

The Good Samaritan



World Medical Relief, Inc.

February 2013

CEO ON A MISSION

A container shipment that departed from World Medical Relief in September 2012 was followed by a mission organized by Dr. David Zarate, World Medical Relief's ambassador of health in the Philippines. Comprised of 12 nurses and doctors, as well as CEO George Samson and his wife Dr. Sheila Samson who is specialized in internal medicine, the mission team set out to surgically treat 100 patients suffering from abscesses, goiters and other lumps that needed removal. The mission took place in the North Cotabato region of the Philippines.

Considered the food basket of the Mindanao province, this area is a major producer of tropical fruits, sugarcane, coconut, and coffee and is also rich in palm oil and rubber. Its people are very poor making \$2 a day working on the plantations. The Philippines is predominantly Roman Catholic and historically this landlocked area was neglected by the government because of the area's Muslim minorities. A bloody, politically motivated massacre in 2009 called the attention to the plight of this underserved group of people and more money and aid is now coming their way.

Once the clinic was set up patients flocked to this impromptu OR because they had been waiting for treatment for many years. Too poor to buy shoes, they were walking in barefoot. The patients were suited in an OR gown and lined up, assembly style for the pre-op



check performed by Dr. Sheila. Shyly, people inquired with her whether they could keep the disposable gown after the surgery. Obviously the care was way overdue and the surgical team successfully removed record size growths. The patients were discharged with antibiotics and pain medicines. CEO Samson estimates that the supplies for these surgeries would have added up to \$50,000, a fortune to Philippine standards.

Continued on page 2

Other news:

- 2 Blanket delivery on bicycle
- 3 Miracles Happen!
- 4 United to Heal
- 4 McGregor Fund
- 5 Volunteer entrance facelift
- 6 Healthcare for Nigerians
- 7 New tax law and charitable giving

The Good Samaritan



World Medical Relief, Inc.

Page 2

February 2013

CEO ON A MISSION—Continued

While travelling in the Mindanao region CEO Samson visited several hospitals. He remarked: "They look beautiful on the outside, freshly painted, but on the inside they are empty. The doctors only have stethoscopes and blood pressure cuffs and a lack of life saving devices."

The Philippine government recognizes that the absence of care and the resulting unhealthy population is burdening the country and passed a law to force hospitals to designate 20% of their services to charitable care.

Both the federal government as well as the local government also are allocating more money to healthcare for the poor.

Recognizing the value of World Medical Relief in fulfilling this new charge, the Vice President of the Philippines Jejomar Binay and the Chair of the Committee on Health, Senator Pia Cayetano, met with CEO Samson on this trip to discuss future collaboration to improve access to healthcare for the poor in the Philippines.

Blanket delivery on bicycle

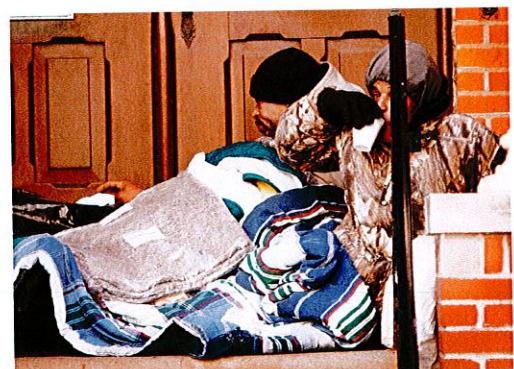
Each fall World Medical Relief distributes thousands of new twin size blankets and new infant/toddler blankets to over 70 community partners in Metropolitan Detroit. Many partner organizations operate shelters and some deliver other human services.

Perhaps one of the most remarkable partners is St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services. No matter whether there is snow on the ground, the friars of St. Aloysius Church and

its volunteers brave the winter weather and go out on their bicycle carts to deliver hot drinks, clothes and the blankets given to them by World Medical Relief, to the homeless on the streets. This is what they said in their recent thank you note: "Because of the kindheartedness of your organization, we are able to continue to provide basic necessities for the daily walking journey of our brothers and sisters who have no place to call home."



Photo: Courtesy St. Aloysius Church



Homeless men who just received a blanket and some warm drinks—Courtesy St. Aloysius Church

The Good Samaritan



World Medical Relief, Inc.

February 2013

Page 3

Miracles happen!



The Singos enjoy working together and they jumped at the opportunity to earn \$1,000 through the Volunteer Incentive Program from Marathon Oil.

