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AMRF Readies Equipment for Ethiopia

Dr. Ralph Wolf of Nashua, New Hampshire, is a well-known orthopedic surgeon who has had a continuing association with medical care in Ethiopia through his former student Dr. Worku Mekonnen. Dr. Wolf was an instructor at Black Lion Hospital, the largest hospital in Ethiopia, in 1989, 1990, and 1991 and Dr. Worku was a resident in orthopedic surgery at that time. Dr. Worku has been treating the poorest members of the Ethiopian community, mainly farmers and priests, for many years at his Yordanos Clinic which is on the outskirts of Addis Ababa. The Clinic specializes in treatment of trauma and orthopedic problems as well as respiratory and other endemic diseases. It is one of the few orthopedic clinics in this country of fifty million people.

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AMRF Volunteer, Dave Hamblen, checking out anesthesia machine.

AMRF Urgently Needs Your Help

Tough economic conditions around the Globe have made more acute the obstacles to improving medical and dental care for the poorest populations, which is AMRF's primary objective.

During the past year AMRF has helped to bring upgraded medical care to places as diverse as the remote mountains of Ecuador, the war-torn country of the Democratic Republic of Congo and a major urban hospital in Northeastern China. Every dollar donated to AMRF is amplified through AMRF programs to build people-to-people bridges around the world.



Ecuadoran dental clinic, equipped with donated equipment from AMRF. "Without the help of AMRF, the desperately needed services provided by our clinic would have been difficult if not impossible."

Father Nigsch, Catholic priest of Guadalupe, Ecuador.

The many volunteers of AMRF are tremendously thankful for the opportunity to serve their fellow mankind and to productively help to improve the quality of life of the neediest people of the world. Your donations help us to achieve that objective in large measure. We know we are having an impact with your help. We are certain that with your continuing financial support we will continue to build global bridges. We hope that you will use the donation coupon on the back of this issue to help us in our humanitarian efforts.

Many thanks for all of your past support.

Best wishes to all AMRF friends during the holiday season.

The Friends, Volunteers, Board Members and Officers of AMRF.

Assisting our less fortunate neighbors by donating medical equipment and supplies to hospitals and clinics in developing nations.

AMRF Welcomes New Member to the Board

The Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Myra J. Edens as an important addition to its membership as of June, 2003.

Myra is currently Administrative Director of the Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence, RI. She has been active in the American International Health Alliance, Inc. for the past seven years serving on missions to Slovakia and Armenia. She has many years of experience in the delivery of medical care around the Globe with special emphasis on women and children's issues. Myra's insights into

medical care in the less developed world will strengthen AMRF's ability to achieve its basic mission of helping to improve health care for the poor and needy.

Myra resides in Barrington, RI, with her husband and three college-aged children. She is active in her church and enjoys reading and antiques in her rare leisure time.



Letter from Northeastern China

July 2, 2003

Mr. Kay Barney

Chairman of AMRF

c/o Culture to Culture International USA

Dear Mr. Barney:

Through your efforts, our hospital has received the first container of medical equipment donated by AMRF. The medical equipment will play an important role in raising the level of our medical care and will help to improve the health of the people of Shuangyashan.

You have bridged the friendship between the American and Chinese people. On behalf to the Shuangyashan people, I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to you and AMRF. We are cordially inviting you to visit Shuangyashan so that we can show you the warmth, hospitality, and sincere appreciation of our people.

Cao Jianguo

President, Shuangyashan Hospital of Chinese Medicine
Heilongjiang Province, China

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The American Medical Resources Foundation donates used, but totally functional medical equipment to hospitals serving the needy worldwide. AMRF also develops and provides training programs for medical equipment repair technicians and hospital managers responsible for the maintenance, repair, and calibration of medical equipment.

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Cardiology Equipment Training for Ethiopia

During May 19-30, 2003, AMRF volunteer Mike Link traveled to Addis Ababa to present a training course on the operation and maintenance of hospital cardiac equipment. Mike is Clinical Equipment Manager, Aramark Clinical Technology Services at the Milford, MA Regional Hospital

Twenty Ethiopian trainees from several regions of Ethiopia and the staff of the Ethiopian Natural Scientific Equipment Center (NSEC), the local sponsor, attended the sessions. Mike provided instruction on the anatomy and physiology of the heart, ECG interpretation readings, operation and maintenance and repair of defibrillators and ECG and fetal monitors.

