

# AMRF NEWS



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## AMRF Mission to El Salvador

During May 2004 an AMRF team consisting of Victor Solo, VP of Operations, President Tom Magliochetti and intern volunteer, Nina Magliochetti traveled to San Salvador, El Salvador to assess the specific need for training and maintenance of medical equipment.



AMRF staff visiting local hospitals and assessing needs.

AMRF staff has visited many hospitals in less developed countries over the past fifteen years and has found that many pieces of essential life-saving medical equipment are functioning improperly or not at all because of lack of maintenance and/or absence of spare parts.

In El Salvador the findings were comparable. For example, a hospital of two hundred beds is equipped with two defibrillators, neither of which is fully functional. One unit in the emergency room is not functional due to



A View of El Salvador from a hospital window.

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## Dental Equipment to Haiti

In recent months, AMRF has received numerous donations of excellent dental equipment often including full dental suites of dental chairs, accessories tower, x-ray, lighting, etc. AMRF receives many requests from clinics and hospitals in less developed countries seeking recent dental equipment.

Reverend Alfred Mombeluer is a Haitian-American who came to the United States as a boy and is now pastor of the Caribbean U-Turn Youth Ministry in Mattapan (part of Boston, MA). The U-Turn Ministry works with at-risk youth primarily from Caribbean countries here in the US and also in Haiti. He maintains a partnership with St. Stephen Episcopal Church of Cohasset, MA.

Reverend Mombeluer is aware from first hand experience of the dire need for basic dental and medical

care in Haiti and has pledged to work towards improving health care in his former homeland.

During July and August, 2004, AMRF donated two dental suites and five dental x-rays to Reverend Mombeluer's efforts to provide up-to-date dental equipment to the government-run General

**The Reverend Alfred Mombeluer is helping to send donated dental equipment to Haiti.**



Hospital in Port-Au-Prince, capital of Haiti. Reverend Mombeluer made the arrangements for bringing the equipment to its destination in Haiti. Recently, upon receiving several pieces of equipment, he stated, "We cannot overestimate the significant impact this equipment will have for the people of Haiti."

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

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a failed ad paddle and the other unit was not operational due to depleted batteries. X-Ray units in the hospital are partially functional and need service and replacement parts. Neonatal units are also partially functional in need of service and parts. In another hospital the biomedical equipment manager indicated that approximately seventy per cent of the medical equipment inventory was in need of replacement parts.

Working with Lions Clubs of El Salvador and Lions of Connecticut, AMRF has proposed a Central American Center for Training and Maintenance of Medical Equipment which would provide training doctors, nurses, biomedical engineers and technicians in the operation, maintenance, repair and management of medical equipment. The center could also provide a centralized staff for



*The Library Building at Don Bosco University in San Salvador, the proposed site for AMRF training.*



*AMRF Delegation meeting with Lions Club officers in San Salvador.*

technical assistance and assistance in acquisition of replacement parts and operating manuals.

In an email to AMRF President, Tom Magliocchetti, Mario Zareleta, Lions Past District Governor sets forth that:

1. Lions of El Salvador support the idea of establishing a Training Center for Repairing, Maintenance and Management of Medical Equipment. "This will help our country in a big manner."
2. Lions of El Salvador are willing to serve as a vehicle to help this project succeed and could have a major role in the management and logistics.

Looking to the future, AMRF will continue its developmental efforts in cooperation with the Lions Clubs in order to secure funding for the implementation of this much needed program.

## 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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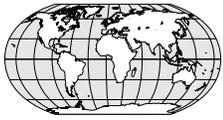
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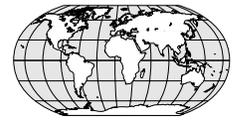
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# AMRF Shipments and Services



During 2004 to September 30, 2004

## Containers/Equipment (quantity-size)

Rosales and Bloom Hospitals, El Salvador: 1 – 40 ft.  
Fundacion Isaias, Guayaquil & Quito, Ecuador: 1 – 40 ft.  
Health Ministry of Palestine, Gaza: 1 – 20 ft.  
Kilimanjaro Hospital, Tanzania: 1 – 20 ft.

## Approved and in Process:

Alexandria Hospital, Nevis, West Indies: 1 – 40 ft.

Bacadweyn Hospital Project, Puntland, Somalia: 1 – 20 ft.  
Luwi Hospital, Zambia: 3 – 40 ft.

## Training Programs

Center of Training and Maintenance, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Central American Center of Training and Maintenance,  
San Salvador, El Salvador (In planning stage)

## AMRF Monetary Donors - 2003/2004

AMRF is deeply grateful to the following list of contributors who have graciously provided the financial resources which allowed AMRF to implement programs for improving medical care for the less fortunate of the Globe. Many thanks.

