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(Pierre Payen)



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2018



**MALAWI**

2014



**KENYA**

2022



**INDIA**

2014, 2017, 2019 (Valsad)  
2015 (Mehsana)  
2016, 2018 (Panna)  
2020, 2023 (Khambhat)



**NEPAL**

2017 (Chitwan)



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As President of Operation Medical, I wish to share with all of our readers some highlights of recent activities, future plans and, most importantly, to express my appreciation to our tremendous cadre of volunteers, sponsors and donors.

First, a few highlights. Operation Medical ended its two-and-a-half year covid-pause with successful mission trips to Katani, Kenya and Khambat, India during the past fiscal year. Combined, our 42 mission volunteers performed 185 surgical procedures and 32 dental procedures and established a breast cancer clinic. We are assessing requests from several hospitals and communities in both India and Africa that have a desire to host us for future surgical and primary care mission trips. Detailed information on the two most recent surgical missions are contained later in this Annual Report.

I do want to provide an update on the Breast Cancer Clinic and Treatment Center at Katani Hospital. Opened in the Fall of 2022, the clinic staff have now seen close to 100 patients and are building an Oncology Clinic adjacent to the existing hospital. A mammography unit is being installed in the clinic, supported in part by generous people giving through Operation Medical.

Plans for Operation Medical to move ahead in 2024 include a January trip to Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital and Research Center in India, a March return trip by Family Practice Specialists and myself to Katani Hospital and its Breast Cancer Clinic in Kenya, and a possible surgical mission to Malawi later in the year.

All of these missions come to fruition through the conscientious oversight of our Board of Directors, our volunteers,

our part-time professional staff person and our generous donors. I want to give a special *Thanks to You* here to Cheryl Arthur, who built upon her outstanding years of service as a Board Member and volunteer, especially on surgical mission trips, by adding the role of Executive Director of Operation Medical for the past year and a half. She streamlined many of our operations, established communication vehicles to expand engagement with our volunteer community and will remain active with us as a volunteer.

We have retitled our staff position to Administrative Coordinator and are pleased to announce that Lindsay Hoke has accepted our offer to assume the position. Lindsay brings many talents she has honed as a Human Resources/Personnel Professional to our post. She has also served as an EMT, become a virtual health coach and is keenly interested in international missions.

More good news - Operation Medical's governance structure provides for two year terms in the Office of President. Dr. Mukul Parikh, Founding Member, Past-Chair, Team Leader on 11 of our 17 missions to date and very often the public face of Operation Medical, has agreed to return to the role of President for the upcoming two-year term, commencing July 2024. I will continue to serve as Immediate Past President.

Please make sure to monitor our website and social media feeds to read about our experiences during the upcoming missions. We always welcome your comments, questions and continued support of Operation Medical.

*Scott*

Scott G. Barnes, D.O.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY

This past year finally afforded Operation Medical the opportunity to return to in-person care for people in need. I was fortunate enough to participate in our missions to Kenya and India, as well as to function as the Executive Director for the organization during this exciting time.

My prior volunteer experience and these more recent trips allowed me to serve as a trip coordinator, and that experience in turn led to changes that I implemented as Executive Director. In particular, I reorganized our processes for volunteer sign up and participation to make them more streamlined. I also worked to improve our repository of documents and files so that future trip planners would have more resources when structuring trip logistics

and committee members could locate the information they need in an efficient fashion. Finally, work was done to better track mission expenses including contributions from our generous sponsors, donors and volunteers, including "donations in kind".

I am pleased that I have had the chance to serve Operation Medical in this additional role, but now plan to step back from a formal position with the organization. I will remain active as a volunteer and look forward to continuing my relationship with Op Med as we head into our 11th year providing global healthcare.

*Cheryl*

Cheryl A. Arthur, PMP



# MISSION TRIPS SUMMARY



Our first mission since the pandemic occurred from October 16-22, 2022. Operation Medical traveled to Katani General Hospital in Katani, Kenya – located in the suburbs of Nairobi. The Hospital is relatively new, opening in 2018. This small hospital has one fully equipped operating room and one partially equipped operating room. Dr. Ken Arthur led the mission, which

In the Hospital, Op Med team members are acutely aware of the differences between Indian and American medical practice, and we are mindful of respecting local practices. For example, one of our cases was a 28-year-old pregnant Muslim woman named Maleh. She lives with her husband's family a few miles from CGH – Maleh lives with seven (now eight!) relatives. She has been married for two years and, after an early miscarriage, was happy to deliver safely. In accordance with local Gujarati customs, the boy will be named by the father's sister, six days after his birth. Another Gujarati custom dictates that Maleh will spend the first five weeks post-birth with her parents, eating a well-deserved diet of sweets and buttery foods.



In keeping up the momentum, as mentioned in Dr. Barnes' President's Message, Operation Medical has set forth an ambitious program for the July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 program year.

included 13 team members trained and experienced in general surgery, gynecological surgery, plastic surgery, and breast oncology. During the week, the team performed 41 much-needed surgical procedures and developed a breast cancer screening and treatment program.

Months before Operation Medical's arrival in Kenya, Dr. Scott Barnes compiled a handbook detailing a specific state-of-the-art approach to treating breast cancer. The research for the handbook was centered around recent scientific studies concerning the women of Kenya. Members of the community were present for the kick-off...an important step in the establishment of a breast cancer clinic, especially in an area of the world where women are often shunned for various health problems. Dr. Barnes will continue to work with Katani Hospital and hopes to progress to Phase Two and later Phase Three, which will expand the treatment options for the women in the area.

