



# Happy, Healthy Babies in Cameroon because of YOU



## Healing and Hope

### MISSION DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

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You are building sustainable healthcare in rural Cameroon

Look what you did last year!

May 2017

Clarissa’s water broke. She knew it was too soon. Her sister found a motorcycle taxi and got Clarissa to the hospital. **By the time they arrived, she was in active labor, more than a month too early.**

In a place like rural Cameroon, in West Africa, a premature baby, even one born just a month too early, has a very challenging road ahead of them.

Because of your support, Mission Doctor, Martha Franz was there to work with our Cameroonian partners. **Because of you, Clarissa’s son Eugene is now the happy, healthy curious toddler you see in the photo above. Because of you, lives like Eugene’s are saved.**

Today, Mission Doctor Martha Franz is at St. Martin de Porres Hospital caring for patients of all ages, including the premature babies who are facing special challenges. She is working to ensure that the best care can be offered now and in the future.

Working closely with the staff in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, they are striving to enhance the care that can be provided: ensuring that proper vitals are done, keeping the neonates warm in the wooden incubators made on site, and working with the mothers to help ensure the babies have proper nutrition right from the start.

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## Speakers Bureau



“When 3 year old Hapsatou came to us, she had pneumonia, malaria, and dehydration” Jim Hake, MD recently told a crowd in Washington. “Hapsatou was quite ill with high fever when she arrived, but recovered with the help of IV fluids and antibiotics. What was unique about her stay was that her father was her caregiver. In Cameroon, it usually is the mother or grandmother who stays with a child. One could tell that Hapsatou and her father had a very loving relationship. They both had big smiles on their faces when she was well enough to go home. I will never forget the days children were able to be discharged, as happy for them as for their parents!”

**Dr. Hake and other Mission Doctors eagerly seek out opportunities to share stories from their time in service. Mission Doctors’ Speakers Bureau helps make this possible.**

Many people leave these events telling us that they feel more connected to our brothers and sisters around the world and moved by all that Christ can accomplish through us.

Video and slide presentations provide an introduction to MDA. The stories from our doctors who have served around the world are inspiring. **If you are interested in learning more, contact our office. We will be happy to speak with you about your event and our speakers.**

## Dr. John and Mrs. Margaret Given

### Dedicated Donors share their love of Mission Doctors



“You will never regret supporting this outstanding organization.”

We had the opportunity to speak with long-time friends and supporters, John and Margaret Given, about their personal commitment to the life-saving work of Mission Doctors Association.

This Southern California couple are well known for their kind hearts and deep faith. John and Margaret shared that they were first introduced to Mission Doctors over 25 years ago by then Board of Director’s President, Dr. Ed Malphus and his wife Mary Lou.

While their generosity extends to other relief organizations, they also shared that when they donate to Mission Doctors, **“We feel wonderful because we know our funds are going directly to help the under-served.”**

The Givens said they were impressed by the “dedication and sincere devotion of the staff, the Board of Directors and the Auxiliary.” **Additionally, they told us that they wished “other people knew how judicious MDA is in utilizing their funds to the maximum benefit.”**

**Thank you John and Margaret for your faith-filled support of Mission Doctors and those we serve. Thank you to all of our donors. Mission Doctors cannot do it alone. Together with John and Margaret, you make the lifesaving work of Mission Doctors possible.**

## You Are Building Sustainable Healthcare in Cameroon (continued)

**Neonatal Resuscitation training program, Dr. Martha Franz is able to make a difference that will last well beyond her own three year mission.**

We recently spoke with Dr. Martha Franz about the impact of the Neonatal Resuscitation Program or NRP. “Since we have started the NRP program with our nurses and midwives, we have seen a positive change in the outcomes for our youngest, tiniest patients. **Patients in the past who were born too early to breath on their own are now receiving the treatment they need to survive. This training has educated and empowered our partners here to take the lifesaving steps needed at birth and beyond.**”

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This training program is just a small part of our partnership with the staff and sisters of St. Martin de Porres. On a recent trip to Cameroon, we sat down with the staff working with Martha and short-term doctors like Lisa Gilbert and Jim Hake. They shared with us that they loved working with Mission Doctors.

