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Medical Equipment Welcomed at Santa Catarina

A forty-foot container of medical equipment and hospital supplies donated by AMRF reached Guatemala on July 26, 2011 and was transported to Santa Catarina Mita, which is located in a remote mountainous region about 100 miles southeast of Guatemala City. This first shipment donated by AMRF will provide much needed equipment to support patient care in general medicine, maternity, pediatrics, as well as the outpatient clinics,



Equipment being unloaded.

radiology department and the emergency care facility. It is expected that the hospital will be finished in about six months and will start operation at that time with 60 beds. AMRF is working in cooperation with and under the sponsorship of the SABA Medical School Foundation. The public hospital in Santa Catarina Mita is a new, 40-bed facility, and is yet incomplete. It will serve a rural population of approximately 144,000 inhabitants, comprising nearly 29% of the population in the Department of Jutiapa.

AMRF's president and CEO, Victor Sologastoa, Carol Sologastoa, SABA's Dr. Patricia Hough, Florencio Montenegro and Guatemalan Government representative, Ing. Francisco Rodrigues visited the hospital in August to follow up on the shipment. The party was greeted by Mayor Lic. Rene Vicente Osorio Bolaños and members of the Governmental staff. According to the mayor, "Many have come and promised assistance and have not delivered. You have come with the goods instead of the promise to help." Victor reported that the group went to one of the town buildings to review the donated equipment. He said that everything seemed to have arrived in good order. "Everyone was very excited about the equip-

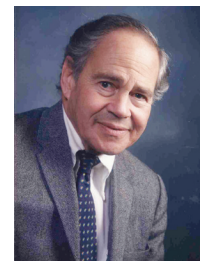
ment and could not stop thanking us enough." Mayor Bolaños presented AMRF and SABA with recognition for their accomplishment at a traditional lunch.



Francisco (insert), Victor and Patricia receiving certificates from Mayor Bolaños.

Dr. Alexander (Pat) Blum, Longtime AMRF Volunteer

We are sad to report that Pat Blum died on August 2. Pat, a pediatrician who practiced with the Mt. Kisco Medical Group and the armed services, was 87 years old and had been a faithful volunteer with AMRF for many years, giving us the benefit of his medical expertise and judgment in developing and processing AMRF medical equipment donation programs. Having graduated from Yale and Harvard Medical School, he interned at Beth Israel Hospital and was a resident at Children's Hospital in Boston. Pat was a member of the U. S. Naval Reserve and served in Japan and Korea, receiving the Bronze Star and Distinguished Unit Citation. Settling in Chappaqua, NY he was a founding member of the Mt. Kisco Medical Group, practicing at Northern Westchester Hospital. After retirement he moved to Bedford, MA and later volunteered with AMRF. He was generous with his time and donations to AMRF. We will miss him greatly.



Dr. Alexander (Pat) Blum

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

Santa Elena Hospital Surveyed

AMRF's President/CEO, Victor Sologaiosta, was requested to survey the Hospital Santa Elena in Santa Cruz del Quiché to determine its requirements for medical equipment. Santa Elena is a 160-bed national hospital serving a population of over 1 million people in a beautiful but remote region of western Guatemala. An addition to the hospital to expand its capabilities in infant and maternal care and pediatrics is currently under construction. Victor along with his wife, Carol, a RN, Dr. Patricia Hough, Director of Projects, and Florencio Gonzalez Montenegro



Florencio Gonzalez, Victor Sologaiosta, Carol Sologaiosta, Dr. Patricia Hough, Dr. James Street.



Santa Elena Hospital

of the SABA Foundation, AMRF's sponsoring partner, visited Santa Elena in August to make the assessment. They were met there by Dr. James Street, Medical Director of AGAPE EN ACCION, the additional sponsoring organization. Victor reported that several 40-foot containers of high tech and low tech medical equipment, which he identified, would be required. A target period for these to be delivered would probably be in early 2012. Due to the narrow tortuous mountain roads that lead to Santa Cruz del Quiché transportation of the medical equipment and hospital supplies in containers will be very difficult.