Marcia Singo works at Oakwood Hospital in the microbiology laboratory as a lab technician and has been a World Medical Relief volunteer for over ten years. She contributes her dedication to World Medical Relief to her overseas experience during her three years at the US Embassy and Christian Medical Society in the Dominican Republic.

Her husband Jon is employed by Marathon Petroleum Company working for thirty three years in industrial instrumentation repair and

currently in a management position supervising the refinery. He also contributes volunteer time as a Lieutenant firefighter/ rescuer and EMT. Marcia is also an EMT.

The condition to qualify for the Marathon incentive was to volunteer at a charity for 24 hours. They picked World Medical Relief; Marcia organizing the laboratory supply area and John helping in quality control preparing monitors for Tanzania. While in the repair room he noticed some microscopes sitting in a corner. Knowing microscopes well, Marcia evaluated the equipment and saw that many pieces were missing.

Continued on page 4

The Good Samaritan



World Medical Relief, Inc.

Page 4

February 2013

MIRACLES HAPPEN! - CONTINUED

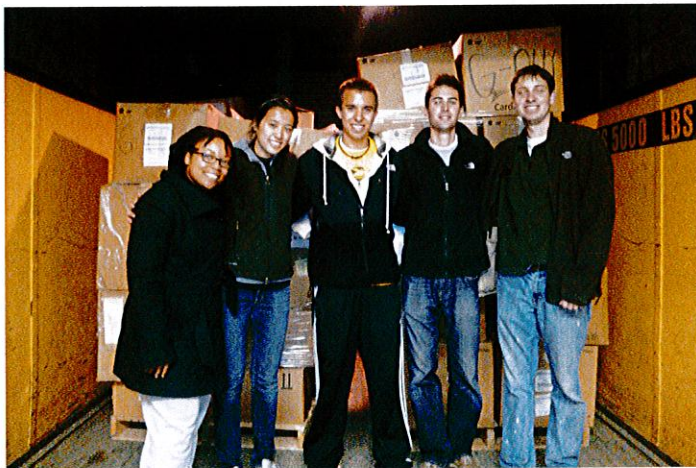
She also discovered that one of the machines was a teaching microscope! What happens next is truly amazing. Marcia checked with Oakwood histology, and her colleagues there found a box sitting in a corner with some unused parts and oculars. She said "God is good" because the pieces fit perfectly!

The learning microscope had 4 openings, all lenses were missing but now they are all in place. John also fixed the stage (platform) of the microscope.

"We are very proud of employees like Jon Singo, who along with his wife, volunteer in their local communities," says Angelia Graves, MPC Director of State Government Affairs/Public Affairs. "Our Volunteer Incentive Program is an important way that we can assist in their efforts."

The Singos contribute in other ways to World Medical Relief. Both designate their gifts to United Way to World Medical Relief. Marcia also donates her sick time which her employer Oakwood Healthcare System converts into a monetary donation.

UNITED 2 HEAL



The University of Michigan student group United 2 Heal collected 4 semi trucks with medical supplies, delivered and unloaded this precious cargo to World Medical Relief!

YOU ARE AMAZING!

THANK YOU U2H!

MCGREGOR FUND

The McGregor Fund was established in 1925 "to relieve the misfortunes and promote the well-being of mankind." Through the years the Fund has been a significant contributor to the Affordable Prescriptions Program which provides low cost prescription medications to low-income people without health insurance or prescription coverage.

In December of 2012 McGregor Fund trustees approved a grant of \$50,000 for the APP supporting this life saving program with crucial funding.

Thank you McGregor Fund!

