized that while our mission trips provide one week of intense activity and benefit, our presence could be extended by donating medical supplies and equipment to our mission partners throughout the year. Additionally, by providing educational seminars to local healthcare workers, we are able to make permanent improvements in the capacity to continue helping the indigent population at our mission sites. It is of utmost importance to our organization that we maintain the dignity of both the physicians and nurses with whom we work and the patients we treat.

We have been blessed with both devoted volunteers and donations to support our ministry thus far. For us to continue to increase our work of conducting medical missions, donating medical materials and providing educational seminars, we need additional volunteers and additional patrons. Guided by our faith and

directed by the Holy Spirit, we have conducted three major medical mission trips and have two more in the planning states for the upcoming year. We have been able to utilize the diverse talents of our volunteers and the tools and financial resources provided to us to serve the less fortunate. With your help and prayers, our work can continue.

Special thanks are well deserved by the many people who give of their time during the medical mission trips, working at the warehouse, soliciting medical materials and making the annual fundraising Gala successful. We recently met with Reverend Wayne C. Paysse, Director for Pontifical Mission Societies for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, to describe our work. Fr. Paysse was impressed with our accomplishments thus far and with our plans for the future.

In closing, your continued support and prayers will allow our apostolate to grow and help us respond to the graces granted to us by our loving Father in heaven.

R. Daniel Jacob, M.D.
President

REACHING OUT ONE HAND AT A TIME

By: Fr. Peter Hammett

For the past six years I have been involved with various types of mission outreach in Monterrey and Arteaga, Mexico. But to have the experience of being chaplain for the NOMMS trip to Ecuador was truly an amazing and new experience. To be a part of a dedicated team bringing life on many levels is what we who share space in the human family should all be about.

The dedication of the medical staff was an inspiration. The work they did not only healed, cured, saved life, but also educated and updated local physicians. The eye clinic was such a wonderful place to be: there I had the opportunity to relate directly with those in need. To experience the joy of those who could see again and could now work, read and navigate daily life was truly a life-changing experience. As they reached out to us, so we reached out to God's children in need and we all grew in love.



Some of the 1,100 patients receiving eyeglasses during the 2004

ON A MISSION

By: Brother Gale Condit, FSC, Vice Principal, St Paul's

While they don't travel as far as Ecuador, students and teacher from Archbishop Rummel High School, De La Salle, and St. Paul's come to the NOMMS warehouse on designated Saturdays to help take inventory, organize and pack medical supplies for shipment to third world countries. The New Orleans Medical Mission offers people of good will the opportunity to answer the call of the Gospel by reaching out to those most in need.

All the schools involved in this work to date are LaSallian schools or schools started by the Christian Brothers in the name of St. John Baptist De La Salle, patron of teachers in the Catholic Church. Christian Brothers School in City Park will also soon be involved in providing help for this good cause. One of the primary principles of LaSallian education is to enter school to learn and to serve. "What a great opportunity we have to apply our LaSallian religious values to reality" said Mr. Willie Leonard, Camp Minister at Archbishop Rummel.

God can't be outdone in generosity, for after each Saturday work session, all volunteers receive free pizza and soft drinks....a small reward for great commitment and hard work.



St Paul student exhibits superhuman strength.

MISSION POSSIBLE 2005

Thanks to over 400 generous Patron, Donors, and Volunteers, our Annual Gala raised over \$105,000. General Campaign Chairperson Lisa Harper and her Committee provided a fun filled evening with wonderful food, beverages and bargain auction items.

Efram Rothchild and Debbie Rothchild donated a sapphire and diamond ring that brought in over \$4,000 in the raffle. The food for the Gala was donated by Rasputin, Bandido's, Hueys Dinner, The Wine Loft and Rue de la Course. Spirit's were donated by Rain Vodka. Brennan's Printing donated the printing of the program. Due to these generous donors, the cost of the Gala was under 10%.

2004 EXTERNAL AUDIT

The NOMMS Board of Directors voted unanimously to require an annual Independent Audit of the financial statements. The public accounting firm of Bernard and Franks was selected to conduct the audit.

We are pleased to report that the audit of 2004 is complete. Bernard and Franks states, "In our opinion, the financial statements ... present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of New Orleans Medical Mission Services Foundation, Inc. as of December 31, 2004 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America"

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