On the way to Santa Cruz the group met with Ruben Felix a Governmental official of Huehuetenango. His hospital had received medical equipment from AMRF in 2008 as share of a container on a previous program. He requested that SABA and AMRF consider sending an additional container. This request will be considered along with the requirements of Santa Elena for donation in 2012.

Zimbabwe

AMRF, in cooperation with the Madison Rotary Club and the Madison United Church of Christ shipped an anesthesia machine, centrifuge, gas monitor-pulse oxymeter, infant incubator and multi-parameter monitor to the Mt. Selinda Hospital in Zimbabwe. A key coordinator of this program was Bob Green, a former member of the AMRF Board of Directors.

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Mexico

The Red Internacional de Ayuda a los Niños (International Network of Help for Children) has requested additional medical equipment and hospital supplies from AMRF. This follows the delivery of a previous donation of a 40-foot container of equipment and supplies by AMRF earlier this year. Donations to the Red Internacional are distributed to a series of hospitals serving needy communities throughout Mexico.

Honduras

Walter Newman, one of AMRF's original volunteers, writes: Hello to all my AMRF friends and buddies: Last night I attended an uplifting gathering of N.U. student engineers and others working on water supply and other development issues in rural Honduras. You may recall that a few years ago AMRF donated an autoclave for sterilization of instruments in a clinic staffed by doctors from Dartmouth Med School which the students carried to Honduras on their flight. One of the doctors from the group, ACTS, spoke last night about

their work and the absolute need for a clean water supply. After his presentation I spoke to him about the sterilizer and he told me he saw it a month ago and it is working well and is a major asset for their clinic. Keep up your wonderful work!!!! God bless. PS: My film project is still dragging on but hopefully will come to a successful conclusion in the next few months. I hope all is well with you and your families. My love to all . Walter (Walter is producing a film about the organizer of the transport ship of Jewish refugees made famous by the movie Exodus.)



Walter Newman

Special Thanks

to Scott Mangum, MBA, Director of Purchasing of Mountain State University, West Virginia, for the donation of four beautiful ultrasound diagnostic units to AMRF.



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Shipped in 2011 as of September 19

(partial listing)

Asociación Dominicana de Rehabilitación 1 – 40 ft.
Physical therapy, treadmills, occupational therapy, x-ray, ultrasound, dental, exam tables, wheelchairs, other patient handling equipment, hospital supplies; sponsored by the Asociación Dominicana de Rehabilitación

Mt. Selena Hospital, Zimbabwe 1 – partial 40 ft.
Anesthesia machine, centrifuge, gas monitor-pulse oxymeter, infant incubator, multi-parameter monitor; sponsored by Madison Rotary Club, Madison United Church of Christ.

Hospitals in México 1 – 40 ft.
Anesthesia, x-ray, ultrasound diagnostic, operating room equipment, x-ray, patient monitors, ventilators, dialysis, dental chairs, dental x-ray, infant incubators, patient handling equipment, wheelchairs, hospital supplies; sponsored by RED Internacional de Ayuda a los Niños

Hospital Municipal Santa Catarina Mita, Santa Catarina, Jutiapa, Guatemala 1 – 40 ft.
Mammography unit, dental surgical equip., surgical microscope, fetal monitors, electrosurgical equip., infant warmers, ophthalmoscopes, monitors, infusion pumps,

oxygen concentrators, EKG, portable x-ray, anesthesia machines, surgical table, hospital supplies; sponsored by SABA Foundation

Ready to be Shipped:

Hospitals in Bosaso Puntland, Somalia 1 – 40 ft.
Mammogram, anesthesia, x-ray, ultrasound diagnostic, other operating room equipment, monitors, defibrillators, pulse oxymeters, beds, wheelchairs, other patient handling equipment, hospital supplies, Sponsored by the Humanitarian Endeavoring Society of Bosaso, Somalia.

Shipments in Preparation:

Hospitals in México 1 – 40 ft.
Monitors, mammography unit, electrocardiograms, dental chairs with x-ray transport incubators, intensive care units, patient hoists, hydrotherapy unit, hospital supplies; sponsored by RED Internacional de Ayuda a los Niños.

Hospitals in Bosaso Puntland, Somalia 1 – 40 ft.
Similar to Somalia container number one, above

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