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## Zambia Program Underway

**A**MRF is assembling equipment and supplies for shipment of three, forty-foot containers to equip a newly constructed, one hundred bed hospital in Mufulira, Copperbelt, Zambia. The Hospital will serve the population of the Lunda Tribe, which inhabits that region. The Hospital building was constructed by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Service during the past several years and is now ready for equipping and operation in the near future.

Sister Heide Braukmann, M.D. Superior General, recently visited the AMRF operational warehouse in Brockton to discuss equipment needs, availability and shipping logistics. She stated that in addition to the medical care needs provided by the Hospital, a major effort is being mounted on prevention and education.

Because of their continuing isolation, the basic understanding of these tribal people for hygiene, nutrition and public health is extremely low which



*Sister Heide, visiting AMRF Chairman Kay Barney, and Vice President Victor Solo, inspect equipment to be donated to the Luwi Hospital in Zambia.*

contributes substantially to generally poor health among the population. Hence education and prevention are necessary prerequisites for improving the general health.

## Steve Cunningham Joins AMRF Board



**S**teve Cunningham, an active AMRF volunteer since its founding, joined the Board of Directors in September, 2004. Steve has gone on several foreign assignments for AMRF including Romania, Ethiopia, Burundi and Panama. Steve is a biomedical engineer and a

recognized expert on the operation and maintenance of a wide spectrum of medical equipment and devices. He is currently a clinical engineer employed by Universal Health Services, managing and consulting on hospital equipment programs.

Steve has a solid background and understanding of medical equipment maintenance and operation and a unique comprehension of the special requirements for less developed countries.

He brings seasoned perspectives to the AMRF Board which is capsulized by his recent statement: "I believe AMRF is now an innovator in overseas aid. We have learned through our past experiences what will succeed in less developed countries and what will not. Our

shipments are focused on appropriate technology and are often accompanied by technical assistance and/or training programs. This has facilitated sustainable progress in the application of biomedical technology for hospitals in developing countries and resulted in a measurable improvement in medical care." By this statement, Steve capsulate his perspective of AMRF.

Steve lives in Upton, MA with his wife Ginny and his two daughters, aged twelve and fourteen, He is an avid outdoorsmen with canoeing as a favorite pastime.

AMRF welcomes Steve to the Board and looks forward to his active and productive leadership.

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## Helping to Save Infants in El Salvador

Three hospitals serving the needy of the City of San Salvador, Rosales, Bloom and St. Rafael, are being helped by a 40-ft. container of donated medical equipment and supplies from AMRF shipped in June, 2004.

The shipment was primarily equipment for pediatric care, including incubators, infant warmers, pediatric and adult monitors and ventilators and dialysis machines.

The hospitals are facilities, which specialize, in medical care for women and children.

Sponsors of the shipment were Honorary Salvadorian Consulates of California and the Salvadorian American Humanitarian Foundation of Miami, Florida.

*Unloading the equipment in San Salvador EL Sal infant*



### AMRF Initiates Seventeenth Year of Service

## With Your Help, THANK YOU!

In August of 2004, AMRF entered its seventeenth year of service. Starting with a small group of five volunteers and donations of medical equipment initially sent to hospitals in Guatemala and Brazil, AMRF has continued its efforts to improve medical care for the less fortunate around the globe.

During its lifetime, AMRF has donated equipment and supplies to over 200 hospitals in approximately eighty different countries, including most of the Latin American, West African, East African, Middle Eastern, Eastern European, Asian countries, Russia and many of the former Soviet states. Equipment valued at over \$180 million has been sent to hospitals serving the neediest communities in these countries.

In addition, training and technical support have been provided to hospitals in many of these countries consisting of formal training courses and/or visits by AMRF engineers lending technical assistance.

At a recent meeting, founders Kay Barney, Tom Magliochetti and Victor Sologaiosta expressed their thanks to all of the generous supporters and friends of AMRF who have made this record of service possible. President Magliochetti stated, "AMRF's hundreds of friends who have donated equipment, supplies and financial resources and dedicated personal time and effort have been key to the good work AMRF has been able to achieve. To all of them our heartfelt thanks."

## YOU Can Take the Lead in Sponsoring International Goodwill

Over the years, AMRF has shipped worldwide donated medical equipment and supplies to hundreds of hospitals and clinics serving the poor in less developed countries; thereby, improving the availability and quality of health care and saving lives in many parts of the world.

AMRF has had numerous spon-

sors and cooperators who have helped to support these medical equipment shipments. These sponsors have been Lions clubs, Rotary clubs, Kiwanis clubs, charitable foundations based in America and foreign countries, churches and church groups, hospitals, cultural associations and clubs and profes-

sional associations.

If you are a member of a group or organization that would like to sponsor a shipment, please contact AMRF by phone, email or fax using the information on the front of this newsletter. Our staff will be pleased to assist you and guide you through any questions or issues you may have.

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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](mailto:amrf@amrf.com)

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