Prior to Mike's arrival, AMRF had shipped equipment to Addis Ababa in support of the training course including a fetal monitor and a defibrillator with test equipment and technical manuals and twenty-five digital voltmeters, one for each student. Mike also provided tool sets to each student donated by his employer, Aramark.

In a recent communication to AMRF President, Tom Magliochetti, Dr. Solomon Zewole, Director of the National Scientific Equipment Center, noted the "keen participation

on the part of the trainees which is resulting in improved equipment operation and maintenance within the hospitals with the net result being improved medical care."

AMRF extends a heartfelt thanks to Mike Link and his wife Christine for their enthusiastic support of the AMRF goal of providing improved health care for the less fortunate of the world.



AMRF volunteer, Mike Link and his wife, Christine, received a thank you from the trainees at the conclusion of the training course.



Mike Link looks on as trainees receive hands-on experience with ECG equipment.

Can You Help Us With Equipment or Supplies From Your Hospital or Company?

Donations of used, functioning or repairable medical equipment or supplies are urgently needed for shipment to hospitals and clinics serving the poor in developing countries around the world.

We will arrange pickup and/or shipping from anywhere in the U.S.

Equipment donations from for-profit organizations are exempt from Federal Income Tax. Donors should check with their tax advisors to establish the value of the charitable deduction.

We are in need of any equipment and supplies used in patient care.

All the equipment is checked and repaired as needed in our own facility before being donated to hospitals overseas.

All donations will be greatly appreciated by the recipient.

Please call 508. 580.3301 or fax 508.580.3306 with a list of equipment to donate. Or you may contact us by e-mail: amrf@amrf.com

Equipment for Ethiopia Continued from page 1

In 1995, AMRF shipped a 40 ft. ocean-freight container to equip Dr. Worku's Clinic. During the year 2000, Tom Magliochetti, President of AMRF, was in Ethiopia in conjunction with AMRF training programs and visited the Clinic. He found that equipment and supplies shipped were well

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Equipment being catalogued for Yordanos Clinic shipment.

utilized and that almost all the equipment was still in service.

In November of 2003, under the generous sponsorship of Dr. Wolf, AMRF will be shipping a 40-ft. ocean-freight container to Yordanos Higher Clinic. The equipment is particularly high-grade since during this past year, AMRF has been fortunate to receive only quality equipment from numerous generous donors. Because of reduced warehouse space, AMRF has limited its warehousing to newer and most sought after equipment. This shipment included: A full dental suite, including a full set of hand tools; C-arm X-ray; Personal monitors; Anesthetic machine; Orthopedic supplies such as braces, etc.; Physical therapy equipment (treadmill,

etc.); Electrosurgical setup; Tabletop sterilizers; Surgical lights; Orthopedic fracture table; Metal cribs; Exam tables and lights; Operating room supplies such as gloves, gowns, capes and bandages; Mechanical beds; and Crutches, wheelchairs and walkers.

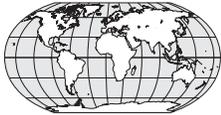
AMRF President Tom Magliochetti indicated this shipment to be particularly significant for two reasons: firstly, the equipment will be used to improve the quality of care and lives for perhaps the poorest and most vulnerable people on this planet; and, secondly, this shipment clearly demonstrates the value and contribution of AMRF equipment and represents a strong affirmation of the Clinic's utmost satisfaction with the prior shipment.

AMRF Receives Grant for Central America Training Facility

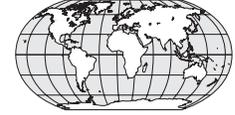
In early July 2003, AMRF received a \$2,325 grant from the Connecticut Lions Club District 23A which will provide the seed money for a Medical Equipment Training and Maintenance Center in Central America.

Although the training activities of the Center will focus on varied medical equipment, the emphasis will be on ophthalmic equipment. AMRF would like to recognize the leadership of Marinus J. DeJongh, former District 23A Governor, Lions Club of Madison,

CT, who spearheaded the efforts to establish the facility. He is also working with Lions Clubs of El Salvador to obtain additional grant monies from Lions International for financial support of the maintenance and training center. A major priority for Lions Clubs throughout the world is the support of programs for vision (eyesight) including prevention, treatment and remedial efforts.



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