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Medical Missions Report for 2019

Greetings,

One of the hallmarks of the past year was the hosting of our first fundraising gala. The event took place on Thursday, October 3, 2019, at the Pond House Cafe in West Hartford. It was a night of entertainment, live music, dinner, and auctions to benefit our medical missions in Guatemala, Peru, and Nigeria.

A few days before the event we were contemplating rescheduling, as not enough tickets had been sold. However, we pressed on, knowing that God is faithful and was able to do it. In the end, it was spectacularly successful as we had hoped. From sponsorship donations, ticket sales, and auctions we were able to meet our fundraising goal. As a group, we were strengthened and encouraged by the generosity of many of you.



The trip to Peru took place in February with a team of 8 volunteers, comprising of 4 physicians, 3 nurses, and 1 non-medical volunteer. The volunteers are as follows: Kirt Beirig, DO, Emily Cooper, MD, Ingrid Castaneda, Faustinus Onyirimba, MD, Virginia Jones, RN, Beth Gottier, RN, Cynthia Beirig, RN. We were

hosted by CCIF and AEMFO during their annual pastors' conference and children's church camp. We provided basic care to over 300 patients including 100 pastors and their families.



In November, we conducted the 9th annual mission to Esquipulas, in Guatemala. The Lord provided a team of 21 volunteers, comprised of 9 providers, 8 nurses, a pharmacist, and 3 non-clinical volunteers. The volunteers are as follows: Linda Taylor, MD, Kweku Ghartey Sam, MD, Assumpta Madu, MD, Fausty Onyirimba, MD, Alicia Chilito, MD, Roberto Medina, MD, Jill Zabit, APRN, Shareen Rodrigues, MD, Edwin Quinones, PA, Beth Gottier, RN, Roberta Paternostro, RN, Melissa Donor, RN, Mary Latham, RN, Kathleen Polhemus, RN, Jennifer Klepps, RN, Debra Lombardo, RN, Frances Medina, RN, Olga Jacques, Paige Topazio, Alexis Gonska and Sandra Danielle-Medina (pharmacist).



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We remain focused on the needs of the poor and on improving access for the medically underserved. Over the years, thousands of patients have received help through this ministry. It is a means of demonstrating the love of God to the needy while seeking His glory and the interest of His kingdom. This last year, during our mission to Guatemala, we experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and many were receptive to the gospel message. Many people received spiritual counseling, marriage counseling, and prayers for various conditions. There were 226 new commitments for Christ.

Thank you for your generosity and support over the years. It has allowed us to help the needy, many of whom would not have access to healthcare, except through missions like ours. “He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.” Proverbs 19:17.

Sincerely

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President of COMM International



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