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There is nothing more heart breaking than losing a child. **Unfortunately in Tanzania and in many mission countries the infant mortality rate is 5 times higher than in the US.**

According to the UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation, in 2017 alone, an estimated 6.3 million children and young adolescents died, mostly from preventable causes. Newborns account for 2.5 million of these deaths.

Thanks to you, Mission Doctors are doing something about it.

Most people spend their time away from work with family and friends taking a break from their busy lives, Dr.

Mark and Mrs. Molly Druffner and their children have a different idea for their vacations.

Instead of a beach holiday, they have been packing bags and heading to the South Pare Mountains in rural Tanzania in East Africa. Every year for the past seven years the Druffners have served the people at Bwambo Clinic and Parish. **You are a partner with the Druffners! Their annual service and the donations of medical equipment have vastly improved the care that is provided at Bwambo Clinic and has provided tremendous support for the Parish and surrounding communities. You** (continued on page 2)

You Are Building Sustainable Healthcare in Tanzania



Dr. Mark Druffner training the hospital staff in life saving infant resuscitation

have made this possible!

This year in addition to patient care, Mission Doctor, Mark Druffner led training sessions in life saving infant resuscitation. The simple tools and hands on instruction for the staff has educated and empowered our partners in Tanzania to take the lifesaving steps needed at birth and beyond.

“The care that can be provided long after Mission Doctors return home, has the lasting impact with potential to move beyond those initially trained,” noted Mission Doctors Executive Director, Elise Frederick. “It can be like the ripples in a pond. Training Tanzanian healthcare providers at Bwambo in infant resuscitation allows them to care for, and save the lives of children in their communities. This also empowers them to train others, and more lives will be saved.”

Everyday, Mission Doctors, like Mark Druffner, in Africa and Latin America are striving to work themselves out of a job. Together we are building sustainable healthcare around the world and we could not do it without you! Thank you.



A Great Celebration for a Great Cause! Your support makes a World of Difference.



It was very special evening, a celebration of 60 years of Faith and Service. Friends, veteran Mission Doctors, and supporters from across the country joined us to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Mission Doctors at the City Club, Los Angeles.

During this special celebration, William H. Hannon Foundation and Kathleen Aikenhead, Foundation President, were presented with the 2019 Msgr. Anthony Brouwers Award. The Hannon Foundation has been a long-standing partner in the lifesaving work of Mission Doctors. Mr. Hannon’s faith and the foundation’s belief in the value of the advancement of healthcare, especially for those least able to afford it, are reflected in the good work of Catholic Mission Doctors serving around the world.



Mission Doctors’ Executive Director, Elise Frederick, shared **“Thank you for your support in both patron donations and event tickets. Your support saves lives. And, a big thank you to the wonderful hardworking members of the Benefit Committee! This elegant evening would not be possible without these dedicated women and men.”**

If you made it to the City Club, we shared a slide show of the night on our website.



A Mission Doctor and a Concert Organist

What does a Mission Doctor and an accomplished Concert Organist have in common?

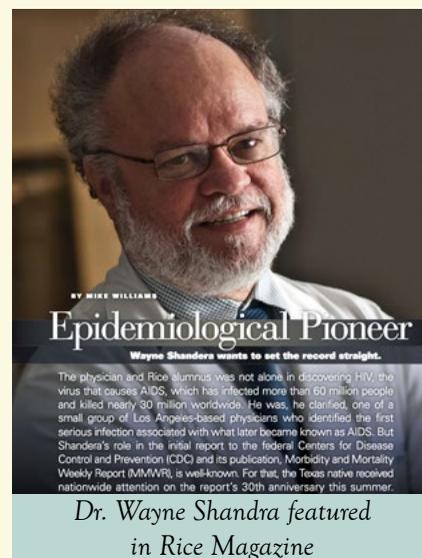
Well usually not a lot, but in this case, the Mission Doctor and the Concert Organist are one in the same person, Dr. Wayne Shandera. His medical mission trips and the beautiful sacred music he plays are not his only accomplishments. Dr. Shandera also co-authored the first official medical report by the Centers for Disease Control identifying the disease that later came to be identified as HIV/AIDS.

Wayne recently returned from a short-term mission at Guadalupe Day Hospital and sent us this wonderful photo of one of his patients. He shared that this “lady who walked for miles to the clinic and who had several chronic illnesses including rheumatoid arthritis and trusted the clinic.”

Next month presents a special opportunity to meet Dr. Shandera and listen him at the Organ at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. Join us May 11 at 6 PM for a Sacred Music Concert followed by an elegant desert reception. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact our office or visit www.missiondoctors.org/sacred-music-concert/.

Thanks to your support of Mission Doctors, Dr. Wayne Shandera, and Catholic doctors from across the country are able to share their faith and serve our brothers and sisters around the world.

Thank you for being our partner in this Mission of Hope and Healing.



Your support of Mission Doctors bring smiles to patients like Daniela

Do you know the 2019 Catholic Doctor of the Year?

Do you know a Catholic doctor? A Catholic doctor that goes above and beyond their role and responsibilities and offers care that truly reflects the love of God? Maybe this is obvious in their own practice or this takes the form of volunteering in their community or mission work.

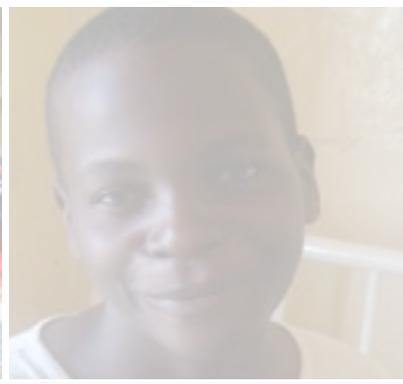
We are now accepting nominations for the 2019 Catholic Doctor of the Year Award. The award recipient will be chosen from nominations received from around the country and honored following the annual Archdiocese of Los Angeles Annual Mass Celebrating Catholic Healthcare Professionals.

All nominations are due by July 15.

For more information and a nomination form, contact our office or visit our website

www.missiondoctors.org/catholic-doctor-of-the-year-award/





Thank You

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SAVING LIVES

SHARING FAITH



Upcoming Events

July 15, 2019: Nomination Due Date

Nominations for the 2019 Catholic Doctor of the Year award are due by July 15. Visit our website www.missiondoctors.org/catholic-doctor-of-the-year or contact our office for a nomination form and more information.

October 27, 2019: White Mass

In recognition of the dedicated work of Catholic Health Care Professionals, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Mission Doctors Association invites all Catholic medical professionals to the celebration of a White Mass at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Visit www.CatholicWM.org for more details.



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