

# AMRF NEWS



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## New Program in Dominican Republic

Bahia de Maimón is a small resort town in the Puerto Plata province of the Dominican Republic in an area which has caves, monuments or ruins of historical value. Unfortunately, the hotels, the principal employers of the region, do not provide many of the benefits the tourism income provides.

Victor, and his wife, Carol, visited a small hospital in Maimón which is funded by the Foundation Candida Minaya Maimón, Puerta Placa, an organization located in Holland. Based on the survey



Maimón Hospital Emergency Dept

by Victor and Carol, we have decided to offer this hospital a 40 ft container of medical equipment that will make a big difference to the health care of this poor community. Hendrika van Ginkel, leader of the of the Foundation has agreed it will pay the freight cost.



Maimón Hospital Children's Program

## AMRF Faces Challenges! We Need Your Help!

*Dear Friends:* AMRF and the over 215 hospitals that have received 20 ft or 40ft containers of medical equipment and hospital supplies are extremely grateful for your support and donations over the past 28 years of our operations. In this time with your help we have donated medical equipment and hospital supplies worth almost \$300 million (if valued at today's prices) to hospitals in 92 countries in Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe Middle East and Asia. Most recipient hospitals have shared with AMRF the cost of gathering, testing and shipping the donated material. This shared cost is approximately 10% of

the actual value of the material shipped. AMRF has also been able to ship one or more containers per year at no shared cost to the most needy recipient hospitals, which can't share the costs with AMRF. We have accomplished this through your donations and grants we have received each year.

In the last several years it has been significantly more difficult to finance programs in this manner. Hospitals in the US today are managing their equipment more efficiently, hanging on to it longer, and trying to sell it (almost at the end of its useful life),

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

## “Thanks” to AMRF from Remote Dominican Region

*A letter from Dr. José Morel, Director of Hospital Morel, Dominican Republic 10/27/15.*

**Dear Victor:**

In 2014 we received from AMRF a 40 feet container of medical equipment and medical supplies that we used in the treatment of patients of low economic resources, the utilization of these materials have permitted our medical center, which is located in a mountainous region of Dominican Republic, provide efficient medical services.

In the past month of October 2015, our country has been hit with an epidemic of Dengue, and our area was not immune, resulting in that we have had to attend to some 20 patients a day suspected of being affected by this illness. The equipment and materials provided by AMRF have been amply utilized in the medical treatment in this circumstance; these patients need the vital parameters monitored, (temperature, cardiac rhythm and NIBP.) to establish the criteria of risk of the patients. At this time we are planning to expend our medical center, for which we are counting on equipment to be donated by AMRF to increase our capabilities and provide services of high technical quality.



*Dr. Morel, Victor, and Claudia Morel*

Signed, *Dr. José Morel* (Translated by Victor.)

In late October 2015 Dr. José Morel and his wife, Claudia, visited the AMRF warehouse facility in Brockton, MA. to confer with AMRF President, Victor Sologaiosta on coordinating the donation to the Centro Médico Dr. Morel, SRL of an MRI and other equipment to be utilized in extending important medical capabilities in the remote region of Moncion, which borders with Haiti. AMRF plans to ship a 40 ft container to the Centro Médico within the next two months.

## AMRF

**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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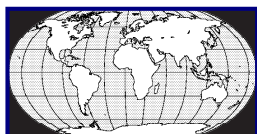
rather than donate it. Consequently, we have been forced to buy much high-tech items from used equipment vendors, the same people to whom the hospitals are probably selling much of their equipment. In some cases the recipient hospitals can afford their share of this extra cost. Many hospitals cannot. All this can increase the cost of each container shipment considerably.

It is our hope that you can continue or increase your donations to help us meet these additional

costs to help as many hospitals as possible that apply for donated medical equipment. You will be helping many thousands of children and adult patients with your gifts. Remember, we ask only once per year.

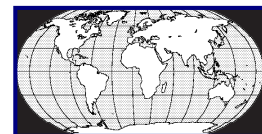
Again, many thanks for your donations over the years.

*Tom Magliocchetti, Chairman; Victor Sologaiastoa, President; Kay Barney, Chairman Emeritus; and our many volunteers and staff of AMRF.*



### AMRF Medical Equipment & Hospital Supplies

**Donated 2014 and 2015 to date**  
(partial listing of equipment and supplies)



#### Containers

Hospital Santa Ana, Santa Ana, El Salvador 1 – 40 ft

Centro Médico Sanarateco, El Progreso, Guatemala 1–20 ft

Centro de Cirugía, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic 1 – 40 ft

Metapan, El Salvador, distributed by Hearts of Life (Foundation) 3 – 40 ft

Abuja, Nigeria, distributed by World Medical Relief/Africa (Foundation) 1 – 40 ft

Fernandez Guarocuya Almanzar Hospital, Dominican Republic

#### Containers Ready to be Shipped

Asociacion Civil Proyecto Salud y Vida 1–40 ft

Fundacion Candida Minya Maimon, Dominican Republic 1 – 40 ft

Clinica Dr. José Morel, Dominican Republic 2 – 40 ft.

#### Technical Services Performed

Clinica Dr. Morel, Moncion, Dominican Republic: Inspection of medical equipment previously sent; test of OR equipment prior to surgical procedures

## Clinical Screening and Technical Assistance Offered

As a part of AMRF's continuing assistance programs, we are increasing the emphasis on providing "Free Screening Clinics" performed by AMRF team visits including a physician, nurse and engineer to hospitals served by AMRF in the past and others that may request these services in the future. Past team visits are conducted by volun-

teer professionals and have been very successful and well received. Planned well in advance, hundreds of patients have signed up in advance to be examined, and the hospitals are always eager to receive technical assistance with on-site medical equipment needing adjustment or repair.

## PLEASE DONATE TO AMRF

I would like to discuss a  
Planned Giving  
Program.

Please contact me at:

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

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As a person who desires to relieve suffering and assist hospitals and clinics serving the poor in developing nations, please enroll me as a contributor to the *American Medical Resources Foundation*. Enclosed is my contribution of:

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*Please do not send cash*

## 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 781.275.4244 with a list of equipment to donate. Or you may contact us by e-mail: [amrf@amrf.com](mailto:amrf@amrf.com)

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