

Providing Global Healthcare Since 2013

200+
VOLUNTEERS
18
MISSIONS
12
YEARS
12

6 COUNTRIES

HOSPITALS





2017, 2018

(Pierre Payen)





2015 (Mehsana)

2016, 2018 (Panna) 2020, 2023 (Khambhat) 2024 (Dharampur)



Looking Ahead to 2025!

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Having completed my two year term as President of Operation Medical on June 30, 2024, I want to share a few thoughts with you. First and foremost, thank you to all of our Board and Committee Members, our strong cadre of volunteer medical professionals who participated in the mission trips to Khambhat & Dharampur, both in India, as well as to Katani, Kenya and to all who supported those three missions through needed logistical support and planning. Thank you also to our generous sponsors and donors who help underwrite our services, thus making our missions possible and to our two successive Executive staff Cheryl Arthur and Lindsay Hoke who provided essential administrative support during my presidency.

Each of our three missions were successful. Combined, the 64 mission volunteers performed 274 needed surgeries, 32 long overdue dental procedures and established an ongoing breast cancer clinic, all at no cost to the very grateful patients we served. We also arrange for follow-up care for our surgical patients. After our team returns to the States, the in-country professionals who provide that follow-up care, report excellent recovery rates.

Operation Medical's financial position is sufficient to carry our organization forward in the near-term, but as we try to plan two to three years ahead there is an ongoing need to build a stronger base of funds to assure our capacity to meet future commitments. We do not want to create hopes and expectations we later cannot support, especially as the costs of travel, lodging, equipment and supplies increase. Of course, if you're in a position where you're able to contribute and support our mission, we would greatly appreciate it.



Scott G. Barnes, D.O.

We also need to expand our roster of medical professional volunteers as some of our most heavily relied upon doctors, nurses and logistics volunteers are nearing retirement. Targeted recruitment efforts will be undertaken in order to ensure that the mission and vision of Operation Medical carries on for years to come.

Finally, one additional piece of good news - Dr. Mukul Parikh, who was a co-founder of Operation Medical in 2013, served as its first President and has been the Mission Team Leader on 13 of our 18 missions, has been elected to a new two-year term as President commencing July 1, 2024.

Scott Scott G. Barnes. D.O

LOOKING AHEAD

missions.

Since 2013, I have been honored to participate in 13 missions thus far and continue to be impressed with the impact that our volunteer teams have on the communities that we serve. Looking ahead to these next two years serving as President, I am excited about all that we are working towards, including our next two confirmed

This September, our team of 20 volunteers will return to Malawi and partner with Access Health Africa. We will be partnering with the team at Kamuzu Central Hospital to perform various procedures. They are in need of surgeons to assist with more complicated procedures such as colostomy reversals, as well as a high quantity of other surgical procedures such as hernia repairs, hysterectomies, and more.

We have also just confirmed our mission in January 2025 to a new hospital in Surat, Gujarat and are in the initial stages of planning for team recruitment and the procurement of needed supplies. We look forward to another return to India and meeting the team at Shree Prannath Hospital. While there, we anticipate supporting the local communities by performing 150-200 procedures.

Recently, our team has also been introduced to another potential partner hospital located in Suriname. We are in the early phases of communication with this group now, but look

forward to learning more about their team and the potential for Operation Medical to provide support to this community in South America. We welcome the opportunity that we have to continue to evaluate this potential partnership for future missions in 2025 or 2026.

In addition to those planned and anticipated surgical mission trips, we are also looking forward to a celebration in the Spring of 2025 at the Capital Blue Cross Atrium to recognize and appreciate the more than 200 volunteers that have contributed so greatly to our mission. We would not be able to accomplish our goals without our Board & Committee members who serve regularly throughout the year to move us forward through collaboration, innovation, and teamwork. In addition to those critical team members, every volunteer who participates in a mission gives of their

time, talents, and financial resources in order to advance of our mission of providing global healthcare to those who lack access to the needed care. If you are in a position where you may be able to help us celebrate these selfless individuals, we will be seeking financial sponsors for this event and would welcome your contribution.



Mukul Parikh, M.D.

MISSION TRIP SUMMARY



Carlier this year, our team of 22 volunteers from across five states came together to support the local tribal communities of Dharampur, Gujarat in India. The team, led by Dr. Mukul Parikh, was made up of five surgeons, four anesthesia providers, six nurses and surgical technicians, two medical students and five additional support personnel.