The Good Samaritan

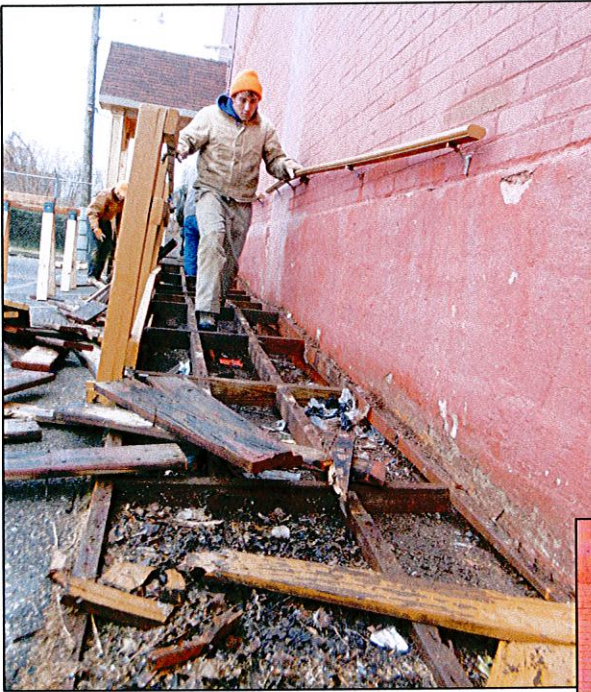


World Medical Relief, Inc.

February 2013

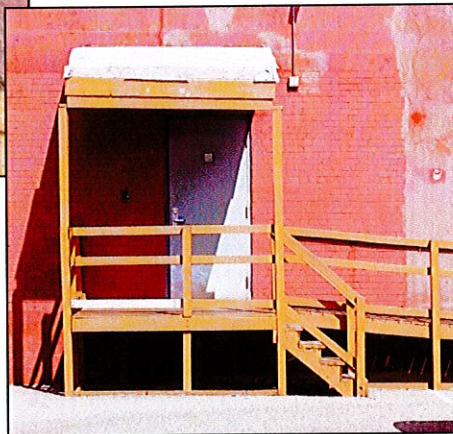
Page 5

VOLUNTEER ENTRANCE RECEIVES FACELIFT



Jordan Jabara surveys the demolished ramp.

Two groups offered to renovate the volunteer and staff entrance on the Webb street side of World Medical Relief's headquarters; a Philippine prayer group wanted to rebuild and expand the roof over the entrance and Fowlerville Boy Scout Jordan Jabara expressed interest to renovate the handicap ramp and the floor boards of the entrance way as his Eagle Scout project. The roof was reconstructed over the course of many Saturdays and seven members of Fowlerville Boy Scout troop 333 came in on a chilly January Sunday and completed their project in 5 hours.



Before



After



Eagle Scout John Russo and Jordan Jabara



After

The Good Samaritan



World Medical Relief, Inc.

Page 6

February 2013

HEALTHCARE FOR NIGERIANS

“Pay with cash first and then receive treatment” is the motto in Nigerian’s healthcare; devastating those that are too poor or do not have instant access to cash. Catherine Asapokhai’s family experienced it first hand when her pregnant sister-in-law had complications delivering her baby. She and her husband went to a private hospital in the middle of the night but they had to pay \$1,000 before the doctor would do the surgery. The husband took his wife to another hospital where when it was discovered that the baby had suffocated due to a ruptured uterus. The mother died a few days later as a result of the ensuing infection.

Growing up in Nigeria, volunteering was a normal part of Catherine and her brother Francis’ life. With a banner tied to a tree, advertizing free offerings of clothes and books they, watched over by older children, were handing out donations as early as the tender age of five. Now, adults who are living and working in the United States, the siblings have a charity called Prezents for Charity that was instituted to provide for the less privileged. Catherine is also a lifelong member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Rotarian and while living in Michigan was a regular Saturday volunteer at World Medical Relief.

When Catherine heard about a childhood friend in Nigeria that had become a doctor who really considered practicing medicines his calling instead of a money-making enterprise, she was determined to support his work for the poor. Dr. Princewill Oyahilomeh’s Amazing

Grace Clinic is located in Benin City which is in Edo State in Central Southern Nigeria. The doctor’s family lineage is from Nigerian royalty and his family name has an interesting meaning: “I will not suffer, I am covered by the Grace”.



Dr. Princewill Oyahilomeh examining a pregnant woman.

Catherine’s dream to help Dr. Oyahilomeh became reality in 2012 when she and co-sponsor Dr Anthony Akande were able to send a container shipment from World Medical Relief to Nigeria.

Once in Nigeria the contents of the shipment were delivered to the Amazing Grace Clinic and were used for a field mission at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital, Ogbona Annex. This clinic is for local villagers but until the shipment arrived it did not have any medicines, equipment and supplies to treat the patients. Further distribution will occur and more clinics will benefit from the shipment.

The Good Samaritan



World Medical Relief, Inc.

