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Healing and Hope

MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

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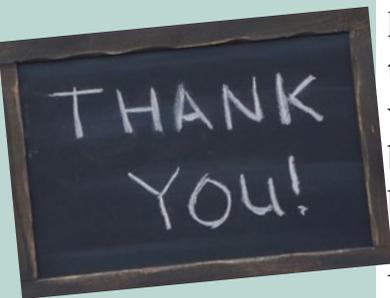
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Our most recent trip to Tanzania was very fruitful. The new Maternity Center is being constructed, and medical equipment is being purchased for the clinic and operating rooms. **Because of YOU, we continue to work as medical volunteers and live out our call to serve overseas.**

However, there is a special story of service I want to share. **Our son Julian told us that he wanted to be a missionary priest after a powerful experience in prayer at the St. Joseph Cathedral in Dar es Salaam in 2010.**

He applied to the Congregation of Holy Cross at University of Notre Dame and spent four years there, and then four at Moreau Seminary. **But sometimes life throws us a curve ball, and God takes us down a different path.** And we also know, God's plans are always better than ours, and that He knows us better than we know ourselves.

A few years ago, **Julian was diagnosed with a disease called PSC (Primary Sclerosing Colongitis), a disease of the**

colon and liver. He took the news as he always did, with humility, acceptance, and a lot of prayer. We, as parents, were of course distraught by the news. But we have learned in mission to take all struggles and sufferings to the foot of the cross and asked the Lord to bless whatever new path we were to travel as individuals and as a family.

God is so good! Through a lot of prayer and discernment, Julian decided it was better to be closer to home, and join the Superior Diocese. He will attend St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee for his final two years before ordination. Praise God, he is doing really well with his treatments. **While sad at first not to be able to become a missionary priest, Julian explained that God's will is the perfect will and that he was being called to be a "missionary in the United States."**

This story reflects just one of the MANY fruits of our work with Mission Doctors Association. For over ten years now, (continued on page 2)

Julian has experienced the joys of working with the poor and the Church in East Africa. The experience of working with the Diocesan priests of Bwambo Village surely had a great influence on his decision to become a priest and to follow Christ's call to feed the hungry, visit the sick, and serve the poor. He is on his way to becoming a "missionary priest" in this country, and we "thank God ahead of time" for this desire to come to fruition.

We are eternally grateful to YOU for your support of Mission Doctors. You, who support our work, have a huge impact on St. Luke's Hospital and the healthcare provided in Bwambo Village which has improved a hundredfold because of your support. But even more than that, your support of MDA has made it possible for our family to live out the call to serve our brothers and sisters living in poverty.

Please continue to pray for Julian, our family and the mission in Tanzania. We thank you, we applaud you, and we love you for all you do to support Mission Doctors around the world!

Molly Delaney Druffner

Life-Affirming Support

She is the kind of person that loves to bring people together.

Anyone who knows Mary Lou Malphus would describe her this way. Mary Lou is the ultimate hostess and has the unique gift of connecting people. She is also a generous supporter of Mission Doctors and a member of our Legacy Society. We asked Mary Lou about her connection to Mission Doctors and her planned gift to MDA.

Mary Lou was first introduced to Mission Doctors, with her deeply missed, late husband Dr. Ed Malphus by as Mary Lou described them "the ultimate Catholic couple", Libby and Bill Goodwin. **After attending their first gala, Mary Lou and Ed found kindred spirits, people with shared faith and values committed to sharing their skills as an expression of their faith.**

Throughout the years, Mary Lou served as the Mission Doctors Auxiliary President and recently joined the Board of Directors of the organization in Ed's honor. She shared that "financially supporting MDA has been a delight and truly feels very life-affirming." She continued "**Having worked as a development officer, I know how important it is to vet the organization you decide to support. It's important to look at the history of the organization, to read their mission statement to truly understand their values, their goals and procedures. Mission Doctors, after more than 60 years, has been doing God's work.**"

We asked Mary Lou about the planned giving process, she said "We found it very easy to make a planned gift to Mission Doctors. It was a pleasure and actually a complete delight to think about being a lasting part of this beautiful committed Catholic organization. It's a wonderful legacy!"

We want to share our deep gratitude with Mary Lou, and other members of our Legacy Society who have made a planned gift to Mission Doctors. Planned gifts made to MDA will keep providing healthcare for generations to come. *Would you like more information on planned giving? Give Elise a call at 213-368-1875, or email at efrederick@missiondoctors.org. And if you have made a planned gift to Mission Doctors, Thank you! Please let us acknowledge you as a Legacy Society member, and ensure that you have our updated address on your documents: 6102 South Victoria Avenue, Los Angeles 90043*



*Legacy Society Member,
Mary Lou Malphus*

Joy of Mission

“Looking forward to the joy.” This is what Mission Doctor in formation, Dr. Lucy Goh told us she was looking forward to most about her long-term mission to rural Peru. She continued saying that she was “Looking forward to the joy we share in service, the joy I can give and the joy I will receive 100 times more in return.”

Dr. Goh is speaking of this joy from experience. New to Mission Doctors, but not new to Catholic medical missionary service, Lucy has served throughout her education and career. She served in India as part of a medical school elective and in Tanzania during her pediatric residency program. Dr. Goh also volunteered in Haiti and Mexico on short-term missions through her parish and university. Additionally, she served for two years caring for internally displaced people in Indonesia, followed by time in South Africa during the height of the HIV epidemic. She also worked in American Samoa, caring for an underserved population. Dr. Goh’s expertise and experience make her uniquely qualified for this mission location on the Napo River, so much in need of a full time pediatrician. However, Dr. Goh shared she felt called to mission service long before medical school.



Dr. Lucy Goh preparing last year for long-term mission service in rural Peru

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Lucy attended boarding school in Malaysia during her primary and secondary education run by Missionary Sisters. Dr. Goh shared that she was deeply inspired by these sisters and their stories of service and their commitment to the poor and marginalized.

Lucy came to Los Angeles for our four-month formation program in August from Shreveport, Louisiana. There she worked as a pediatrician in a community health center in Lake Charles, serving an underserved population. The four-month formation program provided time for personal reflection, scripture studies, mission theology and prayer. This time will make her service that much more fruitful.

Dr. Lucy Goh along with Dr. Mary Anne Barnhill were commissioned for long-term service in December. Please join us praying for them and the patients they will care for in mission.

Before we completed our interview with Lucy, she wanted to share her thanks with you, the supporters of Mission Doctors. “We are very grateful to you, missionaries at home for your contributions to Mission Doctors Association. As our partners in prayer and in material contributions, this helps us manifest and spread the gospel throughout the world.”



Newly Commissioned Mission Doctors with Mission Doctors Board Members, Auxiliary, Veteran Mission Doctors and Executive Director



Join us for a virtual gala

FEBRUARY 19, 2022
5 PM PT / 8 PM ET

www.MissionDoctors.org/Gala

Upcoming Events

February 25-27 and April 22-24, 2022

Discernment Weekends

Doctors and their spouses interested in long-term (3 year) service with MDA are invited to a Discernment Weekend at our Mission House. The weekend provides an opportunity to meet with the formation team, learn about current service sites, and discuss the joys and challenges of mission life. Contact our office for more information.

March 26, 2022: Introductory Webinar

Join us for an hour-long online seminar to introduce you to the life-saving work of Mission Doctors and learn about our service programs. Executive Director, Elise Frederick, will be hosting the event and sharing the history of the organization and locations available to serve. Veteran Mission Doctors will also share their experience and answer questions. Visit our website for more information.



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