



2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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President's Message

We at Operation Medical hope that the readers of this condensed Annual Report - our volunteers, international partners, donors and other supporters - are well, safe and taking the necessary precautions to preserve their health and safety.

As we do advance planning for conducting post-pandemic medical/surgical mission trips to medically underserved regions of the world, we hope and cautiously expect that the combined efforts of US and worldwide medical and pharmaceutical scientists and practitioners, the achievement of herd immunity through vaccination and prior infection, and the further refinement of treatment protocols, will enable us to safely conduct new missions by mid, or late, 2022.

We realize that not all regions of the world will come through this pandemic at the same speed and with the same effectiveness. We are in frequent communication with representatives of prospective host hospitals and clinics in India, Africa and Haiti. We monitor directives and advisories from the US Center for Disease Control and the US Department of State. We communicate with experienced volunteers who continue to express interest in participating in our missions and are pleased to report that we have been contacted by medical professionals who have been on missions with other organizations that have expressed a desire to become part of Operation Medical.

As we evaluate the pending requests from host hospitals and clinics in India, Africa and Haiti, right now we believe that the prospects are best for missions in the second quarter or later in 2022 to Africa and/or India. We are looking most closely at opportunities in Kenya and Malawi. Both requesting host facilities can accommodate a surgical team with necessary space, most of the essential equipment, housing and transportation arrangements. In each case we have had the benefit of eyes-on visits and readiness-assessments from Operation Medical Advisory Board members and at no expense to Operation Medical. Currently, both Kenya and Malawi are designated Level 3 by the CDC but with encouraging signs of moderating occurrences of infection. We are not prepared to undertake missions while countries, such as Haiti, are classified in level 4. However, we do remain in contact with in-country medical colleagues in Haiti and a separate update on developments there has been prepared by Dr. Scott Barnes and appears later in this Annual Report.

India remains the top priority for our organization. Indeed, since 2013 we have conducted seven surgical missions to India and have served over 1,500 patients. We have a rotation among three hospital partners in different underserved areas and a pending request from a fourth where a hospital CEO with whom we have effectively worked in the past has recently relocated. India is now at a Level 2 travel status from the CDC. However, heat and other in-country factors make the late Fall and Winter seasons preferred mission times.

Our Board has decided to defer a proposed trip from January 2022 until later in the year which could follow an Africa mission if circumstances permit such earlier African trip.

During this past year when the planned missions had to be cancelled due to the Covid and Delta Variant pandemic, we greatly reduced our already low expenditures as described later in this report. We are grateful that we continue to receive some generous contributions and have been carefully earmarking new funds for future mission activities

I want to close this letter with a Thank You to all of you who have made Operation Medical so effective in the past, who continue to encourage and support us in the present and who give us confidence that together we will continue this good work into the future. We will keep you informed via our on-line newsletters, website, FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM postings on our plans and activities. Maintaining our relationships is critically important so that when circumstances permit, we can act quickly.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Arthur, MD



Dr. Kenneth R. Arthur



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Update on Haiti and Future Outlook

Haiti remains in a Level 4 “Do Not Travel” classification from the US State Department. The two medical missionaries with whom we have worked for years in Pierre Payen have returned to their home in Hanover, PA during the extended period of political unrest and environmental damage in Haiti. Our Board of Directors has concluded that we will defer on-site trips for the time being but continue with remote assistance to the Women’s Health initiatives, principally focused on breast cancer prevention, diagnosis and treatment, through electronic communication with Haitian partners.

In January 2021, we fulfilled our long-term dream of being able to place the operation of the Breast Cancer Clinic (BCC) into the capable hands of our professional Haitian healthcare providers. A very respected gynecologist assumed the daily operation of the BCC and moved the clinic about 30 minutes away to St. Marc Hospital, which serves the third largest city in Haiti. He has employed a breast cancer surgeon and her skills exceed those of the general surgery physicians we had in the past. They were able to procure a mammography unit, and since St. Marc Hospital has a radiology department, they are able to read the films on site.



Dr. Scott Barnes

We were also instrumental in continuing the relationship with the University of Florida Medical School Breast Cancer Clinic which allows St. Marc a referral site for difficult cases. Also, the clinic at St. Marc continues to obtain World Health Organization approved chemotherapy medicines from the University of Florida. Operation Medical remains in contact to be available for any needed consultations, however the clinic in St. Marc appears to be proceeding very well on their own. This is another part of Operation Medical’s long commitment to assist the in-country healthcare providers to expand and improve healthcare in their respective countries. We are extremely pleased to see this project bear fruit.



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In a year with no mission trips due to the previously discussed restrictions on international travel, Operation Medical saw its revenue and expenses at all-time lows. Revenue from cash contributions and investment earnings, exclusive of in-kind contributions, totaled \$30,189. Expenses, similarly excluding in-kind services, totaled \$23,394 for a net addition to assets of \$6,795.

Some minor equipment and supplies gathered for international mission support but not needed due to cancelled trips were transferred to local and regional medical service non-profits. Restricted funds donated to Operational Medical to purchase specific equipment, such as portable anesthesia machines and oxygen concentrators, remain in our donor restricted account for future purchase when missions resume.

Although funds planned for use on 2021 medical-surgical missions remain unexpended, the cost of projected 2022 mission trips and administrative support are increasing due to inflation, especially announced increases in the cost of international travel for both volunteers and the accompanying supplies that cannot be more affordably obtained in-country.

Our fund-raising goal for the July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 fiscal year is \$50,000. The generosity of many long-time donors and a few first time donors has gotten us off to a good start toward reaching that goal and we express our gratitude to each of them.

Because you are on our mailing list we know you value the work we do in serving medically underserved populations in third and developing world countries and are inclined to support our efforts. We have incorporated a donation/pledge form into this condensed Annual Report below. A contribution at whatever level you feel comfortable will be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance.



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There are opportunities for volunteers to participate in a variety of ways, from serving on a committee to assisting in the warehouse or participating in a mission trip. Operation Medical always needs doctors, nurses, technicians and volunteers to make each mission trip a success. If you are interested in being part of a medical trip or have questions regarding volunteer opportunities, please call 717-685-9199 or email info@operationmedical.org.

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Simply put, if it wasn't for faithful supporters like you, Operation Medical wouldn't exist. Thank you for providing the funds we need to make a difference in the lives of people in communities that do not have adequate access to medical care.

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