February 2013

Page 7

2012 American Taxpayer Relief Act, charitable giving and planning

After weeks, indeed months of proposals and counter-proposals, seemingly endless negotiations and down-to-the-wire drama, Congress has passed legislation to avert the tax side of the so-called "fiscal cliff." The American Taxpayer Relief Act permanently extends the Bush-era tax cuts for lower and moderate income taxpayers, permanently "patches" the alternative minimum tax (AMT), provides for a permanent 40 percent federal estate tax rate, renews many individual, business and energy tax extenders, and more. In one immediately noticeable effect, the American Taxpayer Relief Act does not extend the 2012 employee-side payroll tax holiday.

Charitable giving.

Congress has long used the tax laws to encourage charitable giving. The new Act extends a popular charitable giving incentive through 2013: tax-free IRA distributions to charity by individuals age 70 ½ and older up to maximum of \$100,000 for qualified taxpayer per year. A taxpayer can elect to have a qualified charitable distribution made in January 2013 as if it were made on December 31, 2012.

Estate and Gift Tax Exemptions

The exemptions for the estate tax, gift tax and generation skipping transfer tax (GSTT) are now all \$5 Million, indexed for inflation, which will be \$5.25 Million for gifts made in 2013 and for the estates of decedents dying in 2013.

Since the gift and estate taxes are unified, any amount of the exemption used during a donor's lifetime reduces the amount available for use at the

death of the donor. However, there remain advantages of making gifts during the lifetime of a donor, such as getting appreciation out of a donor's taxable estate, the tax exclusive nature of the gift tax, and the availability of discounts for gifts. Gifts and transfers at death in excess of the exemption are taxed at 40%.

Portability

The Act made "portability" of a deceased spouse's unused estate tax exemption amount permanent. Thus, if a proper portability election is made at the death of the deceased spouse, the surviving spouse may use the deceased spouse's unused estate tax exemption for gift tax purposes and the surviving spouse's personal representative may use it for estate tax purposes. However, relying on portability will not produce the most tax advantageous result in many cases, and in some circumstances, the opportunity to use the deceased spouse's exemption may be lost. In addition, portability is not available for a deceased spouse's unused GSTT exemption.

Bequest information

Considering to include World Medical Relief in your estate planning? We have a range of options to consider. Also, a new booklet about bequests will be available soon. To order please contact Josephine Jabara, Director of Development :
Phone 313-866-5333 ext. 243
or by e-mail: plannedgiving@worldmedicalrelief.org

Always discuss your financial planning with a professional financial advisor.

World Medical Relief

11745 Rosa Parks Blvd.,
Detroit, MI 48206
(313) 866-5333
(313) 866-5588 FAX
E-mail: info@worldmedicalrelief.org
www.worldmedicalrelief.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NONPROFIT ORG.

PAID
DETROIT, MI
PERMIT 1393

Board of Directors 2012-2013

Dorothea (Terri) Pomfret, PMP,
DM, *Chairman*
Honorable Archie C. Brown, *Vice
Chair*
Honorable Mike M. Baydoun,
Treasurer
Rebecca Tungol, *Secretary*
Bernardo M. Danan, MD
Ernestina deLosSantos Mac MD
Kim A. Eagle, MD
Nelson Edwards, OD
Marcia E. Femrite
Jayant K. Ganatra
Barbara Gates
Ramesh Gandhi
Michael A. Krause
Barima Opong-Owusu, CPA
Michael P. Skinner
Guy Sohau, Attorney
Robert Wright
George V. Samson,
President and CEO

SAVE-THE-DATE!!

60TH ANNIVERSARY—OCTOBER 19

TOUR World Medical Relief

Dates:

February 25
March 25
April 29
May 20
June 24

Tour starts at 11 a.m.

Please register at 313-866-5333 ext. 243
Or by e-mail: tour@worldmedicalrelief.org
Mondays do not work for you? Call us!

VOLUNTEERING?

2013 Volunteer Saturdays

March 2, 9, 16, and 23

(Note change due to Easter)

April 6, 13, 20, 27

May 4, 11, 18

(Note change due to Memorial Day)

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Call (313) 866-5333 ext. 222 to reserve your
Saturday or if you would like to come
during the week.

Newsletter editor: Josephine Jabara

jjabara@worldmedicalrelief.org or 313-866-5333 ext. 243



USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Founded in 1953, World Medical Relief's mission is to help the sick and poor both at home and abroad by collecting and distributing medicines, medical equipment, medical supplies and related materials.