

MEDICAL MINISTRY

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2020
ANNUAL REPORT

**RETURNING
TO HEALTH**

By the Grace of God





Leanne Ferris
Executive Director

LETTER FROM THE ED

Dear friend,

"...And he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick." — Luke 9:2

Over the past year, I've been struck by God's enduring faithfulness—especially in times of great need. Despite the challenges presented by the ongoing global health crisis, donors and supporters like you have continued to increase access to affordable, quality health care in developing countries.

One of the goals of our Project Teams is to focus on building up local leaders. And over the course of 2020, we saw local leaders step up to this new challenge in significant ways. Taking action and strengthening their impact through health centers, local project teams, ongoing initiatives and partnerships.

In this edition of our newsletter, we're excited to share our annual report with you. Showing you your impact helps to remind us of how far we've come while being accountable to you. In extraordinary times, your generosity made a genuine impact on people in need all across the globe last year.

As you know, we recently modified our methods to ensure the health and safety of our staff, volunteers and patients. But our calling in 2020 did not change. Like you, we're committed to responding to challenges as they arise in order to create lasting change through health care in the most vulnerable areas of the world.

Looking back on a year like no other, I'd like to take a moment to celebrate all we've accomplished together and thank you for your dedication to this important ministry.

In Him,

Leanne Ferris
Executive Director

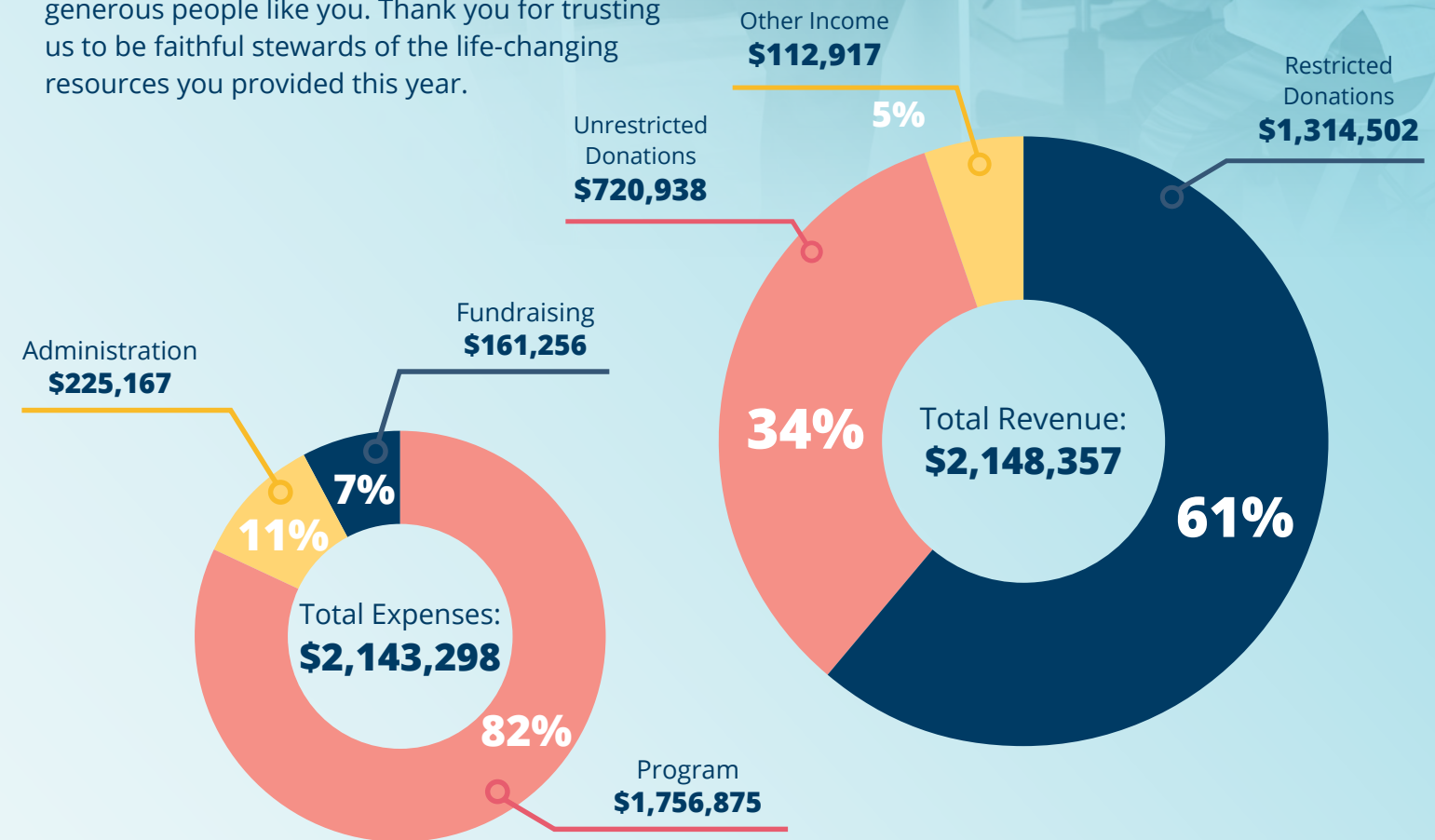
All Thanks To You!