Our second post-Covid mission trip in this timeframe was from January 28 to February 3, 2023. We returned to Cambay General Hospital in Khambhat, India. Operation Medical arrived with a total of 29 team members, which included many veterans and 9 new faces. Dr. Mukul Parikh led the mission team that was trained and experienced in general surgery, gynecological surgery, plastic surgery, and dentistry. This outstanding team of professional volunteers performed 144 surgical procedures and 32 dental procedures! Follow-up reports on patient outcomes are all favorable.





# FINANCIAL REPORT AND FUNDING NEEDS

With Operation Medical’s return to two Medical-Surgical Missions during the fiscal year which ended on June 30, 2023, our expenses increased. Fortunately, the net addition to revenue of \$24,881 in the prior year was sufficient to cover a \$17,503 loss this past year.

Take note of two very important points in the charts. First, in-kind contributions and services reflect several key elements. The total travel costs related to our Kenya and India trips equaled \$106,194 and approximately \$97,000 of these costs were paid out-of-pocket by the 42 volunteer mission participant doctors, nurses and support personnel. Our organization paid a little over \$9,000.

The in-kind contributed services are shown as \$170,386. This reflects a calculated value of the professional services provided by mission participants in the hospitals and clinics at the mission sites. These values are calculated by using nationally recognized data from Medscape and Nursing Journal.org. It also includes unreimbursed costs incurred by volunteers for visa applications, some medical supplies and other incidentals.

Our administrative expenses were held to \$32,045 by our frugal business practices and the generous donation of office and warehouse space by HERSHA Hospitality. These administrative activities include assisting in planning and preparation for the mission trips, recruiting the volunteers and seeing that each volunteer acquires necessary visas and medical licenses for the country being visited. In addition, it includes scheduling, attending and documenting the decisions made by the Board and its committees and paying our bills...as well as composing, designing and distributing newsletters and our annual report. We are proud that 91.8% of our expenses go directly to serve our missions, with just 8.2% allocated to administrative costs.

Looking forward, we realize that we cannot run annual deficits. Our budget for this year is designed to reduce this fiscal year’s deficit to \$2,516. However, that is dependent on increasing our contributions from \$66,306 to \$75,000.

## This is where you come in.

You will note that for the past fiscal year, coming out of the Covid Pandemic, we spent \$0 on fund-raising. We merely included a donation envelope in last year’s Annual Report. We are very grateful for our loyal long-time donors and a handful of first-time contributors, but we need to expand our giving community.

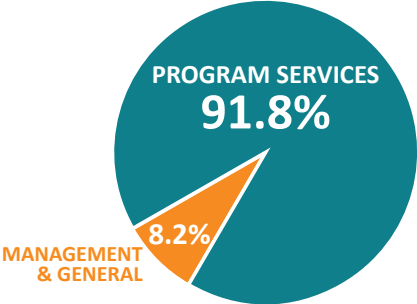
This year, we intend to make our case for more donations via our newsletters and we are going to plan for a second Volunteer Appreciation event, celebrating our completion of ten years of missions since our inception. We intend to hold it during calendar year 2024 and will be seeking sponsors and underwriters. Please include Operation Medical in your charitable giving budget covering the next 14 months.

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

REVENUE	
Contributions	\$ 66,336
Interest	1,414
In-kind contributions - services	170,386
In-kind contributions - medical supplies	19,551
travel	106,194
warehouse and office space	9,540
Total revenue	<u>373,421</u>
EXPENSES	
Program services	\$ 358,879
Management and general	32,045
Fundraising	
Total expenses	<u>390,924</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>(17,503)</u>
NET ASSETS	
Beginning of year	361,993
End of year	<u>\$344,490</u>

## STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Program Services	Management and General	Fund-raising	Total
EXPENSES:				
In-kind contributed wages	\$ 170,386			\$170,386
Liability insurance		1,967		1,967
In-kind office space		5,116		5,116
Mission expenses	34,359			34,359
Medical supplies	13,923			13,923
In-kind medical supplies	19,551			19,551
In-kind travel	106,194			106,194
In-kind warehouse	4,424			4,424
Document design/printing	4,430			4,430
Contracted services	10,042	10,043		20,085
Supplies/postage		1,826		1,826
Accounting/legal services		4,480		4,480
Fees		455		455
Website hosting		3,728		3,728
Total expenses	\$358,879	\$ 32,045	\$ 0	\$390,924



Enclosed below with this year’s Annual Report is a donor card and envelope. We have set a target of \$75,000 in contributions for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Our hope is that we can get closer to having a break-even year as our expenses have increased, along with our opportunities to travel and serve the surgical and medical needs abroad. Our two recent mission trips have been incredible successes. We have impacted hundreds of patients on those visits and are planning two or three missions for 2024. If you value what Operation Medical is doing and you appreciate the commitments of our Volunteers and Medical Staff, please consider a contribution via one of the means indicated on the donor card.

*A Sincere Thank You in advance.*



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Conducting medical trips is expensive. Funds are needed to purchase, store and transport medical supplies, equipment and pharmaceuticals.

### DONATIONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND PHARMACEUTICALS

Operation Medical gratefully accepts donations of medical supplies, equipment and pharmaceuticals from medical suppliers and pharmaceutical companies. If you or your company would like to donate any of these items, please call 717-685-9199 or email [info@operationmedical.org](mailto:info@operationmedical.org) for further information.

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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](mailto:info@operationmedical.org).

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