One nurse we spoke with, Loveline, who works in the Women’s and Pediatric ward, **told us that she learned “to give time to the patients.” She continued saying that Mission Doctors have the “Passion and the effective follow up.”**

Mission Doctor, Martha Franz wanted to share a word of thanks with you, the supporters of Mission Doctors. “People travel for hours, even days, to arrive at St. Martin de Porres to receive the quality of care that is provided here. We are proud to be partners with the sisters and entire staff that make this possible. Your support makes the partnership and the lifesaving work of Mission Doctors possible. Thank you.”

**In Africa and Latin America, Mission Doctors everyday are striving to work ourselves out of a job. Together, we are building sustainable healthcare around the world, and we couldn’t do it without you! Thank you.**



*Dr. Martha Franz monitoring a premature infant at St. Martin de Porres Hospital in Cameroon*



*Loveline speaking with us about the passion for healthcare that she learned from Mission Doctors*



*Dr. Martha Franz examining a young patient on her last day in the NICU*

# Thank you

we couldn't do it without you!

in 2016

**YOU** brought Mercy  
brought Healing  
brought Hope

**25,000**

over 25,000 patients  
served in 2016

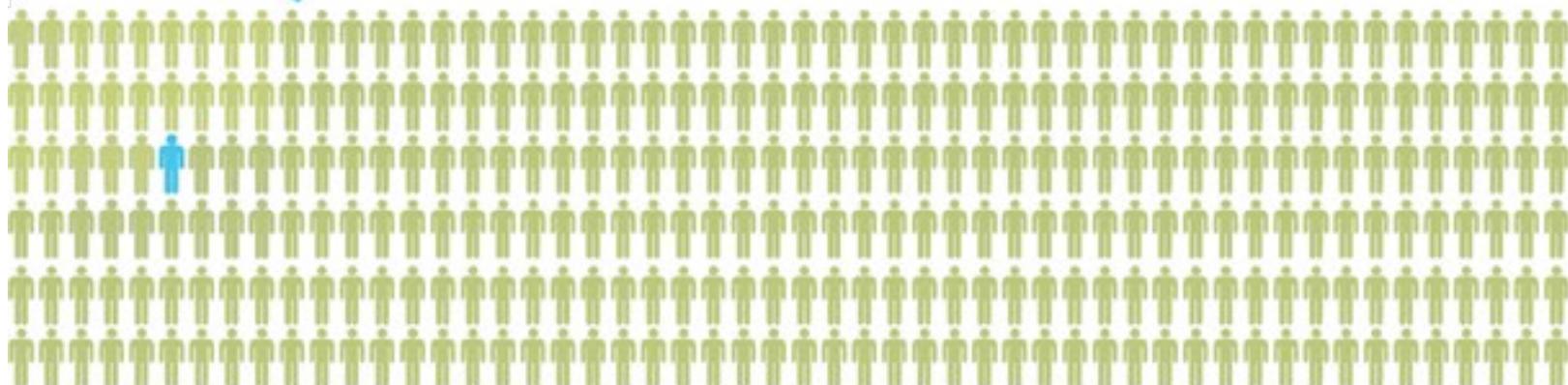


medical  
professionals  
trained in  
twelve Hospitals  
and Clinics

**12**

Mission Doctors donated over 7,000 hours

**7,000**



## Upcoming Events

### September 15-17, 2017: Fall Retreat/Seminar

Doctors and their spouses considering short-term service are invited to attend a Retreat/Seminar at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in Chicago. Take the time to reflect on God's call to 'heal the sick' and discuss the practical issues of medical licenses, visas, and international health insurance. Visit the MDA website for more information.

### October 8, 2017: 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](http://www.CatholicWM.org) for more details.

### Mark your calendars!

'Heart for the World Gala' - February 24, 2018



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Mission Doctors Association  
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and training for local healthcare professionals  
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