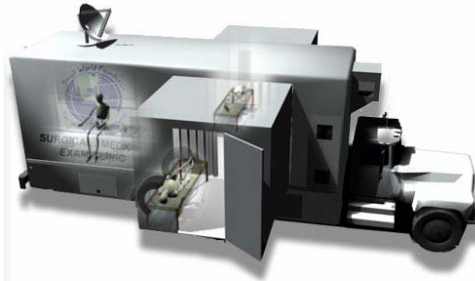


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*Happy New Year!
January 2005*



SWF Mobile Hospital I continues to be our vision for 2005!

There is a great need to help those in remote areas who have no access to medical care. It will be a fully equipped self-sufficient medical-surgical unit staffed by American doctors and nurses. Your donation toward this very special project will be greatly appreciated. We are 40% toward our goal!

Please refer to our website for more details.

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“The Gift”

The malformed face,
The life so affected,
The beautiful smile,
Restored and corrected.

The grateful, humble parents,
With so much love express,
How their restored child,
Makes them feel so blessed.

Our docs,
With finesse and skill,
Use their God gifts,
To serve and do his will.
As for me,
On my first time out.
I am overwhelmed, grateful,
And humbled without a doubt!

--Jeanette McGee, RN
Quito, Ecuador
August, 2004

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Outreach to Zambia

In May 2004, Dr Michael and Lorena Tolle traveled to Africa on an expedition to assess the situation for future medical mission trips in the future. The couple arrived in Malawi's largest city and set out to make new friends. They quickly realized what most foreign mission groups have observed, the terrible long term effects of the HIV/AIDS crisis that is rampant throughout Africa. An entire generation lost in many villages and huge numbers of people are dying silently in their huts, leaving fear, despair and chaos in its wake. Most disturbing are the enormous number of orphans in every village, sad, terrified, and angry. They are the future of Africa and their plight demands our attention. Dr Tolle and his wife made several medical contacts during their travels and plans are underway to send a SWF team to Zambia in 2006 to work in the villages. They will participate directly with the ambitious WHO plan, to roll out anti-retroviral therapy to the millions of people in Africa with HIV/AIDS; whose survival depends on this modern miracle.



“For I am mindful of the plans I have made concerning you-declares the Lord-plans for your welfare, not for disaster, to give you a hopeful future.”

Jer 29:11

Mission to Guatemala

In March, 2004 Dr Mike and Lorena Tolle, joined by students from the Jesuit College Preparatory School, returned to the barrio next to the enormous basurero (garbage dump) in Zone 3, Guatemala City to work with Hanley Denning and volunteers from her organization, "Camino Seguro". As on past missions, the focus was on treating acute cases and assist with longitudinal care of chronic conditions, like hypertension and diabetes. Considerable amounts of asthma medications were left on site, as well as a nebulizer. For these illnesses are not uncommon next to a basurero, where the unfortunate have to scrounge through it for their daily rations. SWF hopes to continue sending teams annually with your continued support. Dr Tolle would like to say, "Thank You" to Dr Jim Hussey, " without whom I would not be able to leave home to help the needy."

Mission to Honduras



In April 2004, the SWF surgical mission team returned to Comayagua, Honduras accompanied by Pastor Danny Morales. Over a hundred patients were triaged and thirty patients were operated on during the week for common congenital deformities, i.e. cleft lip and palate, hand deformities, and burn scar release and grafting. It was noted that a great deal of medical equipment, previously donated by different groups in the past was sitting unused in hospital storage. A biomedical technician will be brought down on a future trip to assess and repair this equipment, scheduled for April, 2005.

Mission to Quito, Ecuador

In August 2004, SWF surgical and medical teams traveled to Quito, Ecuador. The medical team, led by Dr. Tolle, worked in a clinic in Aloag, south of Quito in the foothills of the Andes. They saw almost 200 patients with primary health needs. They also assisted the local health dept. to identify TB patients and helped with pre-natal assessments. Lorena Tolle worked all day at 9000 feet altitude, and all while, a few months pregnant with her and Mike's first child! WOW!!



(L-R) Dr. Mike and Lorena Tolle, Pastor Danny Morales and Dra. Katerine Soraya



SWF surgical team at work at Hospital Pablo Suarez. Clockwise from left around table are Plastic Surgeons Dr Antonio Bonilla from El Salvador, Dr Kevin Hopkins, Dallas, Tx and Constance Custer, RNFA. Dr Hopkins is shown educating the student doctors from Ecuador, the technique of cleft lip repair. (Special Thanks to Dr Dolman Guzman, Director, for his hospitality; and to nurses Caridad Yee and Jeanette McGee for their care and compassion.)

Visit our website:

www.smallworld.org

There you can read about some of our past missions, sign up to volunteer your services, and even make a tax-deductible contribution online to the mission of your choice!

How you can help

- \$50 will buy medication that will allow a man with a badly burned hand to go back to work
- \$200 will buy the necessary surgical and anesthesia supplies to restore the smile of a child with a cleft lip and palate deformity
- \$500 will help purchase necessary medical equipment and supplies to help set up a clinic in a remote village in a developing country
- \$1000 will ensure that 20 patients with limb amputations will receive the prosthetic care they need in order to walk again

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