YOU WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND IN 2020!

We are thrilled to announce that in 2020, Medical Ministry International saw a small financial surplus, which allowed us to provide ongoing, vital care throughout the pandemic.

Thanks to you, thousands of lives were improved in 2020 through services like vision care, dental and preventative care.

Words can't describe just how thankful we are for generous people like you. Thank you for trusting us to be faithful stewards of the life-changing resources you provided this year.



GLOBAL IMPACT IN 2020



22 Countries



\$14,736,911
Value of Project Team Services



18 Health Centers and Partners

You helped Claudia return to normalcy! Thank you for giving her financial support and personalized care during her health emergency.



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Claudia is an enthusiastic teacher from Ghana who has many ambitions for her future. Whether it's pursuing higher education, starting a family, or serving her community—her story is yet to be written. But life came to an abrupt halt in her late 20's when she developed non-cancerous growths called fibroids in her uterus.

Each day, she woke up weakened by pain and fatigued by a steady loss of blood. Unable to work, Claudia had to take leave from her job several times. *"My life was at a stand still as I was always in and out of hospitals. My finances went down the drain, my dream for further studies shattered,"* Claudia says.

It became clear that a myomectomy, a surgical procedure to remove the growth, was her only option. Not only was Claudia's anemia impacting her quality of life, the fibroids in her uterus could destroy her chance of having children.

Fortunately, your compassion allowed MMI to be there!

Despite a long and difficult surgery, the growth was removed and Claudia began her journey to recovery.

With your help, Claudia received financial support and personalized care. *"MMI was very caring,"* says Claudia. *"They called me, prayed with me and even visited me at home when I was discharged. The surgeons also made time to follow up with my doctors in Ghana."*

Today, Claudia says her life has all but returned to normal "by the grace of God." And it's also thanks to donors like you! While she continues to focus on living a healthy life, she believes the future will only get better with God on her side.

Make a life-changing difference for people in need of medical care by giving today!

DEDICATED TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Behind Every Great Team is a Great Leader

Our work wouldn't be possible without YOU and the incredible commitment of our international team leaders, who oversee the work of Medical Ministry International within their countries.

Over just one year, our international leaders supervised the care of almost 40,000 patients across their regions, on project teams. That means over 125,000 life-changing health services were affordable and accessible for vulnerable people around the world in need of care.

Every day, these outstanding leaders assess their communities' needs, establish trusting relationships with local health care providers, and shape our programs based on the unique needs of the population they serve.

We want to humbly thank our generous donors for supporting these leaders and allowing our team to provide high quality, affordable health care wherever it is needed most.



Your gifts support our international leaders, who are the driving force of our programs and services.

Azerbaijan

Caspian Compassion
Project: Tofiq Teymurov

Bolivia

MMI Bolivia:
Francis Perez

Colombia

MMI Amazon:
Juan Alan Muñoz

Ecuador

Hospital Cristiano de
Especialidades
Jone Hernandez,
Dr. Susana Logacho

Ghana

Sight for Africa
Seth Ephraim
Tetteh-Quaye

Honduras

Centro Cristiano de
Servicios Humanitarios
de Honduras
Gustavo EliceGUI, Ruth
& Daniel Castro

Indonesia

Global Eye Mission
New Hope Foundation

Nepal

Dr. Allan Melicor

Philippines

Dr. Allan Melicor

Thailand

Dr. Allan Melicor

United States

I Care San Antonio

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El Salvador

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Ethiopia

Sight for Souls

Haiti

Empower Global

India

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Chingkup & Sharon Konyak

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Juan Carlos Pedraza

Peru

MMI Peru:
Tania Catacora

Rwanda

Peta-Ann Schmidt

Ukraine

Ukraine Compassion
Project: Dr. Emil Alibeili

Zambia

Peta-Ann Schmidt



AN UPDATE ON OUR PROGRAMS

Your Gifts Helped Thousands of Patients!