We had the pleasure of partnering with Shrimad

Rajchandra Hospital & Research Center (SRH) during this mission from January 28 through February 2, 2024. This 250-bed facility has a mission to provide free or highly subsidized healthcare to support the local tribal communities. Their mission to provide quality care to those in need blended perfectly with Operation Medical's mission, resulting in a highly collaborative and successful experience for all involved.

While more than 50 million people make up the state of Gujarat in India, our focus for treatment was for those residing in the 29 tribal communities surrounding the city of Dharampur. These individuals primarily



earn their living as farmers, basket weavers, rickshaw pullers, and various other agricultural jobs. For many in those







communities, the cost of healthcare creates a barrier and many conditions go for long periods of time (if not forever) without treatment. It was an honor for our team and the SRH staff to be able to partner together, providing the necessary procedures free of care for these individuals to improve their quality of life.





In the months

following our mission, Dr. Mukul Parikh remained in communication with the local team. Those patients who had procedures performed by Operation Medical volunteers were recovering well and moving towards better health, as evidenced by their follow-up appointments and care from local providers. Looking ahead, SRH has extended an invitation for Operation Medical to return for future missions and further collaboration.

In addition, Operation Medical had the extreme honor of facilitating additional connections that may benefit the hospital and local community well into the future. While the team was involved in the mission, connec-

tions were facilitated by our Team Leader to introduce the SRH team with the Penn State Health's Global Health Program here in Central PA. Dr. Neelima Parikh, one of the founding members of Operation Medical and a past participant in more than 20 overseas missions, was able to fund a scholarship for an individual within their program through The Parikh Family Foundation. It is our hope that this new connection will lead to further support and enhanced capabilities for the SRH team and their mission.

We hear from our supporters that they have an interest in more frequent updates. To stay up-to-date on all that Operation Medical has going on, details on upcoming missions, and updates throughout active mission trips, we invite you to engage with us on all of our social media channels.

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FINANCIAL REPORT AND FUNDING NEEDS

Operation Medical showed a positive change in net assets of \$33,423 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The reason for this encouraging net income, following a \$17,503 deficit in the prior year, is twofold. The first is a substantial increase in investment income from rapidly rising interest rates. Secondly, the organization had planned for two Medical-Surgical Mission trips during the fiscal year, however just one trip to Dharampur, Gujarat, India came to fruition due to some unexpected challenges. Instead, the Operation Medical Team Leader was able to provide remote consulting without an in-country mission trip.

Looking forward to the July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 fiscal year, Operation Medical plans to return to two missions. The positive operating results from 2024 will be used to help cover costs for these trips. Our budget for 2025 is designed to break even. However, that is dependent on increasing our contributions from approximately \$66,000 to \$95,000.

Our administrative expenses were held to \$29,986 by our frugal business practices. 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 administrative support for our various committees. We are proud that 84.4% of our expenses went directly to serve our mission, with just 15.6% allocated to administrative costs. Had the organization been able to complete a second mission during the year, our ratio of direct program costs to administrative costs would have been even better.

What is not represented on these financial statements are various supply donations valued at more than \$11,000. In preparation for our team to arrive for the mission to India in January, two generous organizations were able to donate medical supplies directly to the hospital which enabled our team to perform the needed surgeries, without our volunteers having to collect, transport, or present them to customs.

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 India trip equaled \$51,009 and approximately \$47,000 of these costs were paid out-of-pocket by the 22 volunteer mission participant doctors, nurses and support personnel. Our organization paid a little over \$4,000 in financial support to help defray some costs for our volunteers.

The in-kind contributed services are shown as \$87,376. 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.

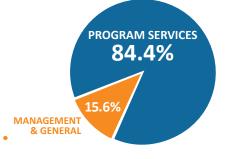
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIESYEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

TEAR ENDED JOINE 30, 2024				
REVENUE				
Contributions Interest In-kind contributions - services In-kind contributions - medical supplies travel warehouse and office space	\$ 65,964 15,112 87,376 0 51,009 6,690			
Total revenue	226,151			
EXPENSES				
Program services Management and general Fundraising Total expenses	\$ 162,742 29,986 0 192,728			
Change in Net Assets	33,423			
NET ASSETS				
Beginning of year	344,588			
End of year	\$378,011			

