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**Resuming Mission Operations and Looking Ahead to 2023!** 

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I complete my term as President of Operation Medical, I want to thank our Annual Report readers for their continued support of our organization during these challenging pandemic years. I am also happy to relay that we are once again heading out to provide medical care in the coming months!

I reported to you last year about our efforts to stay connected with volunteers and potential mission camp sites. As I write this letter, Operation Medical has confirmed a mission camp at Katani Hospital in Machakos, Kenya, near Nairobi. As this is a small hospital and one we have not previously visited, our team will consist of slightly more than a dozen participants with gynecology and plastic surgery as our focus. We will meet in Nairobi on October 15 and plan to provide surgical care through the 21st of the month. In addition, our incoming President, Dr Scott Barnes, will be working with the hospital to facilitate a breast evalu-

ation and cancer treatment program, using the experience he gained from setting up a successful program in Haiti.

Even as we finalize planning and supply procurement for this trip to East Africa, we are also in the process of confirming details for our next mission, which will once

again be to Gujarat, India in late January. We hope to have a variety of surgical specialties participate and have several volunteers already confirmed as participants.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our Executive Committee I would like to extend a warm thank you to

> Lisa Pedersen, our Executive Director for the past three years who officially retired on June 30, 2022.

It was an honor to serve as President of Operation Medical. While I wish my time in the office had been filled with successful medical missions, I am incredibly happy that we were able to maintain the continuity and comradery of our organization through a difficult couple of years and to keep looking to the future with our communication and planning efforts. I look forward to continued service on our board and as a surgical volunteer over the coming years.

Please make sure to monitor our website and social media feeds to read about our experiences during these upcoming missions!

Xen Kenneth R. Arthur, MD

## INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

t is an honor and privilege to serve as the incoming President of Operation Medical. I have

participated in many of our organization's medical missions to Haiti and served on the Board of Directors for four years. Our goals continue to not only offer our services for a week or two, but we endeavor to strengthen the local healthcare system to enhance the care given to the local people in their community.

I am especially pleased to welcome Cheryl Arthur to the position of **Executive Director. A foundering** member of the Operation Medical, Cheryl has been a versatile star performer as an engaged volunteer since it's inception. Just since her



Scott G. Barnes, D.O.

assumption of duties on July 1, 2022, she has shepherded progress in streamlining our administrative

> processes, laying the groundwork for both of our upcoming missions, and reconnecting our organization with past mission participants who are signing up for the teams going to Kenya and India.

> The personal reward of serving Operation Medical is knowing it is indeed a blessing for those who serve in it, and for those who receive its vital help.

Scott G. Barnes, D.O.



Dr. Kenneth R. Arthur

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Operation Medical has been a big part of my giving back efforts since it's inception in 2013. I have had the pleasure of participating in eleven mission trips and look forward to Kenya in October 2022 and the next trip to India in 2023. Additionally, I have served on the Board, Executive Committee, Warehouse Team, and Chaired our Marketing Committee.

My years of firsthand service with Operation Medical as well as my over 35 years of experience in project management, operations and customer service will serve me well in my new assignment. A focus for me will be to continue to develop



Cheryl A. Arthur, PMP

and sustain strong relationships with our board

members, volunteers, and host country hospital staff to ensure successful and continued missions.

My goal is to develop and document repeatable, standard work for all processes and workflows enabling long-term success for the organization. I would love to hear any suggestions from our supporters who can email me at executivedirector@ operationmedical.org.

*Cheryl* Cheryl A. Arthur, PMP







# FINANCIAL RESULTS AND REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

As Operation Medical comes out of its Covid/Omicron pandemic pause we return to conducting our medical-surgical missions in a satisfactory financial position. For the past two years we cut our administrative costs to under \$24,000 each year and were able to cover 96% of these costs from the contributions of our dedicated Board Members and investment earnings, thus preserving almost all contributions from our corporate and community donors for future mission trip expenses. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 our expenses were \$23,768 and our revenue was \$58,629. We made a \$10,000 donation to non-profit Americares which has been a long-time no-cost provider of medical supplies and equipment to us and is now also doing so in active support of Ukrainian residents and refugees. Our net addition to our asset reserves was \$24,881.

The upcoming missions to Kenya and India will utilize some of the past year's earnings. Fortunately our surgeons, anesthesiologists, oncologist and some ancillary mission participants are all paying their own travel expenses. When requested, we do provide some financial support up for travel and expense assistance when requested by nurses, medical technologists and any



other essential support personnel. Fortunately for the Kenya trip, brothers, Mr. Harish Patel and Mr. Timir Patel, and the Mukul and Neelima Parikh Foundation are covering most of the lodging and meal costs while in Kenya. We are extremely grateful. We are making inquiries on possible sponsors for our January India trip and would welcome any and all suggestions and offers of assistance.

## KENYA UPDATE AS WE GO TO PRINT

## KATANI, KENYA - OCTOBER 16 - 21, 2022



In addition to surgical services, the camp provided initial training for development of a breast cancer screening and treatment clinic where approximately 23 patients were seen.

To read the full mission report, please visit www.operationmedical.org/past-missions/

Operation Medical is delighted to resume mission outreach after the Pandemic "Pause." Our first mission camp since January 2020 took place in October of 2022 at Katani General Hospital. This small hospital, 24 kilometers from Nairobi has one fully equipped operating room and one partially equipped operating room. We were able to provide supplies and equipment to run both operating rooms simultaneously during the camp for Gynecology & Obstetrics and Plastic surgery. We performed 41 successful surgeries for patients in the community. During our mission, we served not only the patient population, but the staff and were able to provide education for the local staff on various competencies such as improving the practices of sterile technique and passing instruments.



A growing source of need for financial assistance is occurring in the areas of equipment and supplies. Historically we were able to get many supplies from central PA hospitals and medical practices, often when those supplies were nearing expiration dates. However, the supply chain practice of just-in-time delivery has yielded much more timely usage by those former donors so the trickle to Operation Medical has been mostly eliminated. In addition, inventories of many donated supplies we had gathered to use for trips that were canceled over the past two years went past their expiration dates and had to be destroyed. We were able to donate surgical masks and gowns to assist in Covid prevention.

During our upcoming Kenya trip we anticipate having 40-50 surgical cases and have been gratefully receiving some needed supplies from Americares and Johnson and Johnson at no cost. We are purchasing some equipment and supplies here for transport and are identifying all instances where it is more economical to buy medicines and supplies through Katani Hospital in Kenya rather than transport from the US. Our planning team projects that we will need in the area of \$20,000 to cover all necessary equipment and supplies for our upcoming Kenya and India trips.

We are also looking into a change in our warehousing arrangement. To date we have benefited from donated space at the HERSHA Hospitality hotel supplies warehouse, however, that space is now up for sale and is not climate controlled. We are exploring alternate arrangements and do not yet have cost estimates of a change. Here too, suggestions or leads are invited.

We are enclosing with this Annual Report a donor envelope. We have set a target of \$60,000 in contributions from all sources for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Our hope is that we can have a breakeven year and can use last year's net income as a safety net if we come up a little short. So, if you value what Operation Medical is doing and you appreciate the unreimbursed financial commitments being made by our Volunteers and the use of their vacation time, please make a contribution via one of the means indicated on the donor card. *Thanks in advance.* 

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Cheryl A. Arthur, PMP

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