SURGICAL CARE:

Our Surgical Program delivers healing to patients whose conditions have been left untreated, often for many years. In 2020, our surgical team provided 3,328 affordable, life-changing surgical services for patients in developing countries.

One of those patients was a new mother who was suffering from multiple hernias. She was in so much pain that she couldn't even lift her newborn child. The patient needed four surgeries to fully recover, but her and her husband couldn't even afford the local cost for one procedure. Thankfully, our surgical team was there for her in her time of need. Thanks to your generous gifts, the patient was able to receive the surgeries she needed at an affordable cost. They went incredibly well, and she is now far along the road to recovery!

1,580 Patients Served



EDUCATION & COUNSELLING:

Over the last year, our team has collaborated with partners around the world to help educate communities on the importance of things like social distancing and hand washing. Our team is actively helping to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in remote communities, while providing emotional counselling for citizens of those areas.

16,969 Number of Services

VISION CARE:

Our Vision Care Program offers a vast range of services for those we serve, including vision screenings, eyeglass dispensing, prostheses fittings, cataract surgeries, and more. In 2020 alone, we provided \$7.8 million of vision services for our patients on project teams.

17,469 Patients Served

DENTAL CARE:

Dental health is an important part of overall health that commonly gets overlooked. In 2020, our project teams helped 1,865 dental patients in developing countries through services such as fluoride treatments, sealants, dental cleanings, extractions, and restorative procedures.

1,865 Patients Served



PHYSICAL THERAPY:

Our Physical Therapy Program brings restoration to patients with physical limitations who often suffer on the margins of society. These services include consultations, assessments, fittings of walkers, wheelchairs, and other assistive devices. In 2020, our team was able to provide life-improving services to 2,846 physical therapy patients!

2,846 Patients Served



NUTRITION:

Our Nutrition Program runs alongside our Primary Care Program to broaden and enhance perspectives on wellness and nutrition. Our health care workers are helping to educate communities on proper nutrition and how it can be an essential tool of preventative health care.

4,942 Patients Served

PRIMARY CARE & PREVENTION:

Our Primary Care Program delivers a variety of interventions that address individual patient concerns and the long-term health of communities. These services include consultations, lab procedures, filling prescriptions, parasite treatments, wellness checks, and more.

Two years ago, one of our leaders saw an 80-year-old blind patient from Peru who comes to us for annual checkups, sitting patiently in the waiting room. The skin on her hands was cracked and inflamed. Our leader immediately tracked down a bottle of lotion for the patient and took great care to massage the cream into her hands. A year later, when the patient returned for a checkup, our leader remembered her and offered her hand lotion just as she had the year before. The patient recognized her right away and began to tear up—she was so grateful for such care and kindness. Moments like this one are possible thanks to your generous support.

9,365 Patients Served



For more specific details on any of our programs, please visit our website at www.mmi.org.



You help volunteers like Ken create lasting change through God's love and compassionate health care!

YOU'RE SUPPORTING OUR VOLUNTEERS

In Serving Christ Around the World

Volunteers like Dr Ken White are the backbone of our ministry, serving Jesus Christ by providing spiritual and compassionate health care to people in need around the world. Not only has Ken graciously volunteered his time, he's served on our board and has also been a medical director for nearly 30 years!

When asked to share a story that has touched him, Ken recalls the chance to help an impoverished 47-year-old Haitian man who suffered from a cleft lip.

After surgery, Ken asked the man where he lived to make sure he would be able to return home to a safe place to heal. *"I live with God!" he said. Even though he had no home at all, he knew that God would care for him.*" Ken recalled. *"I felt like God was speaking directly to me. Every project has many moments like this that strengthen our faith."*

Another moment that had a profound impact on his faith and medical career was from one of his early visits to the Dominican Republic. His Project Team had a young, underweight baby come into their clinic for a cleft lip, but they were unsure if it would be safe to proceed with the surgery.

Fortunately, the volunteer giving the devotion that morning was retelling the story about David and Goliath and how David overcame the giant with his faith in God. Upon hearing this, they decided right then that their faith would see them through the procedure. And with God's guidance, everything went well with the baby's surgery!

That timely devotion had been the answer to their prayers. Amazingly, that same day the general surgeon on the project removed a gallbladder that contained five smooth stones—the same number of stones David had put into his shepherd's bag before his battle with Goliath!

Since that day, Ken and his team always say, *"we have five smooth stones of faith with us to overcome the 'giants' before us."* This story has helped them through so many challenges since that time, but they couldn't do it without you. Thank you for helping volunteers like Ken create lasting change through health care and God's unconditional love.

Please give to help Project Teams serve Christ through health care today.