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Program Services	Management and General	Fund- raising	Total
EXPENSES:	Sel vices	and General	raising	iotai
In-kind contributed wages	\$ 87,376			\$87,376
Liability insurance		1,967		1,967
In-kind office space		4,690		4,690
Mission expenses	6 ,317			6 ,317
Medical supplies	375			375
In-kind medical supplies	0			0
In-kind travel	51,009			51,009
In-kind warehouse	2,000			2,000
Rent - warehouse	2,800			2,800
Document design/printing		4,240		4,240
Financial assistance	3 ,720			3 ,720
Contracted services	7,411	7,412		14,823
Supplies/postage		1,977		1,977
Accounting/legal services		4 ,798		4 ,798
Fees		1,928		1,928
Website hosting		1,538		1 ,538
Miscellaneous	1,734	1,436		3,170
Total expenses	\$162,742	\$ 29,986	\$ 0	\$192,728



Enclosed below with this year's Annual Report is a donor card and envelope. We have set a target of \$95,000 in contributions for the 2024-2025 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 missions for 2025. 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.

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ON THE MOVE

How does one pack and prepare for a trip that involves approximately 20 to 30 volunteers managing a range of medical scenarios, including hysterectomies, hernia repairs, thyroidectomies, cleft lip repairs, and a variety of reconstruction and corrective surgeries?

The solution lies in the hands of six dedicated volunteers (Rise' Enoch, Bonnie Peffer, Karmae Amsbaugh, Sue Miller, Pat Landis, and Mukul Parikh) comprising our Logistics Committee - formerly known as our Warehouse Committee. Together, they tackle the crucial task of meticulously planning, gathering, categorizing, and packing an array of supplies essential for each mission.



Recently, our Logistics Committee transitioned to a new facility. The climate-controlled site is conveniently located on Linglestown Road, and the space offers conveniences such as restrooms, a kitchen, and ample room for packing supplies. In the past, Operation Medical has received medical supplies from clinics and hospitals that have a surplus. While we don't accept expired items and we typically purchase much of what we need; we do stock extra items as well as packing materials needed for the trips.

Sue Miller, Logistics Committee Co-Chair, explains that having a dedicated place to work gives us the ability to plan more efficiently for each trip. "Planning is extremely important as we are very selective about what we take for each trip."

Our dedicated Logistics Committee works tirelessly to ensure our medical team has everything they need to perform lifesaving surgeries and while our core team always has everything under control; there is always a need for a little more help.

What do we need? Packing for one of our missions is rewarding but it also can be demanding. Our Logistics Committee can always use extra sets of hands on packing days. Don't have any extra time but still would like to help? Monetary donations are always appreciated. Again, we receive some product donations; however, we purchase many of our surgical items to bring to other countries. If you would like to help in any way, please contact us at 717-685-9199 or email us at info@operationmedical.org.

JOIN A MISSION TRIP

Operation Medical always needs doctors, nurses, technicians, CRNAs and additional support 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.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

There are many opportunities for volunteers to support our mission year-round without traveling on a mission trip. We are seeking volunteers to join our various committees listed below and possibly even our Board of Directors in the future. To learn more about these committees and what each commitment would look like, please call 717-685-9199 or email info@operationmedical.org.

- Logistics Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Finance Committee

HOW TO DONATE

Conducting medical mission trips overseas is expensive. As a non-profit organization, we rely on the generous financial donations from our supporters to cover the costs of the bare necessities for volunteers while on mission, including safe lodging and ground transportation, as well as the costs of temporary medical licensing required by the host countries. We also utilize donations to procure the necessary medical supplies for each mission.

- DONATE ONLINE: operationmedical.org/donate
- **DONATE BY PHONE:** To donate by phone, please call 717-685-9199.
- **DONATE BY MAIL:** Download a printable form at operationmedical.org/donate

Mail your form to:

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Checks should be made payable to Operation Medical.

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OUR CONTRIBUTORS 2023-2024

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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SUSTAINER (\$250 TO \$499)

Jewel Cooper
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Rajendra and Ashwini Sathe
Mahendra K. Brahmbhatt
Connie Corrigan
Kenneth Arthur
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Roger and Elaine Bucs
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Operation Medical is an organization of volunteers made up of trained medical professionals and other individuals committed to promoting and providing high quality medical care and education to communities that do not have adequate